

epsom  **vineyard** church  
*Mission, Vision & Values*

**Our Mission** – To join with God in His mission, which is expressed in two key ways –

- To advance the Kingdom of God
- To bring all creation back into relationship with God





## *Our Vision*

To be a healthy community of believers will be great at expressing it's vision & mission in 3 areas – Up (Christ), Out (His Cause), and In (His Church)

### **Up (Christ)**

- To love and be loved by God, constantly deepening our relationship with Him (Worship)  
We love
  - To seek His kingdom first (Service), We serve Jesus
- To regularly listen to what God is saying to us, and to ask in response 'what are we going to do about that?' (Prophecy & Discipleship) We listen, and we act.
- In doing the above, we allow God to change our hearts and actions be more like His (Renewing / Transforming) We surrender

### **Out (His Cause)**

- We create spaces for Mission to be a way of life, prioritising those around us, and practically loving our town & neighbourhoods (Being Missional) i.e. Community Sundays.  
We Value Others
- To be open and available to meaningful friendships & conversations (Intentionality) We Invite
  - To welcome anyone who is seeking (Inclusive) We Include
  - To be praying for others (Prayer) We Pray Faithfully

### **In (His Church)**

- To be a church family that looks after each other (Unity) We do life together
- To spur one another on to be the people God would have us be i.e. "What is God saying?" and "What are you going to do about it?" (Accountability) We encourage each other
  - To have fun doing this together (Joy) We celebrate together
- To create a caring discipleship culture where both challenge & encouragement are normal, and always offered together (Honour) We respect each other

## Our Values

- We're creative** – we'll try things out to see if they work, and if they don't we'll stop doing them!
- We're a naturally-supernatural community**, who makes space for the Holy Spirit in our gatherings, and practices the gifts of the Holy Spirit!
- We are heard** – We aim communicate in language that can be understood by everyone and anyone
- We value Trusted Leadership (& training)** – In order to release new Leaders, we will evaluate and refine all areas of ministry, creating reproducible & sustainable systems alongside practical training
- Everyone gets to play** - we all have gifts & talents that God has given us - we need to be released to use them
- We Try** – We're on an adventure to pursue Jesus together, we each need to TRY new expressions out along the way.
- We Partner** - Projects & Programs equip us for everyday life i.e. CAP allows us to support our community financially, and Besom allows us to support those in our community who are struggling to help themselves (what we do in church, equips us for what we do out of church).
- We're #BlessedToBeABlessing** - All churches around Epsom should thrive (Our focus should be a numerical growth of New Christians, and any transfer from other churches should be seen as an opportunity to equip & disciple).