

Vital Church Planting



An ancient foundation

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**Values before
structures**

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Listening, listening

Will the church planters get to heaven?

Yes...

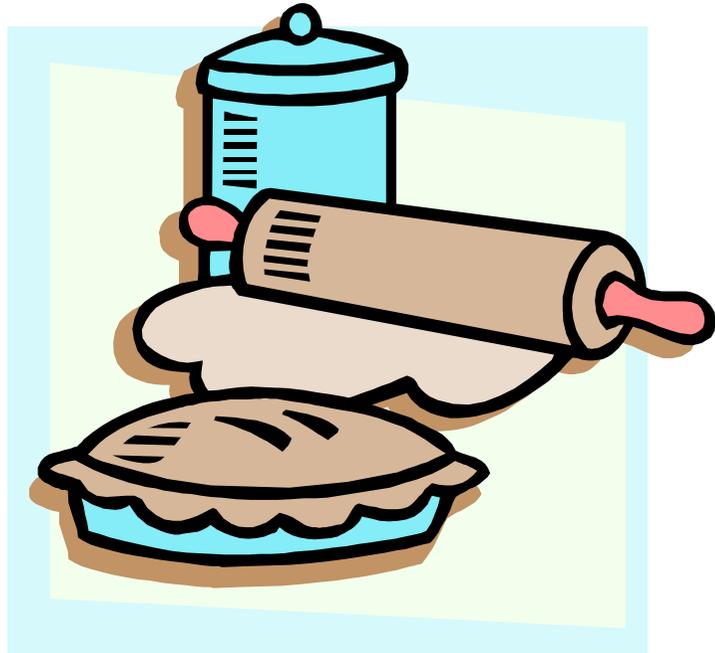


...as long as they don't run past the door

- Anxiety and haste
- Messianic expectations
- Disappointment and discouragement
- “We tried that in 2009 and...”



motherhood and apple-pie...



...no one votes against mission

on board with change?

Acquiescence



Agreement



Ownership



obstacles, preconceptions

- “It only values the new”
- “It's just about trendy worship”
- “It encourages the pushy and unaccountable”
- “It's all too churchy”
- “Another evangelical gimmick”

addressing preconceptions

- ❖ Mission-shaped church is about the **mixed economy**
- ❖ Mission-shaped church is **value-based**, not bandwagon-driven

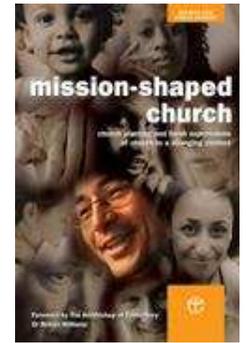
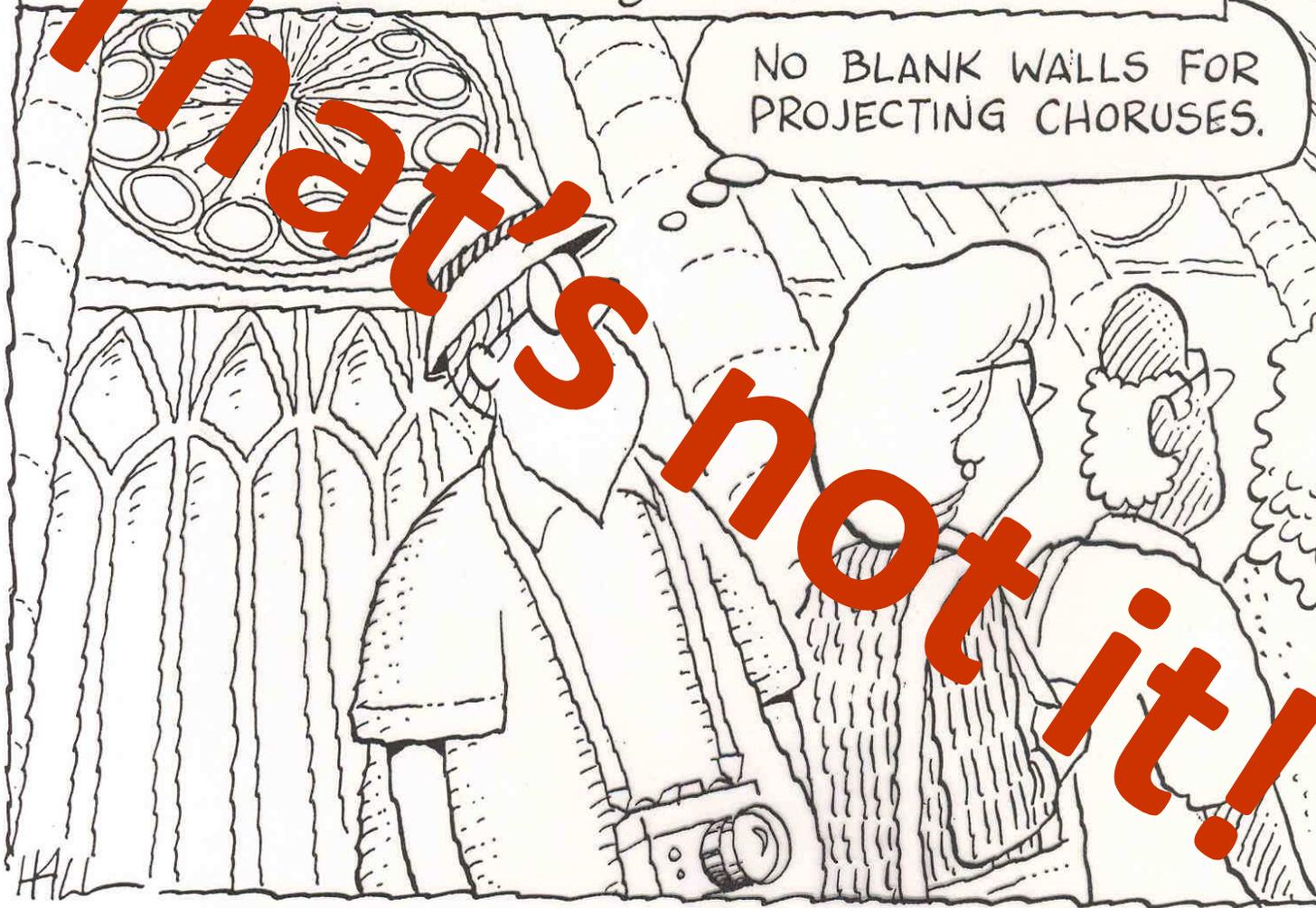
NOT a mixture of
mission-shaped churches
and other-shaped churches!

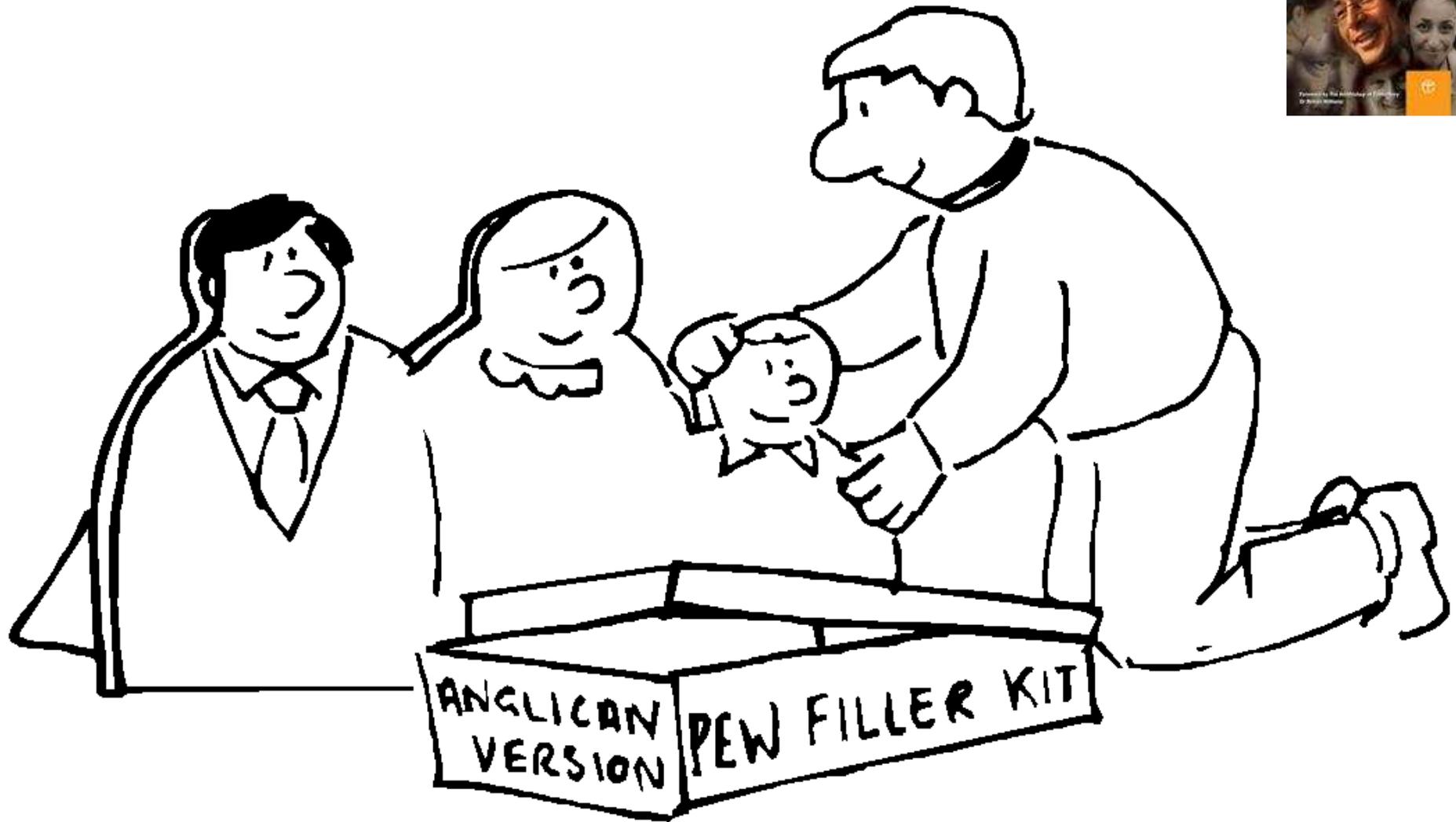
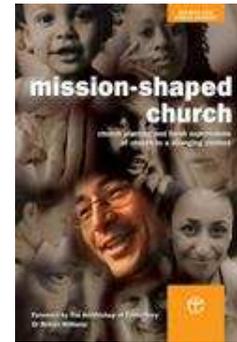
meteors crushing dinosaurs?

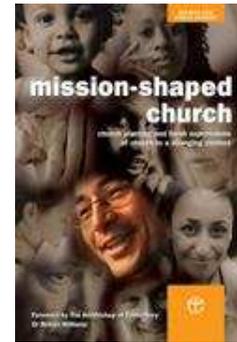


Pastor Bradford instantly spots Notre Dame Cathedral's fatal design flaw.

NO BLANK WALLS FOR PROJECTING CHORUSES.







Father Dearing receives the wrong kit

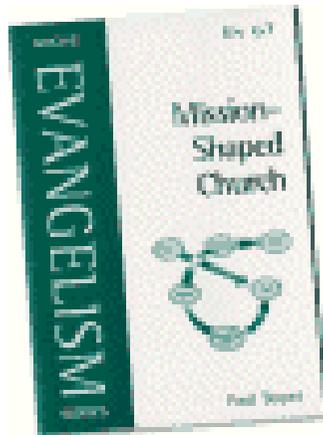
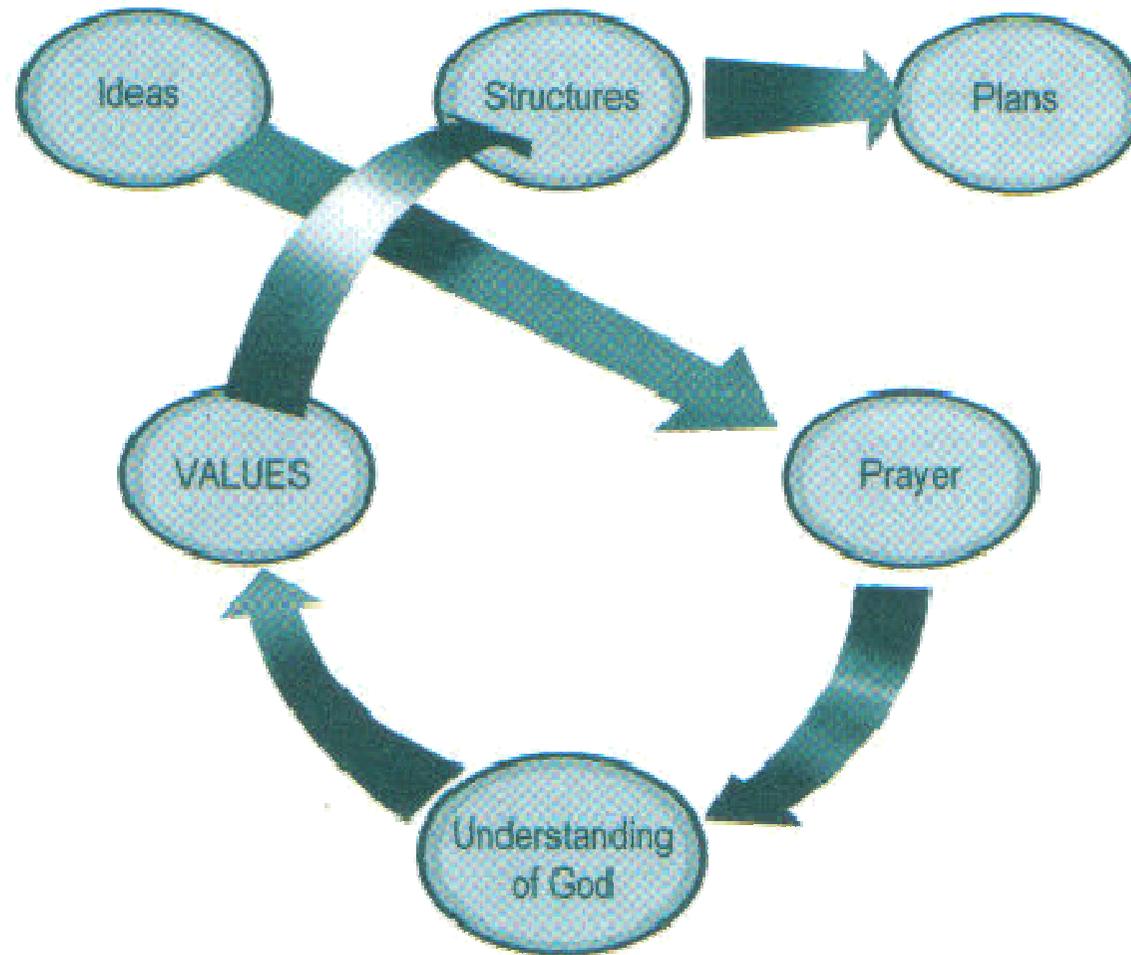
mission-shaped church

A ferment of different expressions of church, living as Christians together

With **values** in common, and an **approach** in common



missionary values...





Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Tegel prison, 1944

**Despite everything, however, I
can only say I should not have
chosen to live in any other age
than our own, though it is so
regardless of our external
fortunes...**

***Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Tegel prison, 1944***

...Are we moving towards an age of colossal organizations and collective institutions, or will the desire of multitudes for small, manageable, personal relationships be satisfied?

***Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Tegel prison, 1944***

...By the time you are grown up, the form of the Church will have changed beyond recognition.

***Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Tegel prison, 1944***

**Today's people...
want a Church made of friendship,
of genuine contacts, of mutual
interchange of little things.**



*Carlo Carretto
Tamanrasset, 1967*

But more than anything else, a Church that feeds them with the Word, a Church that works with them by physically taking them by the hand,



*Carlo Carretto
Tamanrasset, 1967*

**a Church whose face
is like that of the Church of Luke,
of Mark, of John, a Church that is
just starting – that smells of
beginnings...**



*Carlo Carretto
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mission...

MISSIONARY™ CONQUEST

ONE GIANT
GAME OF
LAUGHTER
AND
STRATEGY

- Ages: 10 and up
- No Bible knowledge required to play the game



mission...



mission...



The Porpoise-Driven Church

Growth is often a **sign** of quality, not an **alternative** to it

Bob Jackson

It's not the church of God that has a mission,
but the **God of mission** who has a church

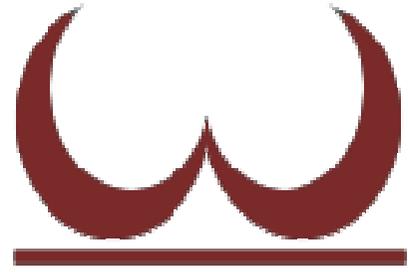
Tim Dearborn/Jurgen Moltmann/Robin Greenwood

Mission has its origin in the heart of God.
God is a fountain of sending love.
It is impossible to penetrate deeper still.

**There is mission because God
loves people.**

David Bosch

**it's not all about
bums on seats,
you know**



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Bob Jackson 2005

mission...



the church is the only society

that exists

for those who are not its members

the church is the only institution

that exists

for those who are not its members

**the church is the only institution
that exists primarily
for those who are not its members**

the church is the only organism

that exists solely

for those who are not its members

**God wants the church to exist
for those who are not or not yet
its members**



Peter Selby, Diocese of Worcester

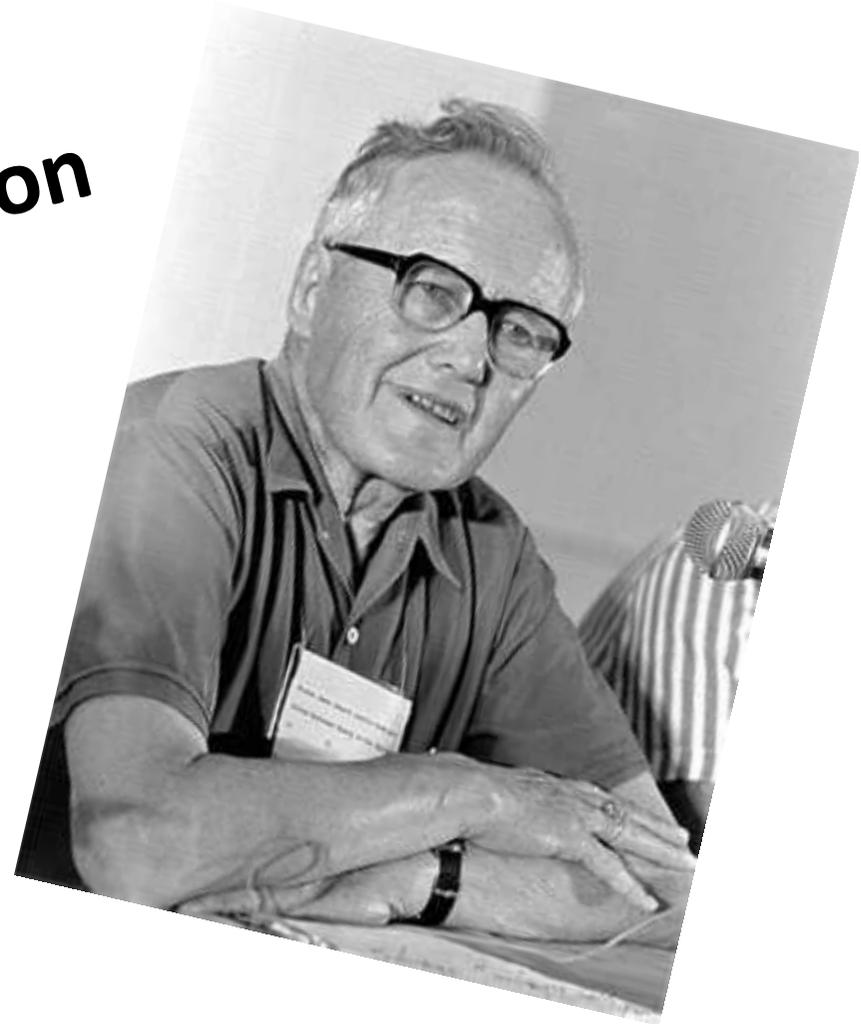
“The Open Secret”

1978



Leslie Newbigin

“The emphasis falls upon
the
faithfulness
of the disciples
rather than upon
their **numbers**”



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**“Anyone who knows Jesus
Christ must
ardently desire
that others share
that knowledge
and must rejoice
when the
numbers who do
are multiplied”**



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“Where this desire
and this rejoicing
are **absent**,



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we must ask whether
something is not
wrong
at the very heart
of the church's
life.”



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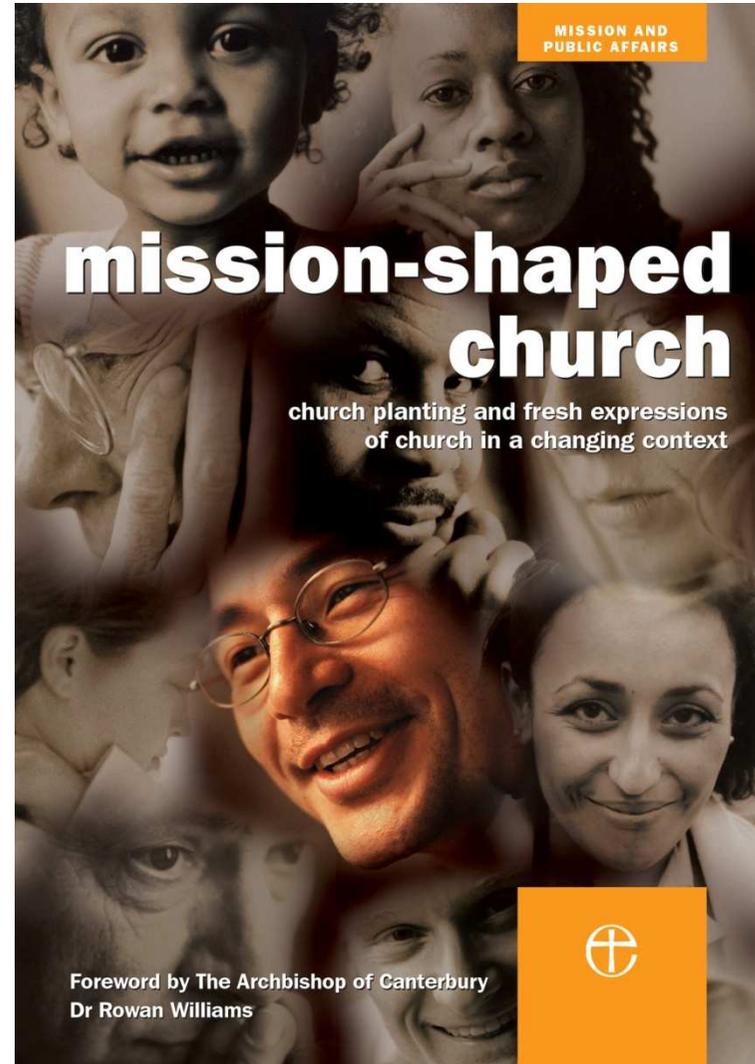
“The congregation
is the hermeneutic
of the gospel”



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**God wants the church to exist
for those who are not or not yet
its members**

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“preach the gospel.

Use words if necessary”

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Customer

Customer



Customer service

Excellent



Poor



THE PLANET
EARTH



SOME OTHER
PLANET, WHERE
PEOPLE STILL
DARE TO EXPECT
GOOD CUSTOMER
SERVICE

**Customer
Service**



Our priority.

CUSTOMER SERVICE TOP TEN

1. APPEARANCE

– first impressions last a long time

2. ATTITUDE

– a learned behavior, make it positive

3. FRIENDLINESS

– be generous, give smiles unconditionally

4. IMPRESSION

– what's left in the room after I leave

5. RESPONSE-ABILITY

– take action, exceed customers expectations

6. COMMITMENT

– my pledge to service and teamwork

7. TEAM THINKING

– my actions effect everyone in my organization

8. COMMUNICATION

– active listening and positive responses

9. SERVICE

– my personal commitment to make a difference

10. PERSONAL EXCELLENCE

– I believe in my ability to make a difference



MISSION AND
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

mission-shaped church

church planting and fresh expressions
of church in a changing context

Foreword by The Archbishop of Canterbury
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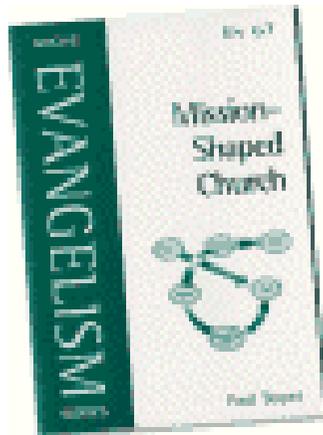
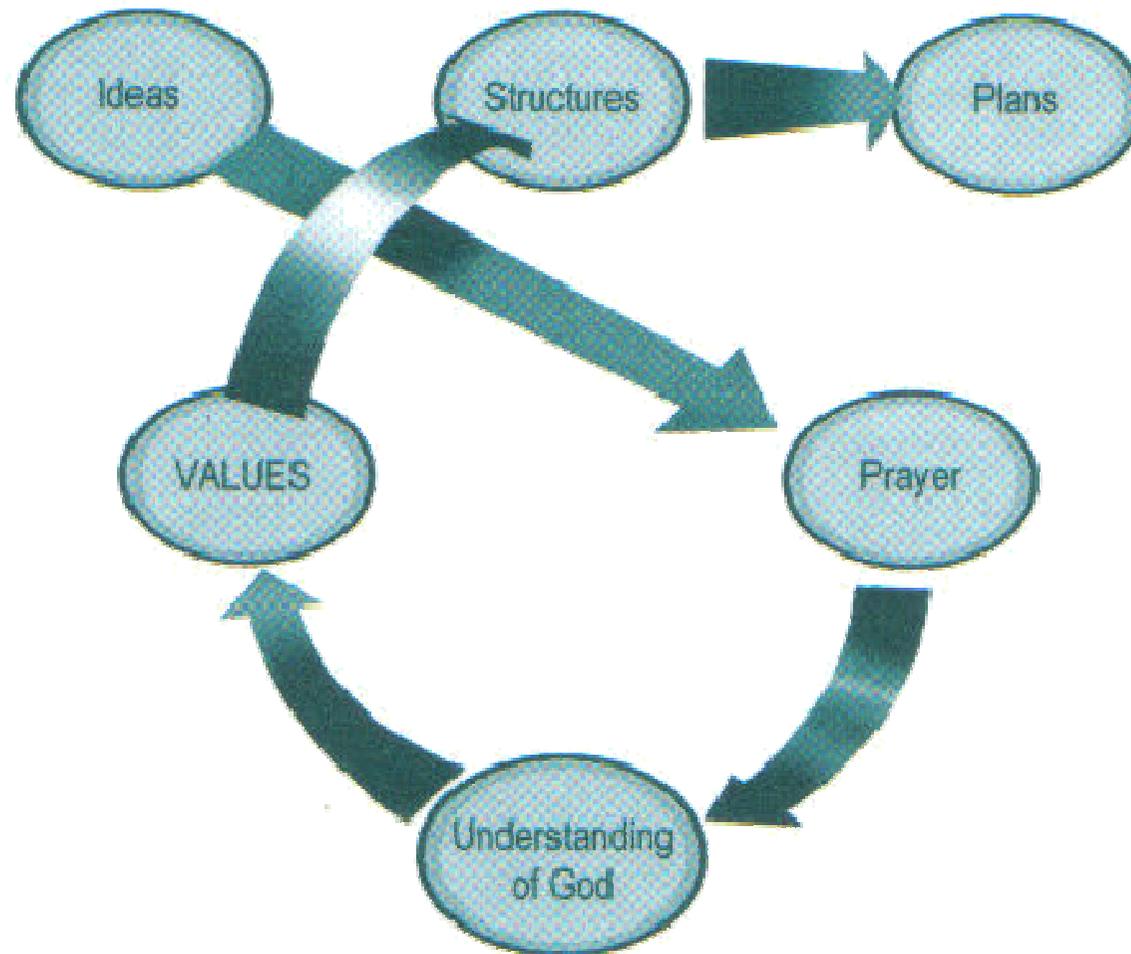


The ticking clock and the clock face

- Knowing and telling
- Clock-face questions
- Questions that tick



missionary values...



values

- Rooted in the Trinity
- Incarnational
- Transformational
- Making disciples
- Relational



approach

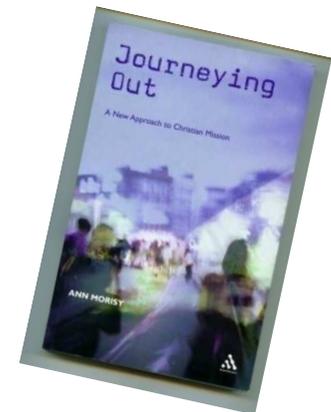
- Prayerful
- Listening, listening
- Widening
- Deepening
- Conversation



St Catherine's Road Community Centre.

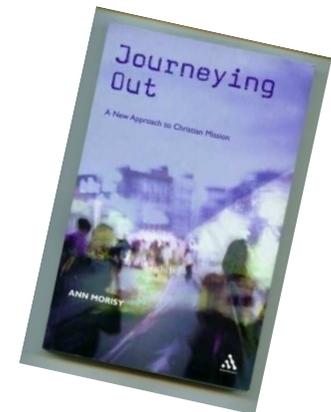
Our services:

- Skilled and friendly instructors
- A place specially adapted for people with disabilities
- A more healthy life – at no cost to you
- Call in now for a warm welcome



St Catherine's Church Services

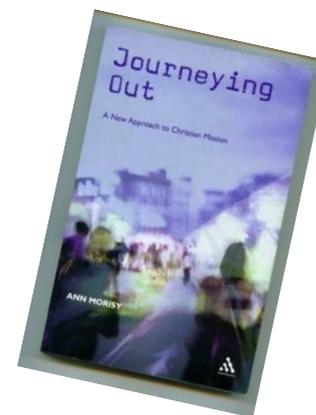
- 8.00 Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.00 Family Eucharist
- 6.00 Evensong (1st and 3rd Sundays)
Songs of Praise (2nd Sunday)
Holy Communion (4th Sunday)



St Catherine's

Our services:

- Explore wide perspectives on life and its challenges
- Values for your children
- Get involved in issues of concern
- Make sense of life with others
- Join a diverse accepting community
- Call in now for a warm welcome



**... it is not we who build. He
[Christ] wills to build the
church. No one builds the
church but Christ alone.**

***Dietrich Bonhoeffer
July 1933***

**Whoever is minded to build
the church is surely well on
the way to destroying it; for
he will build a temple to
idols without wishing or
knowing it.**

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer
July 1933*

**We must confess — he
builds. We must proclaim —
he builds. We must pray to
him — he builds.**

***Dietrich Bonhoeffer
July 1933***

**We do not know his plan.
We cannot see whether he is
building or pulling down.**

**Dietrich Bonhoeffer
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**It may be that the times
which by human standards
are times of collapse are for
him the great times of
building.**

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**It may be that the times
which from a human point
of view are great times for
the church are times when it
is pulled down.**

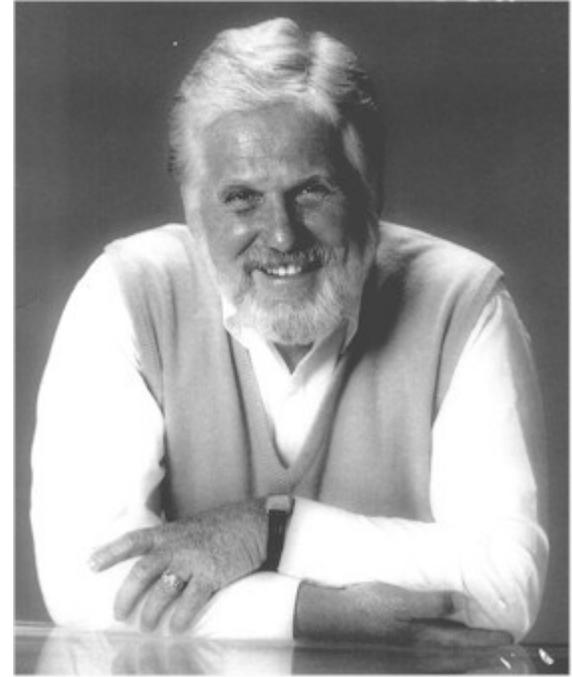
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It is a great comfort which Christ gives to his church: you confess, preach, bear witness to me, and I alone will build where it pleases me.

Do not meddle in what is my province.

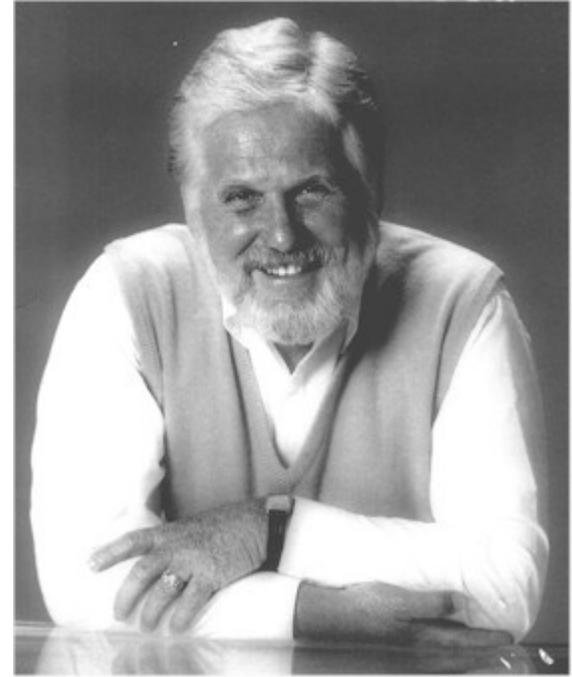
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**We do what we're
told. We pray for the
sick.**



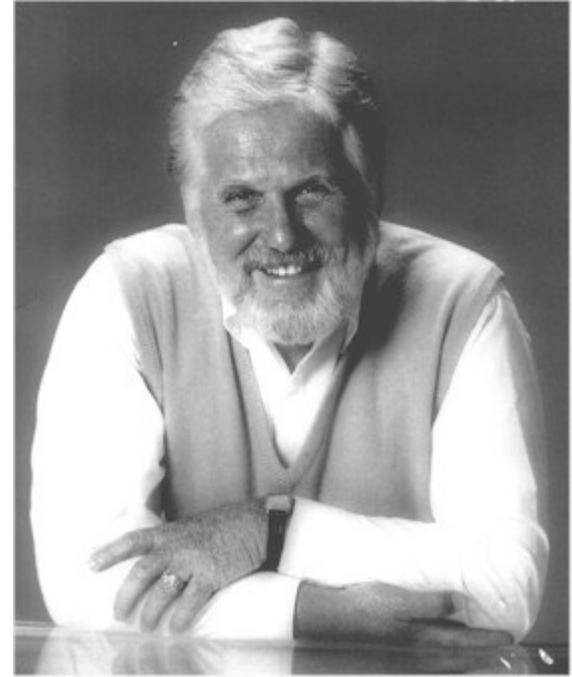
John Wimber

**Whether He heals
them is up to God.**



John Wimber

**It's not our job to get
God off the hook.**



John Wimber

**Jesus said
“I will build my church”.**

**He made no promise about anyone
else’s.**

Kerry Thorpe



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Where you're sitting, please form groups of three or four people.

What **interests** and **excites** me about what Paul has said on values and structures?

What **worries** me?