

2025 EDITION

**MORE
PEOPLE
MORE
LIKE
JESUS
TOGETHER
TRANSFORMING
OUR COMMUNITIES**





MISSION & VISION

For 30 years, our church has sought to honour Jesus through

**WORSHIPPING GOD
WITH PASSION,
REACHING PEOPLE
WITH JESUS,
BUILDING PEOPLE
IN JESUS,
EMPOWERED
BY THE SPIRIT**

Over this time, God has led us to build vibrant faith communities located in Carlingford and Wentworthville and plant churches beyond us.

Jesus was clear in His instructions to those who call Him Lord through His great commandments, to Love God and to Love People as Ourselves...

“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.”

- MATTHEW 22:37-39

...as well as commissioning us to live our lives empowered by His Spirit to bring His life-giving love and truth to those around us.

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

C3 Church Carlingford & Wentworthville continue to seek to serve Jesus in the fulfillment of these commands and commission.

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This statement has become a rallying cry as we share God’s love to those who surround us.

It’s all about us growing closer to Jesus, seeing our friends and family members coming to faith in Jesus, and us bringing Jesus’ transforming love to the communities in which God has placed us. Whether it’s through organised ministries or as we go about our life in our communities, we want to see Jesus bringing His transforming love through us to those who surround us.

Whether at C4 Real or through one of our Sunday services, Alpha, Scripture in Schools or a myriad of other ministries, we continue to see a steady flow of people choosing to follow Jesus more closely day by day.

We are seeing people’s lives transformed through our Connect and Life Groups, Come Follow Me, Freedom in Christ, Daily Digest and other ministries that see the life transforming work of God’s Word and Spirit at work tangibly in people’s lives.

We pray His Kingdom Come;
His Will be done!

This booklet gives insights into how you can be involved in the life-giving mission of Jesus through your church. Through engagement in mission, in prayer, and in giving.



INTO THE FUTURE...

2025 represents a milestone for our church as we embark on our next 30 years of Jesus' mission. Our vision is bright, our hearts filled with God's love, and our zeal is ablaze as we look toward what God is going to do through us, in us, and for us and His Kingdom!

WE SEE...

Some larger goals to achieve over the coming 3-5 years. These include:

- **CHURCH PLANTING**, which is the most effective means of winning people to Jesus. We continue to pray and prepare for 2 Church Plants by 2030 – whether through new churches/locations or reinvigorating existing churches, we're prayerfully asking God to use us to bring the Gospel to those around us.
- **COACH MENTORING** - a truly effective means of building connection and evangelism in outreach communities. Designed for people to walk alongside one another, natural opportunities to share life and faith in these relationships commonly leads to the bigger questions of life being explored.
- **SCRIPTURE IN SCHOOLS**, (Roselea, Toongabbie East, Epping West and Carlingford High) which remains a high priority for our church as we know that the seedbed of faith in young people remains soft and open to the Gospel.

We are expanding our reach in 2025, coordinating Scripture across all the primary schools in Epping.

- We continue in faith-filled prayer for our Wentworthville location to move into new Worship premises, and we continue to pay down our mortgage on our Loftus Rd. Pennant Hills site to position ourselves for the next stage of development for property for our Carlingford congregations.

Sue and I have had the privilege of leading the church for its first thirty years. It has been a joy to serve God and His people. We have been seeking the Lord about our future and, along with our Vision & Senior Leadership Teams and Board, believe at the end of 2025 is the time for us to step aside into our next season and release God's next season of the church.

Ps. Rob Waugh, well known to all of us, having led C4 Real and our Wentworthville location, sought the Lord and has sensed God leading him to accept the call of our Vision Team to lead the church into its future after a rigorous process of prayer, discernment and interview. From 1 January 2026, Ps. Rob will be our new Senior Pastor, wholeheartedly supported by his wife Beth and their young children Eva and Aidan.

The future is bright!

Ps. Richard & Sue Botta



OUR 2025 MINISTRY FOCUS IS:

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MORE People experiencing Jesus' love and grace for the first time, for another time, young and old, individuals and families.

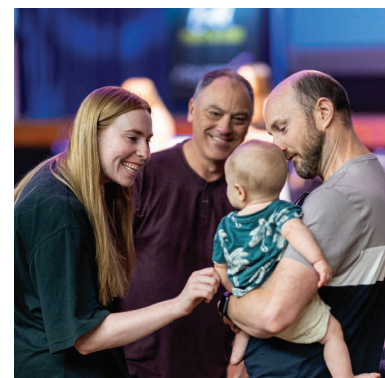
MORE People committing to become disciples of Jesus.

MORE People engaged in mission, ministry and community.

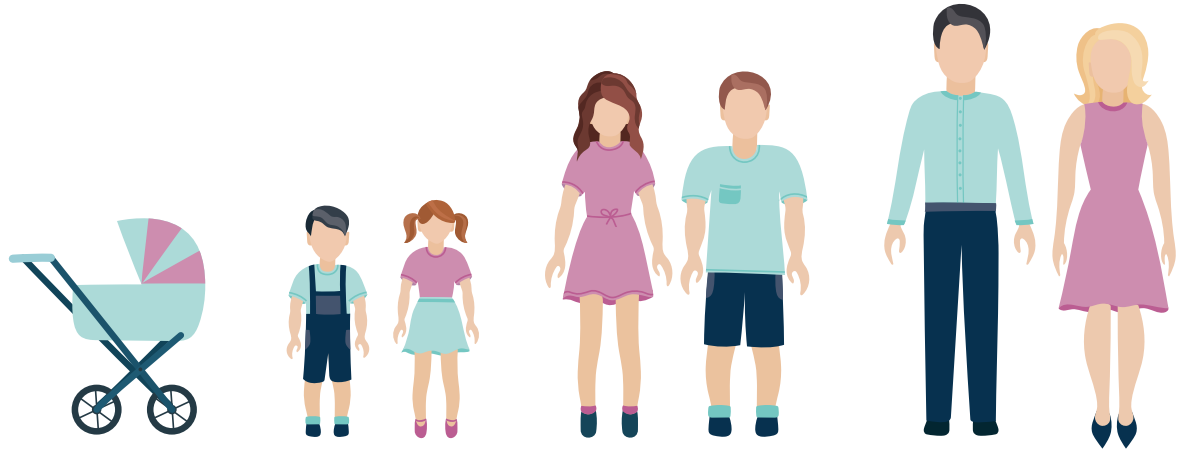
MORE People experiencing the transforming power of God's Word and Spirit, breaking free from worldviews and strongholds that hold them back from experiencing the fullness of God's love and the love of others.

"FOLLOW THE WAY OF LOVE..."

- 1 CORINTHIANS 14:1



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In our thinking, in our acting, in life and all its complexities!

More like Jesus!

“HE (JESUS) WAS FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH”

- JOHN 1:14

The Apostle John lists four differing stages of maturity as we experience Jesus: Infancy, Childhood, Young People and Adulthood, in 1 John 2:12-14.

“I AM WRITING TO YOU, INFANTS, BECAUSE YOUR SINS HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN ON ACCOUNT OF HIS NAME...I WRITE TO YOU, DEAR CHILDREN, BECAUSE YOU KNOW THE FATHER. I WRITE TO YOU, FATHERS, BECAUSE YOU KNOW HIM WHO IS FROM THE BEGINNING. I WRITE TO YOU, YOUNG PEOPLE, BECAUSE YOU ARE STRONG, AND THE WORD OF GOD LIVES IN YOU, AND YOU HAVE OVERCOME THE EVIL ONE.”

- 1 JOHN 2:12-14

FOUR STAGES OF MATURITY

INFANTS IN CHRIST become more like Jesus in receiving and giving forgiveness.

CHILDREN IN CHRIST become more like Jesus by experiencing God the Father’s heart of love and mercy, His direction, provision, protection, peace and correction.

YOUNG PEOPLE IN CHRIST experience the Word of God alive in them, they overcome evil and are courageous and strong in their faith.

ADULTS IN CHRIST know God, “who was from the beginning”, apprehending Him in His magnificence and glory, His enormity and infiniteness.



MINISTRY TO THE WIDER COMMUNITY

SCHOOLS MINISTRY

We serve the local Primary Schools in Epping, as well as Roselea and Toongabbie East, through the provision of Scripture. We are increasing our support with Linda Quinn now coordinating Scripture across all the primary schools of Epping to ensure great quality and continuity of scripture for all the schools.

In addition, we coordinate scripture at Carlingford High School and support their on-campus Christian group, MAD, so that it thrives!

We also support Shayne & Melissa Hamilton as they support and encourage School Chaplains across NSW.

LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSIONS

SOUTH ASIA

We train and develop pastors in this persecution hotspot for Christians, through mentoring, conferencing, coaching and simply by being 'with them'.

GROW A HEALTHY CHURCH

We support the ministry of John Finkelde to help him say 'yes' to coach pastors whose church otherwise could not afford his vital support.

OUTREACH EVENTS

We're engaged in outreaches through our church like Big Sunday, Youth Outreaches, Wentworthville outreaches, Carols in the Park, and Mainly Music.

INTERNS

In 2025 we will have a cohort of 4 interns, plus a C3 Wentworthville volunteer trainee.

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Our Community Ministry in 2025 includes our COACH Mentoring, Community care initiatives, support of our Community Pastor, ministry at Gimbawali Place, a Farsi Speaking Community Worker and our Youth Welfare Support Worker.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCHES

Over the years, we have provided support to many churches. Whether equipping churches for the day-to-day 'business' of the church, providing oversight to five C3 Churches, encouraging and training church planters, offering coaching, mentoring and pastoral supervision for pastors, or hosting (for over 20 years) the local ministers' monthly gathering, your church is engaged in work for the Kingdom.

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We're interconnected, not independent. We're part of a family called the church — the collective that Jesus says He will build: the people of God, called to shine His light and love in unity to those around us. None of us has all we need; however, together in Christ, committed to His cause, and motivated by His love, we can accomplish much — **TOGETHER!**

Emowered by His Spirit, we are to build one another, encourage one another, pray for one another, love one another so that those who have not experienced God's life and love will see God in action through us.

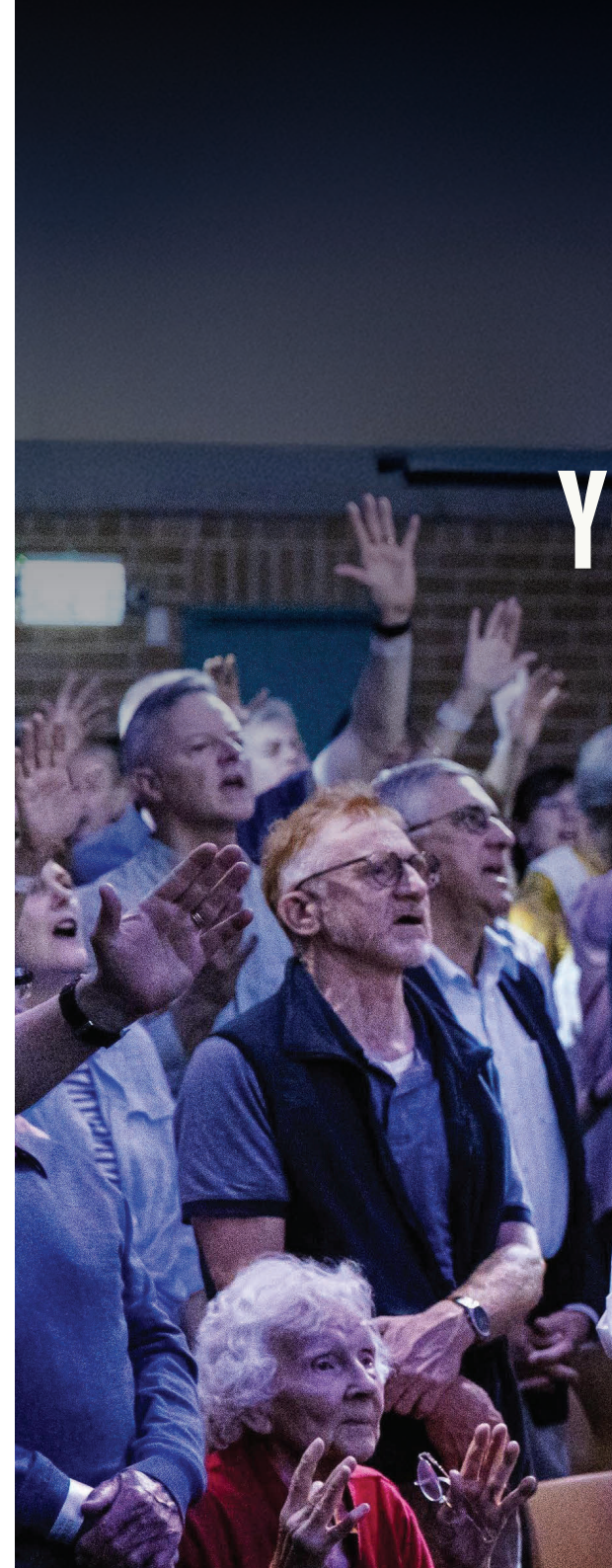
The church is the "Body of Christ". Christians are like a hand, a foot, a toe, an artery, we're only healthy and useful if we're in the body vitally connected to a local church. Everybody is necessary for the whole body to function as it is designed!

Our church is vitally engaged in ministry across our broader communities. This includes initiatives like Craft Connect, Mainly Music, Nowruz and Lunar New Year celebrations, Come Follow Me, and Circuit Breaker. Whether participating in one of our Connect or Life Groups, or through our daily interactions at work, university, during school runs, or elsewhere, we strive to live as a light to those around us.

Together we are the Church — the expression of His hands, feet, speech and heart to the world!

"...LET US CONSIDER HOW WE MAY SPUR ONE ANOTHER ON TOWARD LOVE AND GOOD DEEDS."

- HEBREWS 10:24



**EVERYONE WILL KNOW BY THIS
THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES—IF
YOU HAVE LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER.**

— JOHN 13:35



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“IN OUR GOING MAKE DISCIPLES”

- MATTHEW 28:19

In the midst of life — whether in our comings and goings, in our workplaces and places of recreation, with family, friends, colleagues, and neighbors — we have the privilege of serving as Jesus’ ambassadors. By God’s grace and love, and through the power of His Word and Spirit, we are called to transform communities!

TESTIMONIALS

“I am so happy that reading the bible has become part of my daily routine. I practice it every day and learn from it. There are some chapters I love so much that I read them multiple times. It’s become my best friend. I’ve fallen in love with the bible!”

COME FOLLOW ME PARTICIPANT

“Being a COACH Mentor has been an enriching and rewarding experience of entering into the world of another person from a completely different culture, from another part of the world, and listening to their life experiences, different perspectives on life, and their hopes for the future. It has afforded many opportunities to build friendship, serve them in small but practical ways, be an encourager, and share the love of Jesus with them and their families. Being a support person, and being there for them has meant a lot and made a difference to them.”

Brian Parker

C3 CARLINGFORD COACH MENTOR VOLUNTEER

“Are they coming this week? Can we go and see them? My son asks me every week. He loves the food, the team, the fun, and the laughter. For me, I love all these things too but most of all it’s the chance to sit and chat with other mums. It’s a safe space to get to know each other and help each other journey this season.”

GIMBAWALI PLACE RESIDENT



“The afternoon teas, that we run at Gimbawali place each fortnight, give me much joy and it has been a privilege to be a part of. I love having an opportunity to spend time with parents and kids sharing the love of Jesus in practical ways — an afternoon tea, a food hamper, time spent playing games, and good convos.”

Kim Fleming

C3 CARLINGFORD FAMILIES CONNECT VOLUNTEER



PROPERTY ASPIRATIONS

We have rented facilities for our worship services for the first thirty years of our church life. In this time, we have purchased property in Pennant Hills with a long-term goal of developing our own Worship and Community centre. We have also been saving for our property needs for our Wentworthville location.

In 2024 we advanced discussions with council to design a worship and community centre for our land in Pennant Hills. All the time seeking Jesus in this walk of faith!

As at 31 December 2024, our total mortgage balance for our Loftus Rd site stood at \$2,050,000. Over 2024, we managed to reduce our mortgage by \$350K! The income from our properties now covers the cost of the interest and maintenance, which means that all offerings towards our property go completely towards repaying our mortgages.

Our faith goal at Carlingford is to pay off our total loans, preparing us to begin the next phase of building our Worship & Community Centre. At Wentworthville, we aim to continue saving toward our property needs!

OUR VISION BUILDERS 2025 GOAL FOR PROPERTY IS TO RAISE \$218,000 TO MEET OUR REPAYMENTS, REDUCE OUR LOANS AND SAVE FOR OUR FUTURE!

"THE GOD OF HEAVEN WILL HELP US SUCCEED. WE, HIS SERVANTS, WILL START REBUILDING THIS WALL..."

- NEHEMIAH 2:20 NLT

VISION BUILDERS OFFERING

OUR VISION BUILDERS OFFERING 2025 CONSISTS OF TWO COMPONENTS;

A. MINISTRY PROJECTS FAITH GOAL

The first component is in taking Jesus' Great Commission beyond our general budget capacity, with evangelism and discipleship at its heart!

41%	SCHOOLS MINISTRIES	\$151,500*
32%	COMMUNITY MINISTRIES	\$116,500*
8%	CHURCH PLANTING & GROWTH	\$30,000
16%	LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSIONS	\$57,000
3%	INTERNS	\$12,000

MINISTRY PROJECTS FAITH GOAL **\$367,000**

B. PROPERTY FAITH GOAL

The second element is to build towards our future property needs; saving for the C3 Wentworthville Building Fund, and contributing towards our site at 5, 7, 9 and 15 Loftus Rd Pennant Hills for C3 Carlingford. If you give an offering specifically for property, it is applied only to property.

\$218,000

TOTAL FAITH GOAL **\$585,000**

*Tax Deductible

EACH YEAR WE FUND OUR MINISTRY NEEDS BEFORE OUR PROPERTY NEEDS. ONCE WE HAVE FUNDED MINISTRY, WE SAVE FOR OUR FUTURE PROPERTY NEEDS AND REPAY LOANS.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED



PRAY

Prayer is how we engage and activate our faith in relationship with God. Your first step is to pray for both faith and wisdom on how you will be involved in the vision of C3 Carlingford and Wentworthville this year. (2 Cor 9:7) Pray into how you might grow your attending, volunteering, and giving engagement with your church.



VOLUNTEER

Giving of your time and talent unlocks and activates faith – Our faith comes alive when we serve! (James 2:14-26)

Serving God through volunteering can happen in our church services, in our church office, in our community ministries, in schools and beyond!



GIVE

Financial giving is an act of worship and faith, which demonstrates your commitment and obedience to God.

Your first place of financial giving should be to “Tithe” to church, then giving to the Vision Builders Offering which is “over and above” the tithe.

Tithe giving can be in our services, by bank transfer or via our website. Tithe giving supports the operations of the church and its ministry, including church services, paying staff, training and development of volunteers plus a whole host of ministry support.

To give to the Vision Builders Offering, you can use the QR Code below to make a one-off gift or a pledge that can be fulfilled later in the year. The Vision Builders Offering supports our community ministries, schools ministries, church planting, local and global missions and interns.



VISION BUILDERS SUNDAY

2 March

Commit towards fulfilling this year's vision by completing a commitment card and bringing it to Vision Builders Sunday. If you are joining us online please email your pledge to Ps. Justin at: jware@c3carlingford.org.au OR complete the online giving page on our Website OR scan the QR Code on this page to access our secure website.

Place your 'tear off' section of the commitment card in a place where you and your family can see it and pray regularly for God's provision to fulfil it.

Your Vision Builders Offering support is allocated to the following ministries:

SCHOOLS MINISTRY

Ps. Rob Waugh, Ps. Linda Quinn, SRE Scripture Teachers

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

COACH, Community Care Initiatives, Community Pastor, Farsi Community Worker, C3 Carlingford Welfare Liaison

CHURCH PLANTING & GROWTH

LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSIONS

Grow a Healthy Church (John Finkelde), C3 South Asia, BIG Sunday, Youth Events, Wentworthville outreach, Carols in the Park, Mainly Music and Hamiltons

INTERNS

PROPERTY

