



His Kingdom Come
2023/24

A photograph of a red brick church with a tall steeple and arched windows. The church is constructed of red brick with grey stone accents around the windows and doors. The steeple is topped with a cross. The sky is a pale blue with some light clouds.

"YOUR KINGDOM COME"

LUKE 11:2

What We See.

Our Vision:

A tribe (**families of small groups**) of **Jesus seekers** where **everyone matters** (those here and those yet to come)

Put simply:

A tribe of **Jesus seekers** where **everyone matters**.

Individuals and families in healthy relationship with Jesus, continually growing in their faith, and as a result seeing their lives transformed and God glorified - good 'fruit' shown through their love and actions for those yet to come.

What is Vision Builders?

Vision Builders is the annual campaign of C3 Church Devonport which serves as the opportunity for individuals and families to contribute through giving in a way that is about ensuring we are good stewards and wise investors of this gift that has been given to us by God.

This generous giving enables the maintenance and development of the **gift** we have been given, a **home** in the city of Devonport.

This year our Vision Builders 2023/24 theme is "**His Kingdom Come**". This aligns with our vision of seeing God move and His will being done in the lives of those who call C3 Church Devonport home and those yet to come, and to bless the wider community of Devonport.

If this is the first time you are considering giving - we ask that you prayerfully consider what you might be able to bring.

"ONE DAY JESUS WAS PRAYING IN A CERTAIN PLACE ..."

LUKE 11:1

Testimonies of Giving & Good News Stories.

Brian and Fiona Hanifan - the power of giving

Our story: Over the years I, (Brian) have been challenged in my attitude to giving back to God. One of the most powerful experiences I have had in that area is related to our pharmacy business.

In 2010 we opened a new pharmacy from scratch. Such a venture involves borrowing a huge amount of finance, to the extent that everything we owned was tied to the business. Things did not go as planned, and by early 2012 we were facing the very real prospect of bankruptcy, in fact we came within 24 hours of losing everything (materially). In the months leading up to that fateful day, despite earning no income, I really felt God challenge me to tithe as though I was earning a full salary. With Fiona's support that was what we did.

This was an extremely difficult time financially, but we learned to simply trust God, whatever the outcome may be. I vividly remember the final creditor's meeting, and being at complete peace.

We were given a reprieve of 6 months by our creditors. The VERY next day, the pharmacy sales jumped by 50%, and just kept on growing and growing. There has been no logical explanation for this, apart from the hand of God. Praise him!!

Believe me, we now give with joy, knowing that He is faithful.

Carol Sharpe - revival has been here before

1970: Carol was a uni student at the time returning to Devonport in August/September for vacation. She came back to her parents and older sister radically changed, "they had a joy and freedom they hadn't had before." Carol went along to a prayer meeting at the church (Methodist Church at the time) and experienced people speaking in tongues for the first time, she thought it was weird, but she knew they had a relationship with God she didn't have. Carol was part of the revival back then, and at a youth camp she encountered Jesus for the first time and gave her life to Jesus. She recalls many being saved, including those with rough backgrounds and on drugs, set free and serving Jesus. "I went back to uni a different person."



**EVERYONE
MATTERS**

What We Are Giving To:

What has happened in the last 12 months?



Windows in the hall have been upgraded

Due to the age of old windows and to help with heating and cooling.



New ramp at the rear of Worship Centre

A small yet significant project for those with prams and walkers.



Kitchenette updated in the front office

Making use of left over materials from the purchase of the building, enabling better function of this space for connect groups and meetings.



Toilet change tables

The baby change table in our Worship Centre has been upgraded, and an additional change table added to the accessible toilet in our hall.

The Next 12 months:

New Kitchen

Finances have been secured for the renovation and upgrade of our kitchen. We hope to begin work within the next 12 months, with the hope to create an up-to-date, fully functional kitchen that will serve its purposes well.

Fence

The wall that had previously been leaning over has been brought upright ready for work to commence and the installation of the new fence starting soon, with finances also secured for this work. Another significant project to ensure safety of kids on our premises.

Why a building?

We believe God has given us this building as a gift, a meeting place, a **certain place**, somewhere where we can gather together as the Church.

Our heart over the past years has been to take ground in the city of Devonport for these purposes, to see **His Kingdom Come**.

In ensuring we are good stewards and wise investors of this place we wanted to have a permanent home, so other giving can eventually be sown into other areas.

As mentioned in testimonies shared, a revival was once in this place. We have been given more than we can imagine when it comes to taking ground in Devonport and we are believing we will **see revival again, in every heart, for every generation**.

Giving to the future:

Archer Street car park resurfacing

The surface of the rear car park is not in good condition with the weather often deteriorating the surface. The plan is to re-bitumen this area to make it safer for our elderly and families.



Pastors & board signing the deed for our new home - 2020.

Eliminating (reducing) the loan

The intention is to make a further significant impact on the loan for this property in light of the consistent interest rate rises.

These 2 projects are the current priorities of the continual giving into Vision Builders. As we walk through the next 12 months other major projects may arise that are deemed necessary by the board.

Letter From the Pastors.

So He said to them, "When you pray, say:
Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."
Luke 11:2 (NKJV)

To our amazing, faith filled, faithful church. Sharon and I continue to live in such encouragement due to your incredible generosity to see ...
"His Kingdom Come".

The verse prior to this scripture says, "Now it came to pass, as He was praying in **a certain place** ..." We have been gifted **a certain place** in this city in which to pray, worship, gather, invite, go out from to see **His Kingdom Come to the region of Devonport and beyond.**

The reason we have this place is yes, God has led us, the board have acted as faith filled stewards mixed with wisdom ... but a significant reason we have this place is because of the generosity of many people who have believed together over the years that God has a purpose and plan to see **His Kingdom Come** through the C3 Tribe.

As we approach a new season of Vision Builders, we are blessed to be sitting in the fruitfulness of a church that is growing. There are tens of new people amongst us as we have declared God's word to us, the C3 Tribe, "a year of fruitfulness".

I am confident that we can conclude that those who have joined us and are able, will share with us in this journey of sowing over and above to have an ever greater impact in continuing to invest in this **certain place** He's given to us, to be good stewards of the buildings and make a significant impact on the loan to be paid.

I believe God is making a way through us to play a part in His Kingdom purposes, **His Kingdom Come**, in seeing a move of God, of revival breaking out amongst us and beyond to touch and bring salvation to the many, that we and many other churches across the coast will be full and overflowing. I believe He is at work to fulfil promises He made to the founders of this place, of those who sacrificially gave, built, worshipped and prayed believing God would move, that He will outwork it through us.

May we all consider with wisdom the part He has for each one of us to play as we "seek first His Kingdom".

Pastors Brian and Sharon Webber



Ps. Brian and Sharon Webber

Equal Sacrifice, not Equal Giving.

Our hope for Vision Builders is that everyone would choose to partner with us in giving freely and generously. Your decision should be based on both **faith** and **wisdom**. The philosophy of Vision Builders is equal sacrifice, not equal giving.

Once you have decided on your level of giving, make a formal commitment to give whatever sum of money you feel God is asking you to give through either;

- Regular contributions toward your commitment by weekly, fortnightly, or monthly giving.
- A one-off gift from funds you currently have available.
- Giving from proceeds of a sale of goods, services or an asset.

History shows a "First Fruits" offering (initial deposit), then regular monthly giving is the best way of fulfilling commitments. For the sake of convenience you may wish to set up a direct transfer into the supplied bank details, or you can give at our Sunday services, using supplied envelopes, into boxes located in the front and rear foyers.

Deciding What to Give.

Here are some examples of regular giving, and what your pledge could look like:

WEEKLY	ANNUAL TOTAL	MONTHLY	ANNUAL TOTAL
\$10	\$520	\$43	\$516
\$20	\$1040	\$86	\$1032
\$50	\$2600	\$216	\$2592
\$100	\$5200	\$433	\$5196
\$200	\$10400	\$866	\$10392

Next Steps.

1 VISION
That all would be involved in giving (over and above their weekly tithes) to see the vision of God's house fulfilled.

2 PRAY
Consider the level of giving that is appropriate for you based on wisdom, prayer and faith.

3 STRETCH
Vision Builders is about equal sacrifice, not equal giving. Stretch your faith, but be reasonable.

4 BUDGET
Plan and write down how you will fulfil your pledge. Keep giving as regularly as possible so your commitment doesn't become a burden.

5 PARTNER
We're in this together. Be encouraged as we pray and believe for lives to be transformed in our community.

Vision Builders Bank Details.



Vision Builders Building Fund
BSB: 067 000
ACC: 11036903

*please note this account is different to the 2022/23 VB account.

Please add your name as a reference when making payments by electronic transfer. You can also find these details on our website:
www.c3churchdevonport.com.au

**"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you as well."
Matthew 6:33**



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