

*What God is doing
among us*



stronger • deeper • younger •
Becoming
wider • larger •

by loving, learning, serving **together**

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

November 2011

Moving our direction

- ◆ *From a vision for All Saints to a vision for the Church as a whole in Swanage*
- ◆ *From a church focus to a Kingdom focus*

I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

John 17.20-21













*Jesus preached the
Kingdom not the
Church*

What is the Kingdom of God?

- ◆ *Not a geographical area*
- ◆ *Not a political entity*
- ◆ *Means the rule or reign of God*

*The Kingdom of God has
come when my life, the life
of my family and the life of
my community has been
transformed by the power
of Jesus Christ.*

Day together 4 October

- ◆ *what would it mean for the Kingdom to come in your life, family, friends and community?*
- ◆ *how can we as a church help you to enable that to become a reality?*
- ◆ *what is God calling each of us to do to answer the call of God in our lives?*
- ◆ *what creative ideas do you have to reach out to our community?*
- ◆ *how do we as a church and as individuals need to change?*

*The Kingdom of God
in my own life*

*"The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me, to
proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim
freedom for the prisoners and
recovery of sight for the blind, to
set the oppressed free, to proclaim
the year of the Lord's favour."*

Luke 4.18-19

Radical

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"

Luke 5.8

All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

Isaiah 64.6

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While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said, "Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have." So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Acts 10.44-48

Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.

Acts 2.43

