

# Emerging vision: A growing church... a growing team

*'Lives transformed by the love of God'*

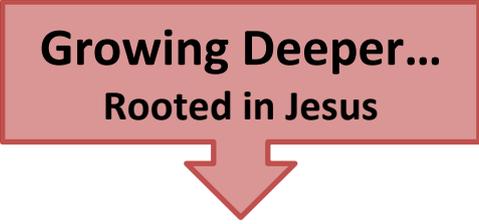
Over the last few months many of us have been praying and discussing where God is leading us as a church and a team, and we wanted to share with you the vision that is emerging. It is just the beginnings, identifying the key areas that we sense God leading us into in the coming months and years, and we hope that over these next few months everyone will have a chance to pray through and contribute to this emerging vision. The vision is based around the analogy of a growing tree – if the tree is to bear fruit and grow strong then it needs solid and deep foundations – the roots and the trunk.



Please do take this away and use it to pray through this vision and if you have any comments or any promptings from God about the way He is leading us then please do get in touch with Dave. ([dave.bruce@chaseteam.org](mailto:dave.bruce@chaseteam.org) ; Tel: 01684 565490).

# What are some of the key priorities emerging for 2017? Some initial thoughts...

... it begins by strengthening the 'foundations' - the roots and the trunk...



**Growing Deeper...**  
Rooted in Jesus

## 2017 as a 'Year of Discipleship'

... helping us all grow as life-long, whole life disciples

- 'Rhythms of Grace' teaching series (Spring 2017)
- Expanding and deepening 'community groups'.
- 'DEEPER' ... a monthly evening service (alternating St A's/AS) with deeper and practical teaching, deeper worship, deeper ministry.
- Creating a 'Discipleship Steering Group'



**Growing Stronger**

## 1) Building Capacity and teams

- Expanding & embedding 'teams' and structures for empowering and collaborative leadership.
- Identifying giftings and growing new leaders.
- Looking at new staffing roles (Associate minister, youth pastor, children & families worker?)
- Stewardship campaign

## 2) Evaluating our wider team

... how can we together 'join with God in bringing His kingdom in in South/East Malvern'?

- Evaluating Service patterns and provision across the parishes – how can we more effectively work together?

But also we'll begin to look at...



**Growing Younger**

## Beginning to expand our work with younger generations...

- Creating a 'Growing Younger Steering group'
- Extra staffing? (youth pastor, children & families?)
- Evaluating provision outside of Sundays & outreach opportunities across the team.
- Weekend away (Soul Survivor? Spree?)



**Growing Outwards**

## Reaching out to our communities and beyond

- Where is God at work?
- Where is he calling us?
- New ways of connecting with and serving our community?
- Alpha?