

A first guess at which part of the vision statement our existing groups and activities most naturally fit in to (recognising that some groups fit in two or even three parts of the statement). Red boxes show new groups which we are planning to set up in the next few months

Vision group: Being Christ-Centred

Prayer breakfast

Sunday musicians

Unplugged Youth (joint with St Andrew's)

Sunday service leaders and preachers

Sunday Club

House Groups

Vision group: Being Family

Women's prayer breakfast

Women's social

Men's Football

Prayer ministry team

Men's activities (joint with St Andrew's)

Sunday hospitality (welcomers, coffee etc)

Pastoral Care group

Youth Work (joint with St Andrew's)

Vision group: Sharing God's Love

Men's Mountain groups

Toast Club

Mission support

Amplify Youth (joint with St Andrew's)

Holiday Club (joint with St Andrew's)

Messy Church

Little fishes (joint with St Andrew's)



Townfield

Vision update

Thank you all for being part of our vision process this year. We have learned a lot about how all 3 parts of our vision statement are important to Townfield. That vision statement says that we should be:

A Christ-Centred Family Sharing God's Love

Going deeper in our faith

Looking after each other

Taking Jesus beyond our front door

We'll let you know more about what we have discovered over the next few months. But, for now, we want to tell you about some exciting developments that have come out of this vision process. Those developments come in two parts...

Two issues we've identified:

Firstly, it's become clear that, as Townfield continues to get bigger, we need to be a bit more coordinated about the way we look after each other. So, we will be setting up a 'Pastoral Care Group'. That's not to create loads of red tape around the good ways we already care for each other, or to limit who can be involved. It's just to make sure that we are well coordinated, so that nobody gets missed in our ever-growing congregation.

Secondly, we (the Townfield Church Committee, or TCC) think that, as a whole church, we need to have a bit more of a focus on each of the 3 parts of our vision, so that we are always growing and developing in these areas. Again, this isn't about creating red tape or building hierarchies. We're just recognising that living out such an important vision statement won't happen by accident.

The plan... 3 new vision groups

Over the next few months, the TCC plans to set up 3 vision groups, one to focus on how we can be *more* **Christ-Centred**, one to focus on how we can be *more* like **Family**, and one to focus on how we can **Share God's Love more**.

Each group will be small (roughly 6 individuals), usually drawn from people who are already working in these 3 broad areas of the life of our church, and they will meet about once a term. So that we use the full range of gifts and skills at Townfield, nobody will be on more than one vision group, and we will be asking you for ideas about who you think would be good on these groups in the next few weeks.

We believe that this new set of vision groups will help us, as a church be:

- Built to grow, in all three areas of our vision statement
- Built to last, beyond the strengths and weaknesses of any one minister, or combination of TCC members
- Built to include, because it shares the leadership of our church across a larger group of people, recognising that *together* we carry on the work that Jesus started, as the 'body of Christ' (1 Corinthians 12.12-31)



Of course, the groups and activities we already have will fit into the three areas of our vision statement, so they will be a good place for us to start thinking about who might join the three groups (although some of our activities may fit into more than one vision area, we still think that each group will have a *main* purpose which will help feed into one of our new vision groups). Each new vision group will then draw on what we're already doing, and prayerfully grow & develop ideas for one aspect of our church vision. But their purpose will be to focus on our vision and direction as a church - they will not be there to coordinate our existing groups, or to tell them what to do... this is about creating 3 melting pots for ideas, not a management structure!

The TCC has had a go at matching our groups and activities to the 3 vision areas, to help us think about where we might look for members of the vision groups. Have a look and see what you think (and remember, this is only a first draft – we might not have got it completely right!):