



stronger • deeper • younger • larger • wider

Becoming

by loving, learning, serving *together*

**A Strategy for an Acts 2 Church
in Swanage**

November 2011

5 key aims

- ***Larger*** – *our congregation would grow numerically*
- ***Younger*** – *we should aim to attract younger people*
- ***Deeper*** – *we would deepen our relationship with God*
- ***Stronger*** – *our relationships with each other would strengthen*
- ***Wider*** – *we would spread the love of Jesus more widely*

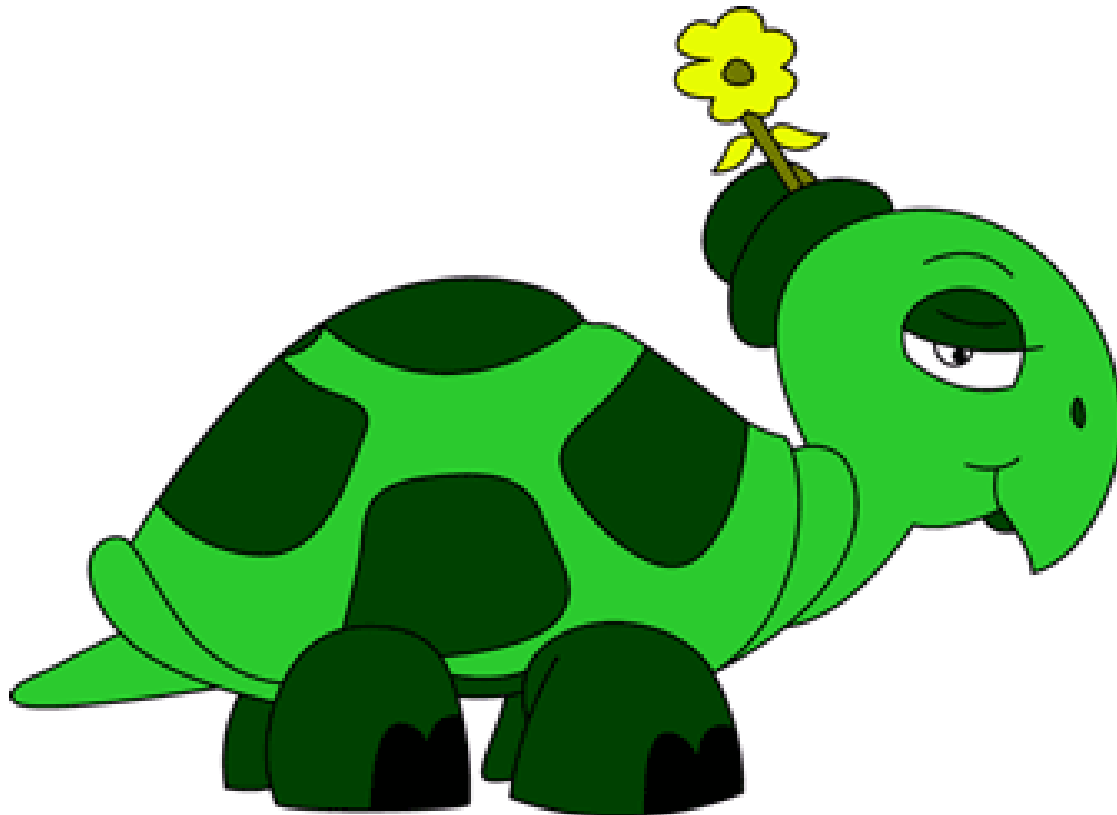
4 key values

*'Loving – Learning – Serving –
Together'*

2012 – how did we do?

- *Steady progress*
- *SHAPE course*
- *Breakfast@9*
- *New website*
- *New noticeboard*
- *Faculty approved*
- *Alpha*
- *People joined the church – a few left*

'Pole Pole' = Slowly Slowly



"The first responsibility of a leader is to define reality. The last is to say thank you. In between, the leader is a servant."

Max DePree

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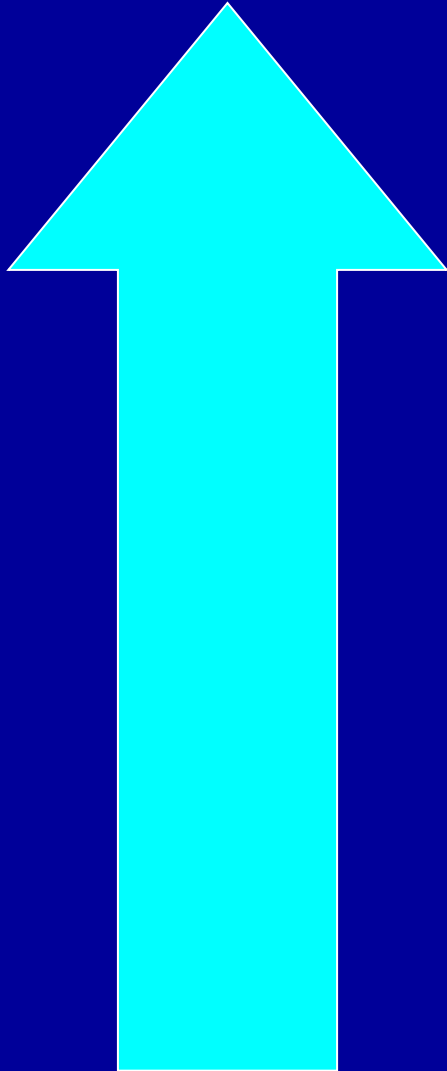
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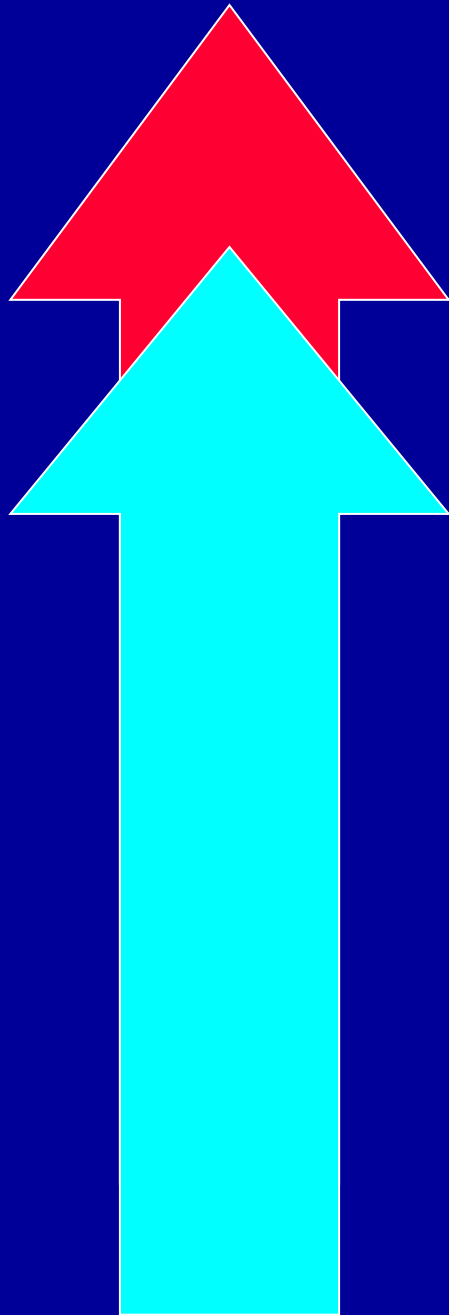
Assumptions

Paradigm

UK population



2001 – 59m



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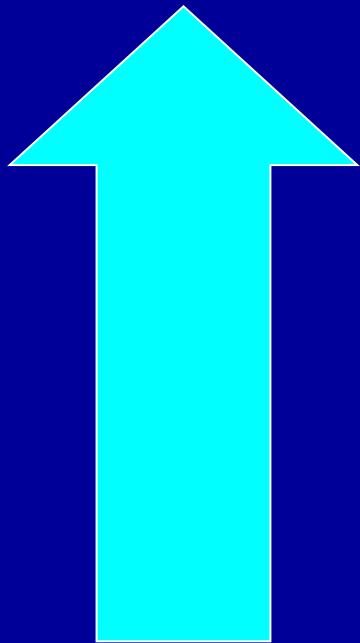
2011 – 63m

6.8%

increase

2001 – 59m

*Non-religious
people in the UK*



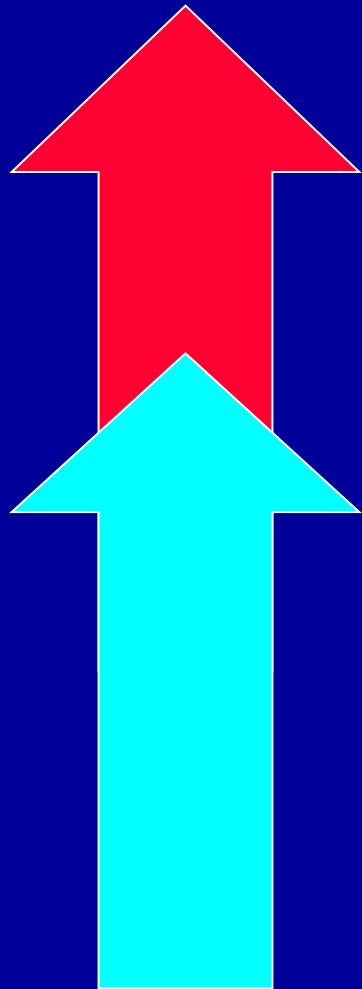
2001 – 8m

*Non-religious
people in the UK*

2011 – 14m

75% increase

2001 – 8m



Is history repeating itself?



*Christendom is finished – should
we be worried?*

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*Ask a different question – how
does Jesus intend the Church to
operate?*

Church the Jesus way – Luke 10

- *No buildings - He went to the people*
- *Small task groups*
- *No financial security*
- *No special clothing – not even footwear!*
- *A very direct message – repent!*
- *Not everyone believes – don't change the message – move on*
- *Heal the sick*
- *Move in the power of the Holy Spirit*

Church growth AD30-AD 300

*From 40 people to 6 million in
under 300 years*

40% growth rate











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Luke 10.2

● Special Economic Zone (SEZ)
▲ Economic and Technical Development Zone
■ Key economic hub

0 200 400 600 Kilometers
0 200 400 600 Miles



The Church in China

- *Established AD 635*
- *1949 total Christians – 2 million*
- *Communist Revolution – Government shuts down the Church*
- *Estimate of Christians in China 2013 – 120-200 million*
- *40% growth*
- *Changed from an institutional church to a missional church*

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*Jesus has put within his
Church as God's people all we
need to get the job done*

Our task is

- *to be the people God wants us to be*
- *to do the work he wants us to do*
- *in the way he wants us to do it*

Two key lessons

- *Focus on the Bible*
- *All of us need to be prepared to get our feet wet*

⁷But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. ¹¹It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹²to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ....¹⁵speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

Ephesians 4.7,11-13, 15

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