

## Mission Partners 2018-2019

1. **JP and Sue Aranzullas with Crosslinks** – JP is pastor of Forte Torre church in Bologna, Italy.
2. **David and Ruth Lowry with Wycliffe Bible Translators** – David translates scriptures into the Karon language in Dakar, Senegal.
3. **Stephen and Deborah Pachts with Jews for Jesus** – The Pachts work to further the gospel among Jewish people in Geneva, Switzerland.
4. **Paul and Jill Jump at St Clement's Church, Manchester** – to support the church's growing youth ministry in a deprived community.
5. **John and Jenny Miller with Crosslinks** – John is a senior lecturer at Johannesburg Bible College (JBC), South Africa. JBC trains and raises leaders.
6. **Katsutoshi and Yukiko Shimizu with Japan Christian Link** – They work in strategic gospel ministry among Japanese expatriates in London.
7. **London City Mission** – ministry among the vulnerable homeless street population in Kings Cross and Camden, offering spiritual, relational and practical support.
8. **Operation Mobilisation** – ministry of Logos Hope ship; renovating the icafe, a central place on the ship where many conversations happen with locals and crew.
9. **Oakhill Theological College, London** – support towards the cost of training of future evangelical ministers and leaders.
10. **Open Doors** – support of their general ministry where the needs are greatest among the persecuted Christians worldwide.

## Vision for SJDH November 2018



### 1. Where we've come from

*Knowing Jesus better and making Jesus better known*

### 2. Feedback from vision evenings in April 2018

<b>"What we love"</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biblical teaching</li> <li>• warmth of fellowship</li> <li>• opportunities for serving</li> <li>• building and location</li> <li>• style of services</li> <li>• children's and youth work</li> <li>• international diversity</li> </ul>	<b>"What we do well"</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bible teaching</li> <li>• children's and youth work</li> <li>• special events e.g. BBQ's, concerts, Lunar New Year</li> <li>• range of skills and gifts in church family</li> </ul>
<b>"What we could do better"</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engaging better with older teens</li> <li>• More resources and support for single people and those married to non-Christians</li> <li>• pastoral care / outreach with the vulnerable within, on the fringes and outside the church</li> <li>• clarify and improve our governance structures</li> <li>• boost profile of prayer including monthly prayer meeting</li> <li>• equip people for serving on front line at work and in the world</li> <li>• use building more creatively midweek</li> <li>• improve socio-economic diversity</li> <li>• be more outward looking and mission-focused</li> </ul>	<b>"What we'd love to see in 5 years"</b> Essentially a church doing the things on the bottom left!

### 3. Our refreshed vision for St John's

*Living for Jesus, sharing his good news*

We are being:

**Transformed** by his grace  
and **equipped** by his word  
**to serve** in his world.

How do we describe ourselves as a church?

- A growing Anglican evangelical church of all ages from many backgrounds and nations
- Committed to the prayerful preaching and living out of God's word in the power of the Holy Spirit
- Ambassadors for Christ in our communities, workplaces and networks
- Disciple-making disciples of Christ in all areas of our lives
- Whole-hearted and joyful servants of Christ in the church and in the world
- Partners in the gospel with gospel-workers and churches in the UK and worldwide

### 4. How will we do this, under God?

The big picture – with God's help and guidance we will

- Continue in the ministry of word and prayer
- Continue to emphasise the importance of small groups in the life of the church, including their role as the primary (but not sole) context in which pastoral care can happen most effectively
- Focus on whole-life service, engaging with the fringe and equipping the whole church for evangelism and service in the church and in the world

Some prayerfully considered concrete aims for the next year, recognising God's sovereignty and our frailty:

- Begin to clarify our governance structures in order to ensure a Biblical pattern of church leadership with meaningful input from the wider church family
- Review our staffing to ensure the staff team is as well-equipped as possible to facilitate our vision, especially in perceived areas of weaknesses
- Review our work with teenagers and consider possibilities in engaging some of them in the evening service
- Introduce our new church management system, ChurchBuilder, to assist with communication and admin
- Repair the balcony and return to normal use
- Review sound/AV technology in the building and consider the possibility of projection screens for services

"It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, some to pastors and teachers,  
to prepare God's people for works of service,  
so that the body of Christ may be built up  
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 fulness of Christ." Ephesians 4:11-13