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SOURCE | LARGE CHURCH GATHERINGS

"Where the river flows, everything will live." Exekiel 47: 9
GATHERING: A church that gathers together and loves God's presence, loves God's Word & loves His Kingdom.

01 Embed our six values - cultural change

Teach our values and their biblical foundations .

02 Every member ministry

Make serving opportunities easy to discover on our website and in the foyer. We are praying for 'owners' of each of our key 27-30 priorities and we need everyone to make it happen!

03 A praying church

Moving our 24/7 prayer to Pentecost 2027 and connecting it with 'My Kingdom Come' Initiative; Considering how we can support existing prayer initiatives and newer gatherings.

04 Collaborative leadership

Creating four new 'leadership evenings' per year to increase ownership of vision, values and priorities.

05 A growing prayer ministry

Across both 9am and 10:30am congregations. More team and more willing to come up and receive prayer as a natural part of our gatherings.

06 A welcoming church

Every newcomer is noticed, welcomed and cared for. Undertaking a review and development of this ministry.

07 Food and fellowship

Where there eating together plays more of a natural role – in the hall after services and in each other's homes. Could we identify 3 opportunities in 2027 to eat together as a church?!

08 A story-telling church

We prioritise sharing stories of God at work in small and bigger ways in the midst of our day to day lives.

09 A church equipped with Spiritual gifts

Encouraging a culture where the gifts of the Spirit are desired and used for God's glory.

10 Bridging the gap with the wider community

Considering pathways to encourage families from our Wednesday After School Club, Holiday Club and other contacts to explore what following Jesus is all about.

The Invitation - Come Expectant. Come ready to serve. Invite your friends.

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STREAM | SMALLER GATHERINGS & GROUPS

"Whoever believes in me…rivers of living water will flow from within them" John 7: 38

GROWING A church that grows together in Spirit-filled community, practicing the way of Jesus daily

01 A plan for short courses

Mapping out a yearly plan for various courses e.g. Alpha, Marriage, Parenting, Freedom in Christ…

02 We love young adults!

Identifying one or two volunteer leads for 18-30's ministry to encourage, equip and help them belong.

03 Nurturing new believers

To recruit a lead volunteer to signpost to various discipleship pathways including Connect Groups.

04 1:1 discipleship & prayer triplets

Growing a culture of 1:1 discipleship and prayer triplets. Recruiting a lead volunteer to pilot 1 hour, 1/month, 1 year 1:1 discipleship.

05 Pastoral Care

Appointing a paid part-time Pastoral Care Co-ordinator and establish stronger links with our community, including especially the isolated

06 Mission team

Can we offer church members the opportunity to visit a new or existing mission partner?

07 Connect Groups

How are we doing in growing disciples as a church? Let's celebrate, reflect and grow together.

08 Creation Care

Working with the Diocese towards our 2030 Carbon neutral project.

THE INVITATION

Every member ministry. Everyone a disciple, every disciple maker!

Everyone practicing the B.I.O. of discipleship:

~ Before God daily, In community, On mission.

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"DELTA | BRANCHING OUT IN TO THE WORLD!

"Go and make disciples of all nations…surely I am with you always…"
Matthew 28: 19-20
Going A church that goes out seeking to advance God's Kingdom in our schools, families, workplaces, and neighbourhoods

01 God in the workplace

Encouraging our church to live out their call at work. Running an LICC course, telling stories of God at work in work, encouraging 'workplace champions!

02 Excited about evangelism

Continue to make sharing our faith central to our call and prayer. Encouraging confidence by telling stories. Connecting those confident in evangelism with each other.

03 Discipleship in the home

Where parents, grandparents and carers would be encouraged. Let's encourage honest conversations, share ideas and keep praying!

04 Resourcing other music ministries

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could offer some of our home grown talent to churches in the area to be a blessing to them.

05 A church that multiplies

How do we reach new people in new ways and respond to the huge influx of new housing? Can we consider if the Lord is calling us to plant/graft into a new community?

06 Over to you!

Let's all pray how God will use us to reach new people in new ways, and build his kingdom exactly where he has placed us. Share your thoughts, dreams and stories with the StAsStB family!

THE INVITATION Fill us up and send us out Lord!

StAStB Vision, Mission & Values 2026

Our vision: living in the river of life

"Where the river flows, everything will live." — Ezekiel 47:9

Jesus promises living water that renews us and flows through us to others (John 7:38). This shapes our life together:

GATHER · Life in the Source
Meeting with God and being renewed in His presence.

We gather on Sundays and in other settings to worship, pray, and study God's Word. Centred on the gospel and open to the Holy Spirit, we expect God to transform us, grow His gifts in us and bring healing, refreshment and hope. Everyone has a part to play in serving and building up His church.

GROW · Life in the Streams
Becoming more like Jesus in community.

Through Connect groups, various ministries, courses and relationships across generations, we grow as disciples who put faith into practice. We make room for prayer, Scripture, honest accountability and pastoral care. We help newer Christians mature in faith and encourage one another to use our time, talents and money generously for God's Kingdom.

GO · Life in the Delta
Bringing the hope of Jesus into everyday life.

We are all sent into our homes, schools, workplaces and communities to live for Jesus and grow his Kingdom on our own frontlines. We want to be an outward focussed, missional community, celebrating being a 'priesthood of all believers' (1 Peter 2:5) and sending our members out into the community, the nation and beyond. We want parents, grandparents and carers equipped to nurture faith in the home. We expect to keep sharing stories when we meet of God at work in small and big ways.We seek creative ways to reach new people as well as people known to us, to bridge the gaps with our fringe communities, and to be a resource for other churches.

Our Identity - who we are

We are a Holy Spirit filled church family within the Church of England, drawing people from Churchdown, Gloucester, Cheltenham and beyond.

We love God's presence, love His Word and love His Kingdom.

Our Mission - why we exist

As followers of Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we long to see every generation live for Him and bring His transforming hope to the world.

Proposed Mission Statement: *"Generations for Jesus"*

The people we aspire to be in this season (values)

Authentic and Real
Rooted in the Bible and secure in our identity as God's children, we can be honest about our struggles and doubts knowing that God's grace 'is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness' (2 Cor 12:9-10). This means we can be a family where people can be open and vulnerable and find grace and encouragement knowing that they are loved and not condemned.

Loving and Compassionate
We seek to love as Jesus loves us: forgiving freely, offering grace, and responding compassionately to the needs of one another and those around us. "The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit" (Psalm 34:18).

Creative and Brave
We believe Jesus is the hope of the world. Through prayer and the Holy Spirit's power, we will step out in faith, take risks and find fresh ways to share His hope – reaching new people in new ways. "I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some" (1 Corinthians 9:22).