

Take the 3x2 Challenge in 2024



**If you don't stretch,
You don't grow**

Choose 2 new challenges from 3 key growth areas, and work at them through 2024

Pick 2 ways to grow in your **personal convictions** and 2 ways to grow in your **witness to others**, and 2 ways to grow in your **loving service**.

Some are easier than others, some are pretty tough, but they are all worth a go. Pick a couple that you expect will stretch you and give you every opportunity to grow.





Obviously you could do these on your own, but why not let us (St John's Parish Council) know what you plan to do, because we would be glad to make contact with you once or twice along the way with encouragement, suggestions and resources.



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Which 2 new challenges are you trying?
(Place the number in the box below)

Personal convictions

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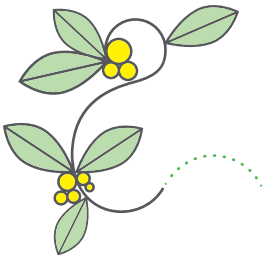
Witness to others

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Loving service

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Growth area 3

Growing a church of fruitful followers of Christ – loving service!

- Invite a newcomer back for a meal
- Become a contact person for one of our mission partners
- Engage in the Ministry Leaders' training
- Be involved in Kids' church / Youth Church
- Pray for the life and events of our church
- Join in a midweek ministry of our church (playgroup, mainly music, nursing home services, youth group...)
- Extend hospitality to others at church
- Pay someone from church a visit
- Make a phone call to someone from church once a month
- Meet someone different from church each month / term
- Find a new way to serve your congregation on the Sunday roster



We want to grow fruitful followers of Christ, within our own church community, and among our contacts in the wider community, and so are committed to shaping all our organisational structures to facilitate such growth.

Growth speaks of life and vitality. We all long for growth. We want to feel that we are growing, and we want to see fruit in our own lives, and in the lives of others we love. We want to be part of a church that is growing.

The opposite is to stagnate or even decline. For most of us, this is what we fear. It makes all of life feel stale and unsatisfying.

And so, not surprisingly, growth is at the centre of god's purpose and desire for his people, his church. Just think of some of the Bible's many metaphors: the tree planted by streams of water (Ps. 21), the fruitful vine lovingly pruned (Jn. 15). NIV. Indeed, listen to the way the apostle Paul expresses this aim in Ephesians 4:13: until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Here at St John's, we're committed to growing fruitful followers of Christ. And we want it to be more than a statement of our desire, but something which we prayerfully put into practice.

This booklet is one strategy, (of many at St John's), where we're looking to put our map to work in our own lives. All of what follows are suggestions aiming at practical ways in which God might grow us to greater maturity in Christ. We're calling this strategy The 3x2 Challenge.

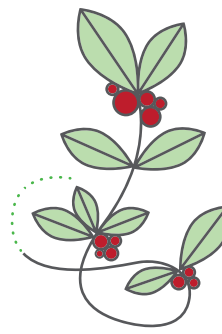
Are you willing to take the 3x2 Challenge? Read your way through the three growing fruitful follower of Christ areas and pick two new challenges in each area which will stretch you and – God willing – grow you in 2024.



Growth area 1

Growing a church of fruitful followers of Christ – personal convictions!

- Use the Daily Bible Reading notes
- Read through the bible in a year
- Read a recommended Christian book and review it
- Attend a book club
- Enrol in a Ridley Certificate Course
- Attend our church's Spring School
- Attend our Church Camp
- Attend / participate in a Christian conference / convention
- Join a small group
- Form a prayer triplet



Growth area 2

Growing a church of fruitful followers of Christ – witness to others!

- Try hospitality evangelism
- Invite someone to our Easter / Christmas services
- Get involved in / organise a "Christianity Explained" course
- Commit to praying for a friend, family member or colleague
- Join in doorknocking
- Build a friendship for Christ
- Learn a gospel tract and share it
- Develop your testimony and share it
- Put on a dialogue meeting for your family / friends
- Join in a Beach Mission (SUFM) team
- As a small group, support an outreach / evangelism initiative together