

The Church of the Holy Family

Statement of Ecumenical Vision

We reaffirm this statement which was made at our first United Service in 1971 that:

“We are here in the name of Jesus Christ. We believe he is present with us now, in the Spirit, as he promised. We come from different church traditions. We have committed ourselves to working together in this community. We have come now to listen to the Word which Jesus speaks to us, so that we may act upon it; and to join in the fellowship of His table, so that we may live out this fellowship in the world.”

(from the first United Service at Holy Family. Advent Sunday 1971)

This means that:

In worship we will:

Preserve the stability and atmosphere of our worship in communion with each other in Christ.

Seek to have more variety in words and music, using resources of all our traditions and with more lay leadership.

In sharing the Gospel we will:

Continue to be a visible Christian presence in the community as good neighbours.

Encourage and develop wider lay ministry and involvement in proclaiming the Gospel.

In serving the community we will:

Continue working with others in community organisations and making our buildings available.

Seek to use the available land for the service of church and community.

In caring for each other we will:

Continue to care for one another and allow others to care for us.

Seek to know new members better and listen to their stories.

In working with other Christians we will:

Preserve ecumenism as being ‘built into the fabric’ of our church and continue to seek ever greater visible Christian unity.

Seek to extend the ways we will listen to and learn from Christians in other traditions, and share our spiritual gifts, especially with other local Christian churches and groups.

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