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DEAREST CHURCH,

Look at what the Lord has done...

From generation to generation, Jesus is faithful!

God's hand of grace has so obviously been upon this church over the last 26 years. So many different lives and journeys, drawn together in what He is establishing. It is Jesus that builds His church and we are deeply grateful for the mosaic of people that we call 'C3 Church Ryde'. A glimpse of the bright and vast Kingdom of God.

Firstly, Liv & I want to say thank you.

Thank you for loving, pursuing and seeking Jesus first.

The health and vitality of your relationship with Him is evident in how you live your lives. Loving, compassionate, pure, generous, faithful, steadfast. This is our church:

"seed on good soil". It is the people of this church, and their persevering faith in Jesus that has shaped us both profoundly.

As we enter this new season, we want you to know Liv & I have prayerfully considered the privilege of leading this church that we all love. We do not step into this lightly or irreverently. We feel your supportive prayer, and we are so grateful for you.

With faith, we step into this new season, saying “yes” to Jesus all over again...

We may be in our 26th year as a church, but it feels like we are just getting started! My dad has often said that “none of us are as good as all of us”, and we wholeheartedly agree... Different generations, ethnicities, walks of life, all unified by Jesus and His saving grace.

And so... We ask that you fix your eyes on Him. He is our pioneer and He is our perfecter. He started this, He will sustain this, and He will complete this on the day of Christ Jesus. Church, the future is blazingly bright...

As we run with perseverance the race marked out for us!

All our love,

Will & Liv Green

Senior Ministers







*“But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble
and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by
persevering produce a crop.”*

Luke 8:15

A LETTER OF HOLY COMMISSIONING

To our deeply loved church family,

This is a very holy moment. A moment not born of men's ambition but of divine gravity and eternal significance. For "no one takes this honour for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was" (Hebrews 5:4). The mantle of leadership is never grasped—it is given. And today, with hearts filled with reverence, Cathie and I lay down what God entrusted to us and transfer it into the hands of William and Olivia.

We are reminded of those trembling disciples who, on the eve of Christ's Great Commission, stood before the risen Lord with both worship and doubt (Matthew 28:17). Jesus knew what they did not—that His Spirit would clothe them with power beyond their frailty. And so He commanded them, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). This was no commission into the limits of human strength but into the immeasurable sufficiency of His Spirit.

William and Olivia, though we are already convinced of your holy calling, your Christ-like character, your shepherd's heart for this precious flock, and the proven fruit of many faithful years, we know that leadership will bring moments when you will feel the weight of your limits. Yet here is our confidence: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you" (Acts 1:8). What God calls you to, He Himself supplies.

As Moses once laid his hands upon Joshua, so we echo his words to you: “Be strong and courageous, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you” (Deuteronomy 31:6). And we say this not alone, but with the chorus of this church, the fellowship of the C3 movement, and above all, that “great cloud of witnesses who surround us” (Hebrews 12:1), who cheer you on in the race appointed for you.

And so, with unshakable confidence we declare, “He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus” (Philippians 1:6).

Take courage, then, beloved ones, for the Father ordains it, the Son commissions it, the Spirit empowers it, and the Church affirms it. This is holy ground, and the Lord is with you.

We are very proud of the people you are.

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us...” (Ephesians 3:20). We lift our eyes to all that Jesus has ahead. This “seed on good soil” church community has been established to reach and build far beyond all of our lifetimes.

With all our love and faith,

Richard & Cathie

Founding Ministers









C3 Church Ryde was planted in 1999 with a heart to reach young disciples everywhere. We are a church that is modern in practice and traditional in belief. We believe what is summarised in the Nicene and Apostles' Creed and what mainstream Christian churches accept as foundational to Christian faith. We love belonging to our broader C3 movement, with vibrant churches all around the world.

This book captures our purposes and priorities, but also some of our heart as a church. There are countless testimonies of what The Lord has done. Knowing each church is uniquely graced, we are thankful to Jesus for what he is establishing here.

***“Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom. One generation
commends your works to another; they tell of
your mighty acts.” Psalm 145:3-4***

REA
& BU

ACK

WLO

April 29/4/99 1998 conference

NOTES

Outreach - until we get 12
New converts.

Pray in the Spirit - until vision
comes. Jude 20, 29.

* Get an acronym.

R.Y.D.E.

Reach
Young
Disciple
Everywhere

Pray

Pastor Richard's original journal entry
dreaming of a church in Ryde

TO REACH AND BUILD.

This is the vision of the church. The drive, the why, the mission. Jesus came to seek and save the lost, and the Great Commission given to us can be simply summarised in reaching and building. What we do as a church is because this is our purpose. Our upward devotion to Jesus is expressed in an outward direction.

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NIV)

*“Therefore go
and make
disciples of
all nations*

*...baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey
everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with
you always, to the very end of the age.”*

Matthew 28:19-20



**“THE WARMTH
& WELCOMING
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WITH A HEART
OF GENEROSITY,
COMPASSION &
AUTHENTICITY.”**

We've been a part of this church for the last 26 years. There are so many things we have come to love - the warmth and welcoming community with a heart of generosity, compassion and authenticity. We love the multicultural, multi-generational aspects of the community and we see a strong sense of unity in diversity. It is our family and my community. *Romans 8:28* says “...all things work together for good to those who love God and are called according to His purpose” and through life's ups and downs we have found this to be true.

Graeme & Robyn M

When I look back on my life I can see that God has been always there. He will never leave us or forsake us. I asked Jesus to come to my life and save me 20 years ago. I was a mum with two little boys. I had no money and no job. God opened up a new pathway and life for 3 of us. He has been my provider, my helper, my

everything - the biggest treasure I have. I love our church because it's very vibrant. We are all knitted together by the Holy Spirit. It does feel like a home - you can feel love, acceptance and joy.

**“WE ARE
ALL KNITTED
TOGETHER
BY THE
HOLY SPIRIT”**

Hana J



“JESUS CHANGED MY HEART, & CHANGED MY TRAJECTORY.”

I gave my life to Jesus at the age of 12 while at a C3 Ryde Youth Camp. Jesus changed my heart, and changed my trajectory. Now, many years later, I serve on the same youth team which prepared this camp all those years ago. I love seeing the subtle ways God orchestrates interactions. Who else but God could turn a conversation with a stranger about a bus schedule into a heartfelt conversation about faith? Helping an old lady with her groceries turning into an invite to church, and a yes! It blows my mind... the way God takes our small acts of obedience, and multiplies it to change the lives of countless, God-hungry people.

Bethany R



WORD & SPIRIT

VALUES OF C3 CHURCH RYDE

WE ARE DEVOTED TO JESUS IN WORD
AND SPIRIT. ENCOUNTERING JESUS IN
THE WORD AND APPLYING THE WORD
TO OUR LIVES. THERE IS NO PERSON,
ABILITY OR RESOURCE AS POWERFUL
TO CHANGE THE HUMAN HEART AS
THE ANOINTED WORD OF GOD, THAT'S
WHY IT'S OUR PRIORITY. IT'S WORD
AND SPIRIT EXPRESSED THROUGH THE
DEMONSTRATION OF THE FRUIT AND
GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT.



[Angel] Intergenerational, multicultural, vibrant and thriving! Love that C3 Ryde accurately represents the Ryde community at large and that the church does feel like heaven on earth. [Abiel] The first all-in celebration I attended was very memorable for me. There was such a strong sense of unity and togetherness. I love how diverse, warm, welcoming, inclusive C3 Ryde is. And that's all motivated by God's love. [Angel] My heart is to manifest the love of Jesus through my acts of service, especially for the elderly and the children. I am particularly inspired to give my time and talent to those who are in their last decades, months or days of life. ***"...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."* - Philippians 1:6**

Abiel & Angel P

"THIS CHURCH IS COLOURFUL, HOMELY, ACCEPTING & WELCOMING. IT FEELS LIKE A WARM HUG!"

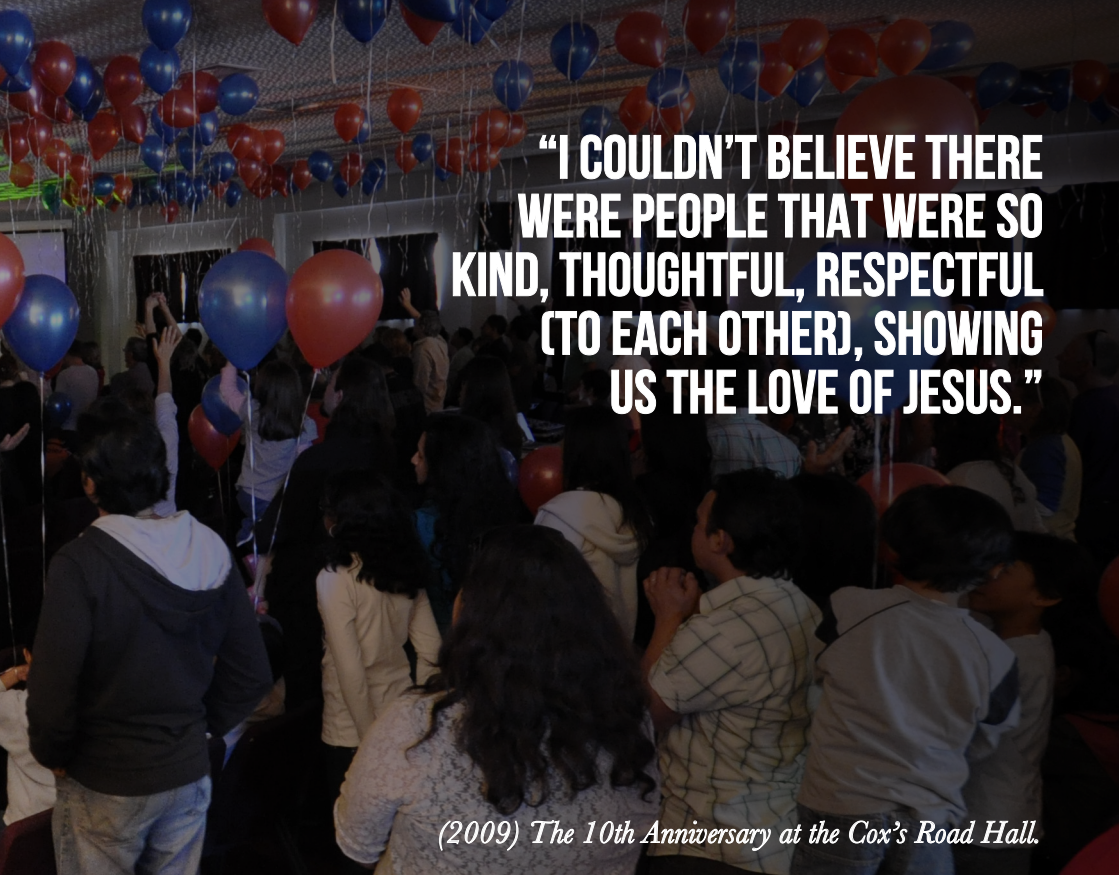
As a teenager I [Alice] drifted away from the Lord, but at 21 was given a second chance to ask Jesus back in my life. My relationship with Jesus has grown over the years, but I often think back to that child who learnt the power of prayer and of having Jesus to turn to! My favourite scriptures to remember when praying are ***Luke 1:37 (JUB)*** ***"For with God nothing is impossible"*** and ***Matthew 19:26 "...with God all things are possible"***. This church is colourful, homely, accepting and welcoming. It feels like a warm hug!

Alice & Colin M



As a 'sent' community, we want to be able to bring something to others and we're thankful that God is always wanting to fill us so we can do that. We want to be people who are sensitive to God's call in every situation - at home, work, with extended family, friends and just doing our day to day things like groceries. This church is a warm and welcoming community that just 'feels like home'. Genuine, kind people who love Jesus. ***"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."* - Hebrews 10:24-25**

Chris & Grace F



**“I COULDN'T BELIEVE THERE
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KIND, THOUGHTFUL, RESPECTFUL
(TO EACH OTHER), SHOWING
US THE LOVE OF JESUS.”**

(2009) The 10th Anniversary at the Cox's Road Hall.

I was saved in 2012, at the old community hall at Coxs Rd. I love the feeling of community, belonging and family. Wonderful amazing pastors! God has blessed us (James and myself) so much. I will never forget the day dear Gail Sinclair first brought around a group of young people to our old house for a working bee. That day, I couldn't believe there were people that were so kind, thoughtful, respectful (to each other), showing us the love of Jesus. I knew I wanted to be a part of something amazing like that, as soon as I could!

“...nothing can ever separate us from God's love” - Romans 8:38 (NLT) reassures us of that! Nothing above or below, nothing on this earth... not even life or death can separate us from God's love.

Robyn & James E

CULTURE OF EVANGELISM

VALUES OF C3 CHURCH RYDE

CULTURE IS DYNAMIC, FUELLED BY THE HEART
BEAT OF A COMMUNITY. JESUS' HEART BEAT
IS FOR ALL WHO ARE LOST AND SO IS OURS.
WE WANT EVERYTHING WE DO TO CONNECT
PEOPLE TO JESUS. WE BELIEVE IN MOMENTS
BUT ALSO A PROCESS. WE HAVE PROGRAMS
BUT ONLY IF THEY SUPPORT PEOPLE AND
RELATIONSHIPS. WE PRAY BECAUSE GOD IS
THE ONE WHO SOFTENS HEARTS AND WE PRAY
FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP US SPEAK AND
ACT WITH CLARITY. WHAT WE ARE BUILDING
IS A CULTURE, A SHARED EMOTION, A SHARED
COMMITMENT, WHERE EVERYTHING
CONNECTS THE LOST TO JESUS.



I was saved as a young teenager, while reading a bible my mother had given me. I had a sudden revelation of who Jesus was and it was like a light turning on in the darkness! That was over 45 years ago!! One verse that has helped me hold on during some significant struggles is *Isaiah 42:3...* ***“A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.”*** My favourite verse is *Micah 6:8* (because I especially like things summed up in a nutshell) ***“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”*** I love that there is no pretentiousness at C3 Ryde. It feels natural, like a family, where everyone is free to be authentically themselves.

Kim F

God has been at work in each stage of my life. As He placed me in a different city, university, or full-time work, God has positioned me to be a light. Walking in the Spirit and bearing Christ's light is something my heart always yearns for.

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.” - Matthew 5:14.

God's grace is what saves and sanctifies us everyday as we look to Jesus. A highlight for me was my baptism at

Easter in 2023. It is a very special memory for me, considering that although my family is overseas, I got to celebrate/be celebrated with my church family. What makes C3 Ryde unique is the people.

Neathen J

**“EVERYONE IS
FREE TO BE
AUTHENTICALLY
THEMSELVES”**



“THE WORLD CANNOT CONTAIN THE BOOKS OF OUR SPECIAL MOMENTS”

The world cannot contain the books of our special moments both in church, connect meetings and the fellowship outside the four walls. We are all SENT. The life we live outside of Church does matter. You can do a lot of preaching without saying a word, by your actions. It is our prayer that God will continue to use us in the silent ways He has been doing and also gives boldness and courage to do more.

“The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.” - 1 Thessalonians 5:24

Winston & Taiwo C



LOVE CHURCH

VALUES OF C3 CHURCH RYDE

THE LOCAL CHURCH IS THE HOPE OF THE
WORLD, A COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE IN DWELT
BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD, GATHERED TOGETHER
IN UNITY FOR THE CAUSE OF CHRIST. JESUS
LOVES THE CHURCH AND WE DO TOO. WE
ARE COMMITTED TO BUILDING THE CHURCH.
IT'S AN EXCITING PLACE WHERE PEOPLE
ENCOUNTER JESUS THROUGH WORSHIP,
WORD AND PEOPLE. IT'S A PLACE WHERE
PEOPLE GROW AND ARE EQUIPPED TO LIVE
LIFE FULLY ALIVE TO GOD AND EMPOWERED
TO REPRESENT CHRIST IN THE WORLD.

This church has a heart for people. It's caring, inclusive, friendly, faith-filled & fun. Being able to use my Auslan interpreting skills to provide an opportunity for Deaf people to connect with God is an honour. It's also great being able to encourage other people to learn Auslan by signing along with the worship songs, which takes worship to another, deeper level. Another special thing has been to see the growth of Alex Nyam, who first came along to Deaf Church back in the Lane Cove days, became a Christian & has grown through the years to be on the Deaf Church leadership team & then take on the Leader role. He's also now involved in the photography team at church, using some of his other God-given talents.

Margie & Richard D


I [Loy] gave my heart to the Lord on the 17th of November 1987 (I somehow just remember!). That's almost 40 years ago... Roel gave his heart to the Lord in 1991 (after meeting Loy. :) Roel and I and Audrey, Josiah and Sophia came to Sydney in 2004, and we have been in this church for 20 years next year. Each of the kids had the privilege of serving as Youth leader for the 9 am service, so celebrating our church's 26 years birthday has been so special. It is just wonderful to be part of our church community, and to know more of God and His goodness through what He accomplishes through our community. I want The Lord to continue to use me by bringing colleagues and students to my attention who need prayer, who need acts of kindness, and who need His word. ***“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” - 1 Peter 3:15***

Loy & Roel L

A photograph of a group of elderly people at a community event. In the center, a woman with short grey hair, wearing a light blue t-shirt with a lace collar and a patterned skirt, is clapping and smiling. To her left, another woman with blonde hair is also clapping. To her right, a man in a light blue shirt is partially visible, also clapping. The background is blurred, showing other people and indoor lighting. The overall mood is warm and joyful.

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A highlight for me [Luke] was day one of walking into Ryde. There was an immediate sense of belonging. The worship was thick with God's presence. I'll never forget the

amount of people who came to say hello to us. My heart (and the heart of C3 Ryde) can be described in this verse,

Galatians 6:14, "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." It's

a community that lives out its

faith every day (more than just a place to go on the weekend). There's a genuine desire among us to reach beyond ourselves and make a real impact, and the people here are unlike any other—a true family that supports and uplifts each other. My heart is to lead people to realise that God is all they need, as truly nothing else can satisfy.

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Luke & Liz H

TEAMS

VALUES OF C3 CHURCH RYDE

TEAMS ARE ABOUT DOING THINGS WITH
ONE HEART AND ONE MIND. THE
SYNERGY AND CREATIVITY THAT THE
SPIRIT OF GOD BRINGS TO A TEAM IS AN
INCREDIBLE FORCE. IT'S THE MOST
EFFECTIVE, SUSTAINABLE AND FUN WAY
TO DO MINISTRY. ALL OF OUR MINISTRY
IS DONE THROUGH TEAMS COMMITTED TO
THE VISION OF THE CHURCH.

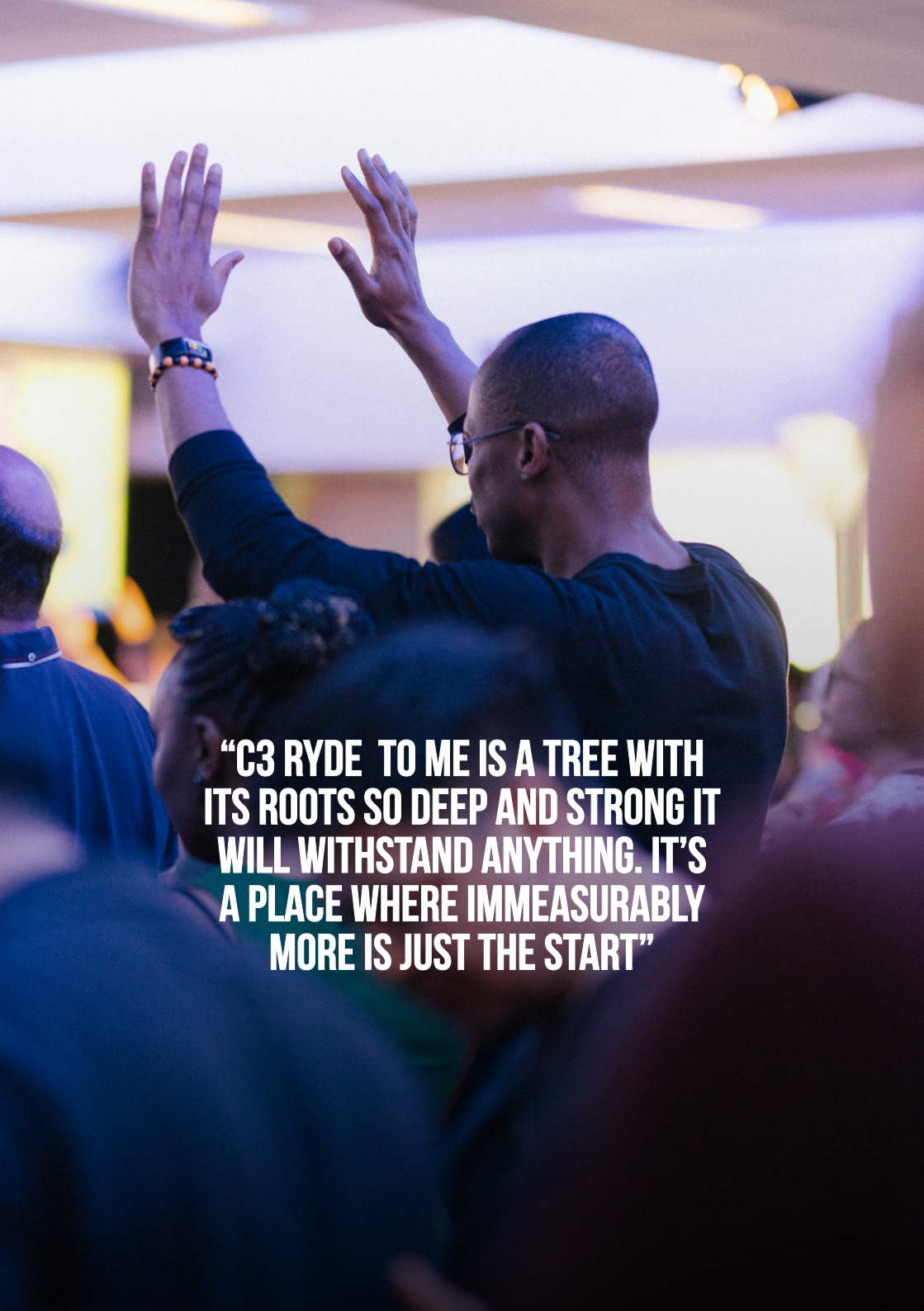
2018... 2 weeks into the 2nd term of high school, I went to youth and got saved for the first time. Youth Camp 2022 was when I decided to take my faith more seriously, recommitting my life fully to Jesus and started walking with Him again. I wouldn't be half the man I am today without the help and support of my youth leaders, and the friends I've met in youth ministry. This church gives so many opportunities to many different people - they take a chance on you. I believe that's what makes us unique... our willingness to see others grow and develop without focusing on personal gain. I really want God to move in my home. He already has and over the last few years my house has been transformed from a worldly place to a faith-filled home. I want God to help me shepherd my household spiritually. C3 Ryde is Home.

Lenyx W



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MORE IS JUST THE START”**

On our first week visiting Ryde, we went up and received prayer for a parent who had just received a dire cancer diagnosis. Not knowing who anyone was (and with everyone wearing masks due to the pandemic), we ended up having Richard pray with us and share a prophetic word that was exactly the comfort we needed at the time - and one that proved accurate in time. It was the no-nonsense and no-hype way that the church at Ryde moved with the Spirit and cared for people that struck us most. It was immediately clear that this was a healthy church and a place we wanted to set down roots and grow as a family. Ryde is a refreshing place. Refreshingly authentic, Spirit-filled, generous. As someone in the public eye, my biggest desire is to be inspiring rather than impressive and to point people to God - whose Spirit is my own inspiration.

Michael & Hailey M

C3 Ryde to me is a tree with its roots so deep and strong it will be able to withstand anything. It's a place where immeasurably more is just the start. Where humility is valued far above piousness. ***"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters"*** - ***Colossians 3:23***. Some days I don't know how a corporate job carries any spiritual purpose, but to be diligent with what/who God has entrusted me with seems simple enough. Ps Will shared something I have started praying when I tag my door pass to the entrance of my office at the beginning of the day "whether short time or long, I pray these people will become what I am". C3 Ryde reminds me of the parable of the workers, irrespective of whether our salvation is measured by decades or days, we are all equally valued and rewarded as part of God's beloved family.

Sharon L

EVERYONE'S A MINISTER

VALUES OF G3 CHURCH RYDE

**EVERY FOLLOWER OF CHRIST IS A
MINISTER. THE WORD MINISTER MEANS
SERVANT. AS MINISTERS/SERVANTS
WE ARE ALL CALLED TO TAKE FULL
RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR OWN GROWTH.
WE LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE
AND BE FRUITFUL. WE'RE ALWAYS
WORKING TOWARDS THE EFFECTIVE
INVESTMENT AND STEWARDSHIP OF
EVERY TALENT AND RESOURCE WE
HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH.**

“IT IS OUTWARD LOOKING, WITH A LOCAL AND GLOBAL INFLUENCE”

I [Peter] want the mercy and grace of God, that I have experienced so many, many times, to be seen in the way I live, care, serve, respond to others (both inside and outside of church). These passages in *Ephesians* are key. “*We have obtained an inheritance*” (1:11)...

“*are sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, the guarantee of our future*” (1:13-14)... “*are saved by grace, raised up and seated with Christ Jesus*” (2:5-8)... “*We are God’s handiwork*” (2:10). [Sue]

Over the long journey... Seeing my children and grandchildren get hooked on Jesus, finding their own place in the church to grow in their own journey with Christ, free to express and explore, serve and learn. This church is inclusive and embraces people of all life stages, faith stages, cultures and backgrounds; it is outward looking, with a local and global influence.

Peter & Sue M





We came here to Australia in August 2017, arriving with just our luggage. C3 Ryde is FAMILY, it is HOME away from home for many people like us who came from overseas. Since day one, C3 has never failed to make us feel accepted into this community. The warmth of everyone is what we love about C3 Ryde. We believe that God is interested in every detail of our lives, therefore we know that in

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everything we do, we can glorify God - whether it's preparing a presentation, a report or even as simple as having a coffee with a colleague is an opportunity to bring glory to Him. Both of us recommitted our lives to Jesus in 2009 in Dubai. A key verse for Xeniel is ***Romans 8:28, “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”***

For Raniel, a key verse is ***Jeremiah 29:11, “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”***

Xeniel & Raniel S

VALUE & DEVELOP PEOPLE

VALUES OF C3 CHURCH RYDE

WE BELIEVE IN PEOPLE, VALUING AND
DEVELOPING THE GOD-DREAM IN EACH
PERSON. PEOPLE ARE GIFTED AND LIVE
MOST FULLY ALIVE WHEN THEY USE THEIR
GIFTS TO LOVE GOD AND OTHERS. WE
CREATE CONTEXT FOR THE GOD-DREAM
TO BE DRAWN OUT AND DEVELOPED
THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS AND TRAINING.

OUR FOCUS IS REPRODUCIBLE,
MULTIPLIABLE AND LIFE TRANSFERABLE
MODELS. OUR ROLE IS HELPING OTHERS
DISCERN THEIR GOD DREAM AND RELEASE
THEM TO WHERE THEY CAN BE MOST
FRUITFUL, WHILE STAYING CONNECTED TO
THEM FOR THEIR PROGRESS AND JOY IN
THE FAITH.



**“C3 RYDE SHOWS THAT CHURCH IS NOT
A BUILDING IT IS HIS PEOPLE. A BODY
OF BELIEVERS SPURRING EACH OTHER
ON WITH THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF
BECOMING MORE LIKE JESUS”**



I stumbled upon Galatians 2:20 and the words jumped off the page into my heart and that was my ALL IN moment. Tears flowed from my eyes pouring out onto the page of my Bible. I couldn't explain what was happening except that I now knew what it meant to follow Jesus. By myself, on my balcony, with my Bible... just me and God. Since that day, I have been 110% in for Jesus and from that day my life has done a 180 flip on its head. The community of Ryde is like no other and has a unique feeling of 'home' to it. I've been so touched by the relationships I have formed in our church, to the point where I would not be where I am today without the people. C3 Ryde shows that Church is not a building (although ours is elite), it is His people. A body of believers spurring each other on with the ultimate goal of becoming more like Jesus. For me, that's the core of my church and my experience being planted in this amazing place.

Sam C



When I was young, one of my favourite occasions was when all of my cousins would go to my grandma's house for Christmas, and we would all eat, laugh, sing, pray & play together... Generations of family members would be present and interacting with one another - there was always a sacred feeling of joy & unity.

THIS is what every weekend feels like for me at Ryde...

Family. When I was 18, Ps Richard preached a message on *Ephesians 3:20-21*, which says *"Now to him who*

is able to do IMMEASURABLY MORE than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations..."

That sermon changed my life! Every day, my heart is a deep well of gratitude to Jesus because He has done and is doing

IMMEASURABLY MORE in my life than I could've ever

dreamed of. I know this is also true of our church. Ordinary people doing extraordinary things beyond what anyone could have ever dreamed, asked or imagined. Praise God.

Nathan & Jas W

I came to youth as a young teenager from a non-Christian household. After a few visits to youth I gave my life to Jesus. I had attended the kids program a few times prior to that but didn't have much of an understanding about what being a follower

of Jesus was about. Working in childcare I get to work with the younger generation, this is such a blessing to me as I get to show them the love of Jesus daily. I

believe that the next generation is such an important aspect of our church and is setting up many more wonderful years to come of C3 Ryde.


Courtney P

"THE NEXT GENERATION IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF OUR CHURCH"

**MULTI-
GENERATIONAL
CHURCH
INVESTING IN
THE FUTURE**

VALUES OF C3 CHURCH RYDE

**WE ARE BUILDING A MULTI-
GENERATIONAL CHURCH WHERE
YOUNG AND OLD FLOURISH TOGETHER.
A HERITAGE IS BUILT AND A LIFE
CHANGING CULTURE IS HANDED ON
TO THE FOLLOWING GENERATIONS,
A CULTURE OF SPIRITUAL
PARENTING AND INVESTMENT.**



**“SURROUNDED
BY GENEROUS,
LOVING,
DOWN-TO-EARTH
PEOPLE.”**

Twenty years ago a quiet, cynical, nihilistic, brooding teenager was invited by a friend to church. There I learnt acceptance, curiosity, flexibility, and surrender — all in a tonne of contexts to exercise skills and responsibilities, surrounded by generous, loving, down-to-earth people. I've gained confidence in independence and interdependence, have learnt from literally everyone I've had contact with, and seriously get to see how amazing diversity is! I've grown up with peers, found my other half, and now a new generation is springing up before us. I won't try and articulate how grateful I am to this treasured community. What a wild ride...

Tina & Dan R



I [Ram] love the community of C3 Church. It is small enough to get close to people, and big enough to make a difference in the world. I like to help out at church with the service crew. Apart from that in day-to-day context, I am just an ordinary person hoping to make the world a better place for the people close to me. An important scripture for me at this moment in time is ***“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go” - Joshua 1:9.***

“THE CHURCH IS FULL OF ENERGY & LIFE”

[Katy] I love the practical love and care. The church is full of energy and life. The leadership culture - capable, practical, with vision, yet so humble, caring, with no office politics or power grabbing. My heart has always been about equipping parents to put food on the table for their kids, I feel that gives dignity to parents, and can provide sense of security & stability for the kids when they grow up. I am also good at connecting with people in pain (physical and mental) and mental issues; God has used me in my previous work (physiotherapy) as well as in C3 cares in this sense. When I moved to Australia, a Christian friend gave me a bible as a farewell gift. That was the only book I had in Chinese, so I started reading it and that's when my journey started. I became a Christian in 1994.

Ram & Katy



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CHANGE

VALUES OF C3 CHURCH RYDE

WE CHANGE SO WE REMAIN RELEVANT.

OUR DESIRE IS TO BE INNOVATIVE
AGENTS OF CHANGE IN THE WORLD
IN WHICH WE LIVE. OUR STRUCTURES
ARE FLEXIBLE AND DYNAMIC TO SERVE
THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH AND
OUR STYLE IS CURRENT SO WE CAN
CONNECT WITH PEOPLE. WE WRITE AND
PLAY NEW SONGS. WE STRUCTURE FOR
THE NEW AND WE LIVE IN THE MOMENT.
WE LOVE THE TIME WE LIVE IN BECAUSE
IT'S WHERE GOD HAS PLACED US.



God has opened the doors to many wonderful opportunities in my short life, from work opportunities of my dreams to new and ‘uncomfortable’ yet fulfilling opportunities to spread his Gospel. I believe God has called me to work in my commercial work setting with full praise, unashamed love and glorification of God. God has allowed me to have honest and raw conversations with clients, business partners and industry professionals about faith in Jesus. He has opened doors for me to reach out to young men and testify of the goodness and greatness of God. C3 is a home away from home. A place I look forward to. A place that when I enter I feel at peace and as if I can be wholly myself. A place where the people (the congregation) feel like family, who support me, listen to me, guide me, invest in me, love me and stand beside me.

“IT IS UNLIKE ANY OTHER CHURCH I HAVE BEEN TO, IT HAS WELCOMED ME AS IF I HAD ALWAYS BEEN THERE.”

It is unlike any other church I have been to, it has welcomed and treated me as if I had always been there. It’s a place of comfort and of great learning. There’s the joyful intoxication of the Holy Spirit that sparks laughter, kindness, willingness to serve and share God’s love to the world. The verse I have been walking in this year is ***Galatians 1:10***. This year I have been shifting my focus to a ‘Yes’ for Jesus and a yes to the opportunities he presents me with to further his commission, my relationship with him and my love for him.

Henry C

I see the workplace as a place we're sent to go into and represent Jesus. I've seen that to serve/work with excellence, is an extremely powerful and somewhat countercultural way to approach the workplace - an attitude I've learnt serving at church, and now how I approach my work. From the moment I first visited C3 Ryde... the overwhelming feeling I had was "this feels like home". It's full of people who just love Jesus and love others. C3 Ryde isn't anything fancy, it's just real. I [Liv] was 21, I went through probably the most turbulent time with my family, but during that I experienced the most beautiful rallying from my church family. So many memories in that time that still make me cry, but out of gratitude for my church family. There's nothing like the people of C3 Ryde. Psalm 23 has always been a core scripture for me. ***"Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."*** - Psalm 23:6

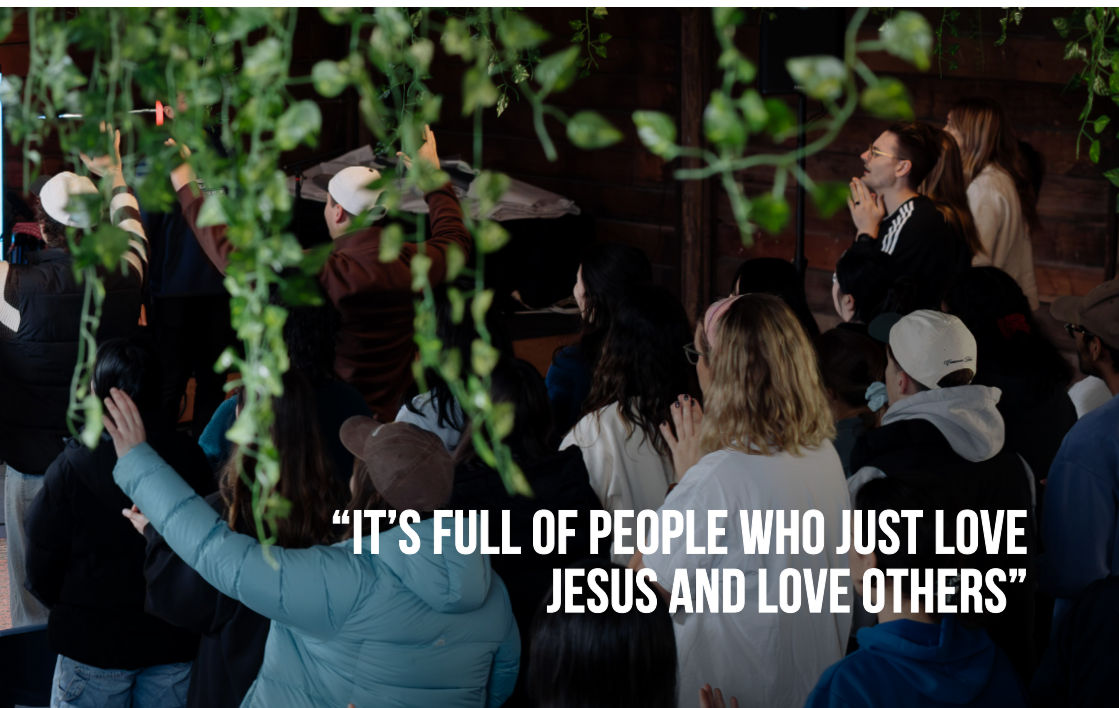
Liv & Joel W



I was born into a traditional Orthodox Christian family and decided to get baptised in 2012 in Bangalore, India. 13 years I have walked with Jesus. *Hebrews 11:1 says “Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see”*. I feel like clay in God’s hands and I want to ensure that the Gospel is heard in every corner of the world and that seed is planted in everyone’s hearts of the love of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. If its prophesying or investing into mission work or even a personal testimony, I want to bring people closer to Jesus.

C3 is my spiritual home here & my most memorable moment was our first month back in May 2018. During the greeting time Jeff Kendrew turned around and exchanged greetings and asked what I do. I said I had been hunting for a job for the past 6 months... He immediately prayed a powerful prayer for me and I landed a job in 4 days.

Anish & Esther



“IT’S FULL OF PEOPLE WHO JUST LOVE JESUS AND LOVE OTHERS”

LIFE RELATED COMMUNICATION

VALUES OF C3 CHURCH RYDE

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO JESUS IN
A WAY THAT RELATES TO THEIR
WORLD IS VITAL. SO WE ARE
COMMITTED TO COMMUNICATING
A MESSAGE OF FAITH, HOPE AND
LOVE IN WAYS THAT ARE EASY TO
UNDERSTAND, PRACTICAL AND
SPEAK TO LIFE'S DAY TO DAY ISSUES.

Five years ago, I walked through the doors of C3 Ryde - bright-eyed, hungry for Jesus and in the pursuit of finding a

community of passionate, all-in Christ-filled followers. I had no idea what God was about to do - and how profoundly the people of C3 Ryde would shape my journey and become intricately woven into my life. This church has been a family to me, a true

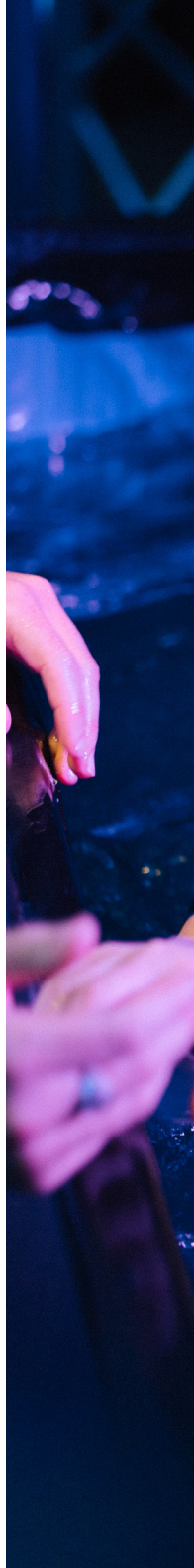
demonstration and outworking of *John 13:35*,

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” These years have been a gift from God, and incredibly foundational for me - being able to discover the gifts He has given me, grow in them and walk in the calling of my life. Truly, words cannot express the depth of my gratitude for C3 Church Ryde.

God has been so faithful.

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Issie B





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I was saved at the age of 19 while studying at university. I'd been troubled for a long time, and running for years from God.

Looking back on that journey, I absolutely know that God's grace was the only thing that rescued me. I think that is what has given me so much empathy for people who struggle... and then inclined me toward intercession, pleading with God for people. I love that C3 Ryde is a Christ-centred, humble church. And I've seen that at the same time, it has a dynamic vision, reaching locally (especially to the poor) and out to many overseas churches — big and small communities. The fact that many of the church members and staff have served at C3 Ryde for decades - I think that is a wonderful testament to their own hearts and the heart of our church.

Sue H

Our church is an oasis, a vibrant, replenishing, refreshing place of joy and belonging whilst at the same time being a safe haven, place of rest and peace. I want to be more like Jesus, and honour him more and more. God has used me to show grace and favour, to serve and be a blessing encourager to people. I want God to use me in all I do, more and more, less of me, I want to shine and reflect the God of all creation — his mercy, grace, forgiveness, hope & joy.

Peter & Sherina S

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

VALUES OF C3 CHURCH RYDE

**EVERYTHING WE DO IS THROUGH
RELATIONSHIPS. WE PARTNER WITH
LIKE MINDED CHURCHES, LEADERS
AND MINISTERS AROUND THE WORLD
WHO ARE WORKING TOWARDS
SEEING CHURCHES PLANTED AND
PEOPLE REACHED AND BUILT.**





