



We are Church

A progressive, inclusive Christian faith community for all of God's people to be safe, seen and celebrated.

August 2022

Hi everyone,

I have a number of things to share with you so I thought this may be a helpful form of communication. I will attempt to do a monthly newsletter to keep you all in the loop, as we enter an exciting phase of our growth!

Twice a month

With Covid feeling less close and threatening, it seems that folk are keen for us to meet up in-person more regularly. This is great news.

So from September 2022 we will be meeting face to face twice each month. Please diarise these dates and watch the WhatsApp group for venue addresses.

Sunday 11 September 2022 at 3pm
and
Sunday 25 September 2022 at 3pm

There is a potential venue that can hopefully be more permanent. Please pray that it happens.

Vision

I shared very briefly this past Sunday what my vision for the next six months looks like. So here is a summary for those who missed it:

- ✦ I would love for “We are Church” to find a more settled venue.
- ✦ I would love for us to be more inclusive and open to all. With this in mind, I believe beginning a social media presence with notices of our activities, is a logical next step.
- ✦ I would love for us to begin having some music and singing. It may need to begin small, but this element of meeting together is such a big part of our expression of worship together.
- ✦ I would love for us to partner, in a more long term way, with a social justice cause. Reaching out to the wider community, I believe, is an absolute must for a community of faith.
- ✦ We are in the final stages of getting documentation to register ourselves as a legal entity, which will allow us to open a bank account. More details coming soon, but this will involve us approving a constitution and committing to membership of “We Are Church”.

Notice of AGM

In order for us to formalise ourselves as a Voluntary Association we will need to meet together and have an AGM. As much as this sounds formal, it is a good opportunity for us get to know each other better!

We will need to select 5-9 people to serve as members of a governing body, one of whom will need to be a financial officer.

Watch the WhatsApp group for details of this meeting.

General Notices

If you would like to get involved by serving in the children’s ministry or by bringing tea items, please get in touch.

If you would like to make a financial contribution to “We are Church”, please email me at jane@codrington.biz

From now until Christmas we will be partnering with St Francis Anglican Church and collecting toys and toiletries for the 64 children at the Johannesburg Children’s Home. Please participate in this drive by bringing small toys or toiletries to any of our meetings.

Some helpful resources

Here is the link to the “We are Church” YouTube Channel. This is where the recordings of our talks are kept. Please go there and subscribe. Once we have 100 subscribers we will be able to name it “We are Church”.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzK3t1lg1v-ADNAd3_rQ-zA

Some of you may want to follow the readings that I often refer to. Here is the Lectionary link:

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/downloads/Year%20C%202021-2022.pdf>