

## reactivating a missional form of discipleship

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'We take the missional agenda of the church with the utmost seriousness. You simply cannot be a disciple without being a missionary a sent one.



For way too long discipleship has been limited to issues relating to our own personal morality and worked out in the context of the four walls of the church with its privatized religion.



In doing this, we have severely neglected our biblical mandate to do and 'make disciples'. We have narrowed the gospel message to just being about us. Please hear us here: we don't want to neglect issues of personal morality.



To strive for holiness and maturity in our own personal lives is extremely important, but it is only half the picture; the other half is our God-given responsibility to the world around us.



The fact is that you can't be a disciple without being a missionary: no mission, no discipleship. It's as simple as that."

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## The All Saints vision - to see the Kingdom of God come in power through the transformation of our community



Seeing the Kingdom of God come in power through the Transformation of our Community

## Big dates for 2018

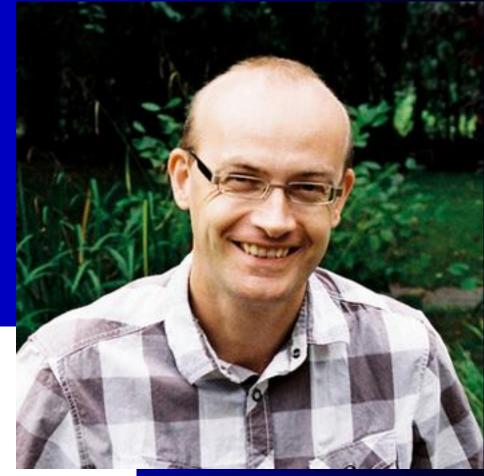
Friends – it's hard to believe it's another New Year but it is – a New Year full of possibilities and potential for the Kingdom of God in Swanage and in particular at All Saints. The only person who knows exactly what the Lord is going to do in the next 12 months is – well the Lord Himself of course. But there's an old adage which is 'To fail to plan is to plan to fail'. So to help us all plan here are some *Big Dates* to be putting in your diaries. Of course God could do anything between now and 31 December! But let's get stick into what the Lord has planned for us all in 2018.

January 14	Looking forward to the year ahead
January 28	A special Breakfast@10 for the dedication of Adeline Mutter
February 4	Visit from A Rocha
February 11	Churches Together United Service at Swanage URC (10.30 am)
March 11	Mothers Day
March 24	Community Café & Carwash
March 25	Palm Sunday – Adult Baptism Service
March 30	Good Friday
April 1	Easter Sunday
April 8-12	All Saints at Spring Harvest
May 10-20	'Thy Kingdom Come' National Week of Prayer
May 19	The Royal Wedding between Prince Harry and Maghan Markle
May 20	Pentecost – Churches Together United Service at 3.00pm at St Edward's
	Catholic Church
June 9	Community Fun Day at All Saints
June 17	Farm Church for Father's Day at Rempstone Farm from 11.00 am
July 21	Swanage Church Fete at St Mary's
July 29	Carnival Opening service (11.00 am) and Carnival Procession
August 26	Churches Together Songs of Praise at St Mary's (at 6.30 pm)
November 11	Remembrance Sunday – the centenary of the end of WW2
December 2	All Saints Christmas Lunch and the Christingle Service (4.00 pm)
December 8	Open Air Carol Service in Station Road (12.00 noon)
December 17	All Saints Carols by Candlelight (7.00 pm)
December 24	Christmas Eve - Candlelit Midnight Communion (11.15 pm)
December 25	Christmas Day!

# 28 January - Breakfast@10 for Adeline's Dedication









## UK **ROCHA** Caring for God's Earth

# Community Café & Carwash 24 March





# 9 June Ulwell Community Funday



# 19 May - the Royal Wedding





## Sh'ma Yisra'eil Adonai Eloheinu Adonai echad

*Hear, O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is One.* 

Deuteronomy 6.4



Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

Deuteronomy 6.45

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: 'Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?'

Matthew 22.34-36

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbour as yourself." All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.'

Matthew 22.37-40



"Jesus explicitly places the Shema at the epicenter of what it means to be a true disciple – to love God, to love others and to live this out authentically in God's world."

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"The pursuit of the presence of God has been without exception or exaggeration, the prevailing passion and the common purpose of all the saints in every generation since the time of Christ...."



".... study their lives and you will quickly discover that the universal, all-consuming motivation which fuelled everything else they did was a desire for the presence of God." Pete Grieg



# 2017

But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3.13-14



# 2018

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Discipleship – How did Jesus do it?

Step 1 - he chose people to be with him

and follow him

Step 2 - he intends his disciples to

become like Jesus

Step 3 - he intends his disciples to make

new disciples

He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach.

Mark 3.14

*Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.'* 

Matthew 4.19

Then he said to them all: 'Whoever' wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.

Luke 9.23-24

...whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

Mark 10.43-45

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Then Jesus came to them and said, All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.' Matthew 28.18-20

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## Ten Key Areas

- Priorities No other gods
- Worship No idols
- Perspective Not taking God's name in vain
- Use of our time Keeping the Sabbath holy
- Family life Honouring our parents
- Temperament Do not murder
- Relationships No adultery
- Finances No stealing
- Language No lying
- Imagination No coveting



### Spirit Empowered Discipleship

Jesus calls us to be his disciples. <u>But where to start?</u> Actually God's standards don't change. So we're going to be looking at the Ten Commandments -<u>not</u> as a list of do's and don'ts but as a programme for discipleship. Viewed through the prism of the New Covenant and in the power of the Holy Spirit, <u>the</u> Ten Commandments can truly empower us to become the people – <u>and</u> the disciples - that Jesus intends us to be. Let's make a start - together

- Jan 14 The year ahead Spirit Empowered Discipleship
- Jan 21 Spirit Empowered Priorities No other gods
- Jan 28 Breakfast@10 Dedication service of Adeline Mutter
- Feb 4 Mission of the Month visit of Andy Lester from A Rocha
- Feb 11 United service at the URC
- Feb 18 Spirit Empowered Worship No idols
- Feb 25 Spirit Empowered Perspective Not taking God's name in vain
- Mar 4 Spirit Empowered Time Keeping the Sabbath holy
- Mar 11 Mothers Day Spirit Empowered Family Life Honouring our parents
- Mar 18 Spirit Empowered Temperament Do not murder
- Mar 25 Palm Sunday Baptism Service
- Apr 1 Easter Day the King has come
- Apr 8 Spirit Empowered Relationships No adultery
- Apr 15 Spirit Empowered Finances No stealing
- Apr 22 Spirit Empowered Language No lying
- Apr 29 Spirit Empowered Imagination No coveting
- May 6 Mission of the Month Lindy Cameron reports back on her trip to South Sudan

#### Sunday mornings at All Saints - 8.00 and 10.30

# **Baptisms - 25 March**



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