

The Challenge of our Vision

God has called us to a vision:
***Together, to know God
and make Him known.***
What does this mean for us
today?

Our vision needs to
encourage
transformation not just
teach *information*

An increased focus on
“make Him known”
sharing good news – *in mission*
helping those in need – *incarnate*

Over the years, our
approach has shifted as
we have explored
different methods,
we want to re-focus now.

**We need to refocus
YCC on outreach**

We don't just want to
add more activities...

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This will require a culture shift

- Affecting many aspects of church life
- Shift in the content and language of Sunday mornings
- Intentional teaching programme
 - Clearer connection to YCC vision and values
 - Greater cohesion with home-group programmes (at times directly linked)
 - Better equipping of leaders

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How CAP fits

- CAP (Christians Against Poverty)
 - A good organisation and a holistic ministry
 - Can this be pursued without the culture shift?
 - Resourcing issues (what needs to be re-assessed, stopped or changed?)

CAP – Incarnate and In Mission

Why CAP for YCC?

- It aligns with our constitution's 2 aims of:
 - "establishing a Christian witness and fellowship"
 - "alleviating poverty"
- Now more than ever debt is a huge issue in our society - if we want to reach out with good
- news and be "incarnational" and meet real need - what better way?
- It is simply being obedient to God's command to look after the poor.

COSTS ABOUT 15K
5K - CAP admin fee
10K - worker

Today's need

- Yorkshire Debt Free Helpline shows that the number of bankruptcies in North Yorkshire has increased by 20% over the last 12 months. This is higher than the national average increase of 17%
- UK hold 2/3 of all European credit card debt
- Jul-Sept - 23% increase in repossessions against last year
- 1 in 33 people in work - estimated to become unemployed this year
- £58,350 - average household debt
- £189 million - interest paid in the UK every day
- every 10 minutes - a property is repossessed
- 1 person every 4.5 minutes - declared bankrupt or insolvent
- 1 in 4 of people asking CAP for help have tried to thought about suicide

CAP's response

- **Typical CAP centre helps 4 new families a month**
- **29 families become debt free every month**
- **No debt is paid for out of CAP's funds**
- **7% of people helped by CAP accept Jesus**

Our communities need to experience God in a way that they can relate to, a loving God – who is really there along side them in the midst of turmoil & despair – not distant old man in the sky.

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Congregational Implications (PART 1)

- Seriously considering YCC becoming a single congregation ... Why? It will ...
 1. Better resource new Sunday based initiatives, particularly in regards to children's work
 2. Consolidate the envisioning and equipping of YCC
 3. Generate spiritual momentum through greater connectivity and cohesion
 4. Establish a greater sense of continuing mission
 5. Strengthen the strategic role of home groups
 6. Bring greater efficiency to the development of new YCC initiatives
 7. Resource the development of ministerial teams (for both YCC and ecumenical projects)

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Single Congregation – how might it look?

- Meetings need to be:
 - flexible
 - accessible
 - beneficial
- Primary Sunday morning components will include:
 - worship/celebration
 - teaching/equipping
 - meeting our multi-generational needs
- A possible structure

The implications of one Sunday location

We are more frequently together

- Will allow Simon and leadership have more focused involvement to direct the church
- Communication will be improved
- We enjoy being together

We have more resource available (youth, musicians, setup)

- Many in our congregations have roles across our city and beyond: They need to have more opportunity to receive on Sunday
- We will be able to offer better quality work or enter untapped areas of ministry
- People can be more flexible and take a break when needed
- Sunday becomes more of a joy than a duty

We have an opportunity to solve locational issues

- TH in particular have insufficient room and suffer from major acoustic problems
- We need to find a new venue
- Loss of Sunday intimacy means home groups become even more important

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Congregational Implications (PART 2)

- Remaining as we are leaves unresolved issues
 1. How do we manage growth ..? (*third congregation ..?*)
 2. Tang Hall – practical issues
(*acoustics, building, resources*)
 3. Osbaldwick – family service issues
(*timekeeping, all-age structure and general contents*)
 4. Staffing/Leadership model in conflict with 2 congregations
 5. Greater autonomy, (*if not ONE then full SEPARATION ..?*)