

| We're urging the whole church family to...

Get involved in this season

Join the conversation

We want these six months to be marked by shared conversations as to how we can continue in our mission to glorify God in all of life, by being a church that increasing abounds in love for God, each other and the people of our city.

Please be part of discerning what is best by discussing...

- with one another
- at Small Group Conversations
- with the staff team by emailing discern@standys.org.au

Commit to praying

Prayer is the key to discerning what is best. Will you commit to praying for our church family and our community — that our love may abound more and more? Please commit to praying individually and praying together at our Church Family Prayer Meetings (April 29th and July 22nd).

Give financially

In order to launch into the next season, in this season we want to **fully fund the Building for the Future project by the end of 2020**, and **increase our giving in 2021, in order to sustain ongoing ministry plans**.

For more information, please see a 'Season of Change' envelope.



DISCERNING WHAT'S BEST IN

A Season of Change

APRIL – SEPTEMBER 2020

We're in a season of change.

St Andrew's is growing. And now a **growing church family** is bringing a spread of age, culture and background, gathering as one in Christ. Meanwhile, around us, **the community is growing too** — more people, more diversity, more opportunity.

We're months away from opening **a building for the future**, and with it, new spaces to grow as a church family and make life-changing connections with our community. At the same time a window of opportunity has opened for our **staff team** to be reshaped and incorporate a new appointment.

For further information about the plans for this season visit standys.org.au/discern

Our mission is unchanged — to **glorify God in all of life**. In this season, we want our church to increasingly...

Abound in love

...for God

marked by knowledge and depth of insight

‘And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.’

Philippians 1.9–11

...for each other

marked by Christ’s mindset

‘If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, in any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and in purpose.’

Philippians 2.1–2

...for the people of our city

marked by tears and the word of life

‘For, as I have often told you before and now say again, even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ.’

Philippians 3.18

‘...shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life’

Philippians 2.15–16

That’s who we are. That’s how we want to grow. In this season of change, we are deliberately spending time to...

Discern what is best **individually**

We must discern what will help us **individually** abound in love for God, for each other, and for the people of our city.

What’s my plan to grow a love for God marked by knowledge and depth of insight?

How can I take more of an interest in the growth of others?

What’s my plan to love those I connect with in our city?

Discern what is best **together**

We must discern what will help us **together** abound in love for God, for each other, and for the people of our city. Below are some steps that will need careful discernment over the coming months.

How might we start a new gathering?

What’s the best way to structure ourselves? Serving Teams?

How can we best use the new spaces?

What is the best way to train the next generation?

What are the best ways to bridge the gap between our church and the community?

How can we best use the new spaces?

START A NEW SUNDAY GATHERING

9:45am is nearing capacity and our new building is nearing completion, we have the opportunity to shape Sundays in a new way

What’s the best next step for our existing gatherings?

How can we best use the new spaces?

BUILD A TRAINING HUB FOR DISCIPLE-MAKING DISCIPLES

As the church and the community grows the need to train disciple-makers grows

What is the best way to train both men and women?

How can our current and future staff team best lead our training?

INCREASE LIFE-CHANGING COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Lives are changing through our ‘going’ ministries but we must do more

How do we strengthen our ‘going ministry’ teams?

What is the best next staff appointment to grow community connections?