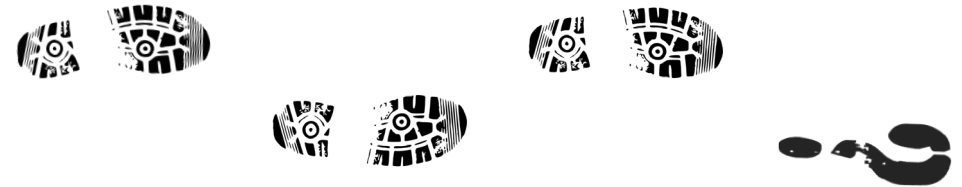


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# Our Journey with God...

...the next steps



## October 8-9 “Weekend at Home”

**Aim:** To learn about our past and present mission activity in this area where we meet as a church, and to think and pray about our future mission together in this place and its implications for our building. (Fun, Fellowship and Following Jesus)

Saturday: 1:30pm: Arrive – drinks & cake

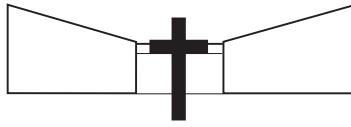
2 - 5pm: ‘Mission-Together’ workshop; children’s activities

5:30pm: Hot-pot. Followed by 6.30 - 8.30pm: Ceilidh

Sunday: 10.30am: All Together Service followed by Bring & Share Lunch



## 1 What has our 'mission-together' looked like in the past?



Brunswick Church was opened in 1974 as part of a huge redevelopment of this area which included the building of Brunswick Estate. The church replaced 3 older churches and was built on the site of one of them.



Over the years we have expressed our 'mission-together' to the estate in a whole variety of ways. On October 8 in the first part of our afternoon session we will be testing our memories with a quiz. Here are a few advance quiz questions to get you thinking:

- What are the names of the 3 churches that were combined to make Christ Church Brunswick in 1974? (clue: have a look in the foyer)
- What does our outside Noticeboard (opposite the shops) have on it?
- Name two significant projects Brunswick has run in the past that both begin with 'F'.
- Who was Desmond?

## 2 What does our 'mission-together' look like now?

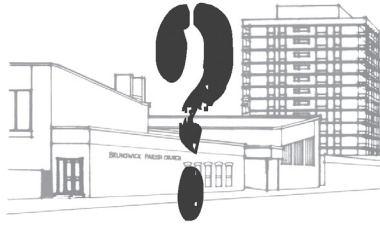


In the second part of our afternoon session (after a drinks break) we will be finding out about what we are doing now. There will be 4 tables and everyone will be asked to go to each one in turn to hear about...

1. Open access - what goes on in our building in weekdays.
2. Church Services - Sunday mornings at 10:30am...ish.
3. Young people's work - should this still be a mission priority?
4. Where we give our money to - supporting mission by others.



### 3 What could our 'mission-together' look like in the future?



In this third session (after another drinks break) we will explore some important questions.

So important that we are giving them to everyone in advance so that we have time to think and pray.

1. Why do you come to *this* church?
2. If church wasn't here what difference would it make? To whom?
3. What should our church 'mission-together' priority be in this area?

*Defining what our 'mission-together' is necessary as we think about how our building can be improved to serve that aspect of our mission better. This is what our 'Refurb' group have been looking at. Step One was the Solar Panels project. Step Two will be...?*

### 'MISSION-TOGETHER'

What do you think of when you see the word 'mission'?

Overseas missionary work? A special event by the church? Billy Graham? Guilty?

Mission is the task of the Church in the world. It is showing and sharing and speaking about the unconditional love of God as we join in his constant reaching out to bring wholeness and well-being to all people.

The Bible has a word to describe this wholeness and well-being. It occurs over 340 times.



'Shalom' (in the Old Testament), or 'Eirene' (in the New Testament) is translated as 'peace', but means a lot more. It applies to the whole person: spiritual, physical, mental, economic and social. Or: being right with God, ourselves, each other and creation.

- *We cannot turn mission on and off.*

- *Mission is...  
the only thing the Church does on earth that it cannot do in heaven.*

*"The Church is the only society that exists for the benefit of those who are not its members."  
Bishop William Temple*

There are 2 modes of mission: a. Individual b. together  
and 4 areas or locations of mission:

1. Where I live
2. Where I work/go to school
3. Where I meet with the rest of the church
4. Where we meet as a church (= 'Mission-together')

For some of us 1, 2 and 3 overlap. e.g. Someone who lives and works in the same area. Someone who lives on Brunswick Estate and is a part of Brunswick Church.

As a church or gathering of people we have a presence in this area. How we are regarded and the things we do as a church are our 'Mission together'.

1, 2 and 3 are important, but on October 8 our thinking will be about 4.

Brunswick Parish Church 1998

As they talked and discussed,  
Jesus himself drew near  
and walked along with them

Luke 24 v15

Brunswick Parish Church 1997

O Lord,  
make the door of this church wide enough  
to receive all who need human love and fellowship;  
Narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife;  
Make its threshold smooth enough  
to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet;  
But rugged and strong enough to turn back the devil's power.  
God make the doorway to this house  
the gateway to thine eternal kingdom.

Bishop Thomas Ken, 17th Century.

Brunswick Parish Church  
Motto 2009

Love the Lord your God with  
all your heart and with all your strength  
and with all your mind;  
and love your neighbour as  
yourself

LUKE 10:27

Brunswick Parish Church  
Motto 2010

Be glad for all that God is  
planning for you. Be patient in  
trouble, and always be prayerful.  
When God's children are in need,  
be the one to help them out.

Romans 12: 12-13a

Brunswick Parish Church  
Motto 2011

And my God will fully  
satisfy every need of yours  
according to his riches in  
glory in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19 (NRSV)

Brunswick Parish Church  
Motto 2012

...we rejoice in the  
hope of the glory of  
God

Romans 5:2b (NIV)

Brunswick Parish Church  
Motto 2013

Be still.  
Know that I am God.

Psalms 46:10

Brunswick Parish Church  
Motto 2014

For God so loved the world that  
he gave his only Son, so that  
everyone who believes in him  
may not perish but may have  
eternal life.

John 3:16



Brunswick Parish Church  
Motto 2005



There is no longer Jew or gentile,  
slave or free, male or female.  
For you are all Christians - you are one  
in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:28  
New Living Translation

Brunswick Parish Church  
Motto 2006

Each of us has received a special gift  
... to prepare all God's people for the  
work of Christian service, in order to  
build up the body of Christ

EPHESIANS 4:7, 12

Brunswick Parish Church  
Motto 2007

O taste and see that the Lord is  
good; happy are those who take  
refuge in him.

PSALM 34:8

Brunswick Parish Church  
Motto 2008

Hope in the Lord!  
For with the Lord there is  
steadfast love, and with him is  
great power to redeem

Psalms 130:7

Brunswick Parish Church  
Motto 2015

Do not cling to events of the past  
or dwell on what happened long ago.  
Watch for the new thing I am going to do.  
It is happening already - you can see it  
now!

Isaiah 43:18-19 (GNB)

fellowship

companion - equal - close friend  
communion - to be joined with  
sweet counsel - sharing - co-working  
partnership - assembly - alliance