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WELCOME

John 15:1-5

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵ "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

As we draw closer to the end of 2020, the season of Advent and our celebrations of Christmas, we are challenged to stand for a moment in the busyness and look back over the year and to also look forward at what is to come. This is a discipline for us, as the local church, in that discipline, we are reminded that the most trustworthy wisdom of all comes not from outside sources, but from God working through us and in us. Participation in this discipline allows us to discern what is at the root of our actions and decisions and prepares us well to respond to God's promptings as our Lord comes, addresses, leads and deals with us, rather than simply reacting to the world around us.

As you read and hear of some of the ministry taking place around our church you will see that each person has chosen a scripture verse that reflects their current ministry, and they have also added a few prayer points for their ministry - I hope that this set of reports will be useful to you over the year as you pray for our church and the ministry that takes place. I have chosen a reading from John's gospel that calls us to abide in Christ, to stay connected to him and the places where he is working and bearing fruit, it is also a passage that shows the need for growth and change and calls us to be a part of that transformation, as our stability and traditions do remain important! The passage also highlights the importance of our roots, found in our traditions, our stories and the teachings of the church - these are the place of our strong foundation coming out of a deep relationship with God through Christ.

As you read of the ministry happening in and around the life of the church in the various reports you receive, look for the Work of God, look for the love of neighbour and love of God, look for the story of the Gospel and how others are finding a language to share it and live it - and be encouraged. Look for the values we have been working from throughout the year in the reports:

CityView Uniting Church @ U City exists to become a growing movement of people networked together by a common invitation; to encounter, embody, and extend the hope of Christ across Adelaide.

Minister's Report

Andrew Robertson
CityView Uniting Church
November 2020

2020 has been a year like no other in my lifetime and I am guessing the same for you as well. COVID 19 has changed so many things and it has opened our hearts and minds to our own vulnerabilities and the need to trust others and also the needs and concerns of others. Thanks to our incredible team of people we have been able to continue to gather and worship and develop a hybrid model where we have really tried to balance online / virtual gatherings with actual face to face gatherings. We have had 18 weeks in a row with online only services and small groups, for some of you that was a real challenge! BUT the team managed to do this better and better each week and I personally loved seeing the music team figure out how to lead us in music and singing so powerfully from our own lounge rooms! The opportunity that this strange season in the world has created is an incredible opportunity. We have been forced to move to online much quicker than expected and it has opened us up to different opportunities and ways of extending hope and loving our neighbours! We have continued to invest in our community and now have the equipment and skills to do video and online formats really quite well. And we have been able to manage worshipping in person and online.

I have enjoyed seeing the number of people participating in our community gatherings, in our set up, and pack down, in sharing the readings, leading our call to worship, music teams and family time, audio and visual desk and in hospitality and pastoral care. Thank you for stepping into some challenging spaces and having a go. We are building a culture, that allows us to hold each other gently, to hear stories and ideas and interpretations and being ok with difference, and to celebrate the diversity in this place! I am confident that we have not got everything perfect and look forward to hearing and incorporating the ideas of each other as the Spirit guides us. So my comment to each one of you is THANKYOU!!!

Discipleship and living our faith in a real and authentic way is at the core of who we are becoming. You will have heard a consistent challenge this year to NOTICE God in your everyday, to look for the work of the spirit and act in that space. I hope you have been challenged to explore the places of anxiety and hurt and discern if God is teaching you something in that as well. Our God is a God who acts not only in on beats of life, but those off beat moments as well!!

Hopefully you have had a chance to join in a small group, a bible study, a meal, a prayer time or simply engaged in our gathering on Sundays - please engage with our online presence on facebook, Instagram, youtube or our website.

The model of Think Tanks and having intentional conversations is something we are anticipating growing into 2021 - for now our only think tank has been exploring identity through an Asian Australian lens. But in the future, we have planned climate change and leadership.

WHERE MIGHT WE HAVE AN IMPACT?

As a church it's always nice to think we will have an impact on society, it's important to plan to have an impact and share the gospel in various different ways. Our force for impact is each other, our workplaces and our ability to share life with others to know their stories and experiences and help them understand where God's story might interact. I wonder what God might be calling you to do and say - If you sense a calling to act and become, to extend hope Cyrus and I would love to assist you further.

As we develop our culture in this place, we are learning the importance of stories and the importance of looking for places of overlap - we are an ethnically diverse community, we are theologically diverse, generationally diverse and what we are learning is the glimmers of overlap that allow us to be blessed by the Spirit. The conversations and the wonder at our differences, and our ability to hold them - IS A GIFT to the wider church and to our society. We will impact our denomination, but I truly believe we will impact other denominations, independent faith communities, and even our society at large. Let that sit with you, and allow your Joy to spur you on!

We are in an amazing facility in U City and we have had some opportunities to integrate with Uniting Communities and the amazing social services and advocacy mission that they deliver and COVID has slowed that down this year, but the connections and the relationships are developing! I encourage you to discern and explore - our leadership are always looking to develop connections in the places you are passionate!

INVOLVEMENT IN THE WIDER UNITING CHURCH

One of the reasons we have an afternoon service is that we want to be able to resource different communities, in many varied ways – Our leadership team have preached and ministered in various ways across the state and use our voices to speak into the Uniting Church and its councils.

- Uniting Church SA Standing Committee
- Strategic Planning Working Group
- Uniting Church Communications Team review
- Appointment process for Executive Officer Engagement
- Media Com Board

CHALLENGES/ OPPORTUNITIES OF BEING IN A MULTI USE SPACE

A church plant in a multi-use space is always going to be difficult and for us this is emphasised as we are more than tenants we are partners with Uniting Communities and actually have a memorandum of understanding which describes the hopes and possibilities of this relationship – I feel this is a real place of opportunity for us moving into 2021.

STRUCTURAL CHANGES

JOINING WITH THE NEW PRESBYTERY

The Uniting Church in South Australia has been dealing with many structural changes as we have moved from a single presbytery model to a three-presbytery model. For most of us this might not make a difference but the people we report to and how we move through the institution has changed quite significantly this year. So with every uniting church we are creating and learning many new pathways.

We are currently members of the Presbytery of Southern SA – A geographically formed presbytery. We would be happy to explore with you the structure of the Uniting Church and its councils if you are interested.

PASTORAL ISSUES

The pastoral issues across the church and those connected to the church have been diverse. Serious illness, grief & loss, depression, relationship concerns, faith crisis, employment struggles, marriage preparations have been a part of the pastoral ministry in the past year. We are truly trying to be a local church for people, not just those in church regularly but for those who connect in times of struggle, I have seen the caring side of this community on action many times. I

have been encouraged over and over to see the way the church has responded to many of these concerns sometimes in support, listening, prayer and practical help. Pastoral care is difficult when we start to look at systems and procedures, Small Groups are the best access to support and care and I encourage you to join one, please come and ask me about it. If you see need in the church community do not hesitate to speak to our church council and ask for support or care or to make a time with me. There are many people in our church who are wonderful pastoral carers and I want to share my thanks again for your ministry - and I really appreciate when I am kept informed of peoples health and struggles, if it is appropriate, so I can pray and connect!

FINANCE

This has been an area of God's provision and transformation. As you reflect on our financial report, I ask you to sit and reflect on the journey we have been and the sacrifice and generosity of our church family and the wider church that has brought us to a place from which we may have a stable financial platform. Finances present a very challenging conversation, but in this report you will see God's provision, beyond what we might have expected - this is an affirmation of our ministry path!

I have a wonderful hope that the generosity of our community and a willingness of this community to be led by the Spirit will see new and courageous ministries start and develop. Where we sponsor, coach, support, send and commission men and women.

I feel like we have NOT LAUNCHED YET - every time we feel like there is momentum something has delayed us or made us pause, and I wonder if this season of COVID marks a place where Adelaide, and the people we know are getting ready for a NEW START - a LAUNCH into a courageous adventure of hope, faith and love

And so I would like us all to stop for a moment and celebrate the wonderful work of the Spirit, calling people to mission, to participation and into a life of repentance and forgiveness!! May you know the peace of Christ in this coming Advent and Christmas Season. May you receive rest, recovery, and nourishment for the journey into 2021

Prayer Points

- Pray for the leaders of our church, the minister(s), council members and the team leaders of the ministry areas across our church and their families. Pray that they might grow as disciples connected to the vine that is Jesus the Christ.
- Pray that God would continue to raise up and call people into positions of effective and fruitful ministry. We need people to assist in children's ministry, tech ministry, hospitality and helpers in all areas of the church.
- Pray that we would be a people that notice God at work in others and see their ministry potential and not simply recognise it but support them into a life of mission.
- Pray for the members of our congregation, that they would have the courage to invite others into the life of hope and promise that they know in their faith. Pray that people would know the freedom and Joy of the Gospel and that people outside of the church would be able to see the difference a faith in Christ makes.
- Pray for discernment in your own life, that you would know Christ and that you would hear the call to follow in clear and powerful way

God Bless

Andrew Robertson



**Associate Pastor
Cyrus Kung**



Where have we been? and where are we going? Two questions that have become increasingly difficult to answer in 2020. The disruption to our lives have made it difficult to count the things we have done, and makes it nearly impossible to plan for the future. Early on in the year just as lock down was upon us there was a sentiment of how we as the Church, might be called to slow down in this season. We as busy bee's and movement junkies might need to pause and notice where God might be in our midst. This has been no easy feat as many of us may have found ourselves even busier than before. I don't want to play down the disenfranchisement many have felt over the year and want to make room for our grief and lament of the year gone passed. However, we must also remember that there is a still small voice whispering to us now, in the present. Where is God now? How have we noticed his presence in the daily rhythms of life.

Like many people this year I have begun walking and moving outside a little more than usual. In this practice I have noticed the birds that keep on chirping and the new blossoms of flower and weeds that continue to grow. As I have now been spending more time in the city again, I see life continue to move by. I see strangers smiling at one another, friendships blossoming

as people meet in cafes together. I see life, beginning to emerge and I see God still at work. God's movement has not changed but over this year I have seen and heard the still small voice of God in places i might not have imagined previously. I have seen it in the care and compassion shown in our small groups, I have seen it in new relationships being formed amongst our diversity. I have seen people try, and try again to relate to those whom they may not usually relate to. I have seen us gather for worship, and create meaningful symbols and practices together. I have seen a worshipping community grow even in the midst of lockdown. I lament that I have not seen God in the places that I would usually and are accustomed to see God, but this year I have also learnt and become aware of seeing God in places that we different to 2019. I would love to give thanks for this, because seeing God in these places seeing God in stories that are different to mine have widened and deepen my understanding of the living God that dwells among us.

My hope moving forward may not yet be able to include concrete goals and clean cut decisions (our context right now does not allow for this) but i do believe it will involve a community that is listening to that still small voice and paying attention to what God is doing in our midst. Let's share these reflections together, let's continue to see the new life that's blooming in the midst of the chaos around us.

Music Team Report Angela & Evan

This year has been a challenging year, but equally rewarding year for us in regard to music ministry here at CityView Uniting. We started the year with our usual live music at services with our awesome team. But as COVID-19 forced us into lockdown we had to adapt to get our music online. As you may have noticed it was initially a struggle with many different ideas tried but eventually, we got into the swing of it with pre-recorded songs. We were particularly appreciative of members of our team who helped out with recording songs or picking songs and writing a reflection for that song. As we have transitioned back into live services again, we have opted to keep our music teams smaller from a COVID-19 perspective, as well as to have some consistency and to avoid burn out. We really hope that our team engage with God in their own way, allowing it to trickle into the life of the church and be lived out in everyday life. We also hope that the music we bring to Sunday services engages you and allows you to connect to God.

We'd also love to hear from you if you ever have any feedback. We really appreciate it because it means we can have a gauge on how you are engaging with the music – good or bad. Additionally, if you'd like to be a part of the music team, we would love to hear from you! There is no age or skill limits!

- 1) We hope that our team continues to grow. This could be in the form of numbers in our team, or in our teams ability to lead songs and this form of worship with the congregation.

2) Matthew 20: 1-16

This verse encourages me to think about how I treat those around me and learn to treat everyone equally no matter what.

- 3) A challenge was figuring out how to best get music from a live platform to the online platform. A joy we've had is coming back and enjoying playing and singing together.



- 4) Pray for people who have been isolated from their communities this year due to COVID-19

I also share the hope that Evan has for the CityView music team. I hope that God will continue to grow us in ways that draw us to lean into Him more and more ever everyday.

Luke 10:38-42 The story of Mary and Martha has also challenged me in some way shape or form. As a person with a busy schedule who is keen to serve, this passage helps me place a Godly perspective on topics such as priorities, time management and faith.

- 1 joy) Experiencing the way God has moved in our team to transition and engage smoothly into online music worship.
- 1 challenge) Engaging in pastoral care as leader has also been something I've asked God to give me more guidance on. It is my hope that He will continue to mould me in such ways. Prayer points –
- Looking forward to gathering as a full worship team in the near future for some exciting events!

Finance - Treasurers report

Roland Franklin

Notes to Finance Presentation

Expenditure

- Ministry consists of Wages and Salaries of our two Ministers.
- Major Equipment is the sound equipment we are now using.
- Computer supplies are New Admin/Treasurer's computer and Antivirus software.
- Administration expenses are General Admin and Car Parking Vouchers.

Receipts

- Grants are to offset the cost of wages while the Church is in startup mode. Mainly from the Synod and Uniting communities supplied under various agreements.
- Sundry Income – Startup Capital from Synod, Foundation 4100 and a Funds transfer from the City Soul Church.

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Balance Sheet

As of December 2019

Assets		
Cash On Hand		
UC Invest 245620	\$79,606.74	
Receivables		
Trade Debtors	\$10,318.94	
Total Assets		\$89,925.68
Liabilities		
GST liabilities		
GST Paid	-\$1,698.82	
Other Liabilities		
Long Service Leave Provision	\$288.12	
Total Liabilities		-\$1,410.70
Net Assets		\$91,336.38
Equity		
Current Year Earnings	\$91,336.38	
Total Equity		\$91,336.38

This report includes Year-End Adjustments.

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Profit & Loss Statement

July 2019 To December 2019

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Income		
Offerings		
Offerings	\$1,380.65	
Interest and Dividends		
Interest Received	\$303.83	
Grants		
Grant income	\$39,782.56	
Other Income		
Sundry Income	\$113,166.62	
Total Income		\$154,633.66
Gross Profit		\$154,633.66
Expenses		
Stipend and Allowances		
Ministerial Stipends	\$45,399.55	
Ministerial Charges	\$1,202.67	
Other Salaries Pastoral		
Other Salaries Sundry		
Admin Wages	\$163.95	
Administration Expenses		
General Administration	\$549.82	
Computer Supplies	\$1,121.18	
Car Parking	\$381.82	
Mission and Service		
Worship & Other ministerial	\$1,151.82	
Hospitality		
Food & Drinks	\$430.62	
Hospitality Other	\$235.45	
Donations&Fundraising Expenses		
General Fundraising Expenses	\$109.07	
Property Expenses		
Maintenance Church	\$450.00	
Major Equipment	\$12,033.20	
Youth and Childrens Ministry		
Childrens Ministry	\$68.13	
Total Expenses		\$63,297.28
Operating Profit		\$91,336.38
Total Non Operating Income		\$0.00
Total Non Operating Expenses		\$0.00
Net Profit/(Loss)		\$91,336.38

This report includes Year-End Adjustments.

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CORE TEAM REFLECTIONS

Cyrus Kung

1. I Hope that we will be a community that continue to strive to understand one another. One that continue to rock up to the conversation even when things look difficult, different and uncomfortable. I Hope we do this not from a place of self torture and penance but from a place of curiosity and love for the other. I hope we will be a community that authentically seeks the truth of who God is by exploring the stories of encounter that our brother, sister, cousin, husband of a distant aunt 3 times removed have had with the living God.
2. Luke 7:34 34 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.'
Jesus enjoyed the company of those he lived life and did ministry with. He sacrificed and strived no doubt, but he also enjoyed life. So much so that people accused him of being a glutton and a drunkard. This passage has been shaping and challenging ministry for as I seek to look after myself BUT also enjoy and be grateful for the ministry we get to do together!
3. A joy has been having the time to slow down this year, I know this has not been the case for everybody but no doubt for me I have been able to give myself permission to be more present with God.
A challenge has been lamenting the state of the world. Entering into the sufferings around the world and remembering even though things have not gone great for us here in Adelaide, there have been some disasters across the world this year.
4. I would like to pray for strength and character building as we hear stories that might make us feel uncomfortable.

Tansey Chen

1) What is a HOPE you have for the CityView Church?

My hope is that we are an authentic group of people.

We are real.

We treat each other with kindness and respect.

2) What Bible Story or passage is shaping you and your ministry at the moment?

(2Cor12:8-9) //Grace covers all//

Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

I have perfectionist tendencies and to my own detriment, I can spend too much time worrying about being good enough and it can project onto others too. God's grace reminds me of the truest sense of serenity, it's showing me that it's ok to be kind to myself when my negative self talk overrides my life, and that is not being selfish.

3) Share 1 joy and 1 challenge of the past 12 months for you.

A joy for me this year has been my walks to work and back. It's been a quality time for healing, taking a moment to breath, practice being mindful, present and aware of God and the movement of his spirit in me and around me.

My challenge continues to be present in the moments. At times I can be focused on what to do and forget to notice what's going on around me, the people.

4) List any prayer points you have for our community.

- My prayer for our community is the same as my hope, that is to be a people who are real with one another, not afraid of judgement, not fearing rejection and actively practicing love and grace with each other.

Stuart Honey

1. My hope is that we are a growing community of believers who are actively engaged in the wider community.
2. [Psalm 42 v 5](#)- Reminds me, particularly in what has been a very strange year that even in the depths of despair that we can praise God and that he will be there. It encourages me to rely not on my own understanding but on God and his grace and peace.
3. I am Joyful in my family's health and wellbeing, and in this year of craziness we have been able to discover increased flexibility in managing the needs of our family and increasing the time spent together. I am constantly challenged in balancing my responsibilities and my faith with the needs and expectations of the secular world around me. Knowing that how I engage in my daily life is a reflection of my faith.
4. My Prayer is that as a community of faith we would see opportunities open up to engage in the wider community including the wider church and that we would gladly resource and commit to those opportunities.



Jo Robertson

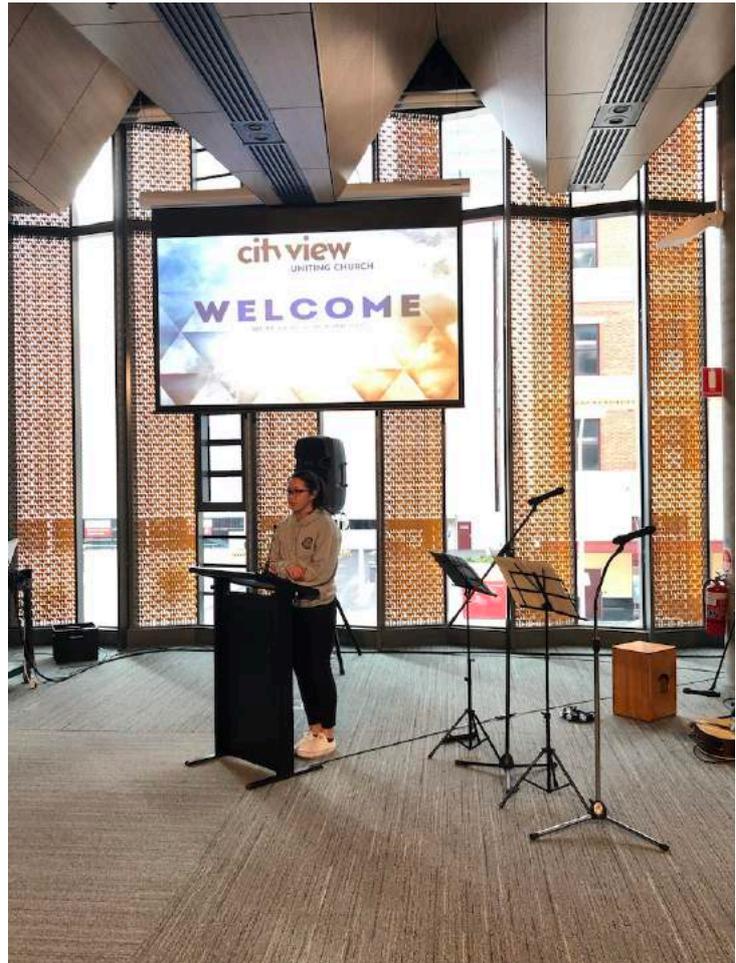
1. my hope is that we genuinely learn to see each other's gifts and strengths and reach the people God needs us to
2. Hebrews 12.1 let us throw off all that hinders and run the race god has called us to. I saw a quote that reminds me off this - if you want to fly you have to let go of everything that weighs you down.
3. Challenge this year has been to see the bigger picture God has for us as I often only see the struggle and pain of the world.



A joy has been seeing my family grow and aspects of the church as well.

4. Pray for - peace and direction, hope and a real sense of God's presence in all of our lives, for the community to know they are enough because of who God is.

Jaime Ma



Rebecca Honey



1. My hope and prayer for City View Uniting church is that we would be an authentic loving community that accepts all ages and cultures. A community that learns from each of our own experiences and shares these with each other

2. **Jeremiah 29:11**. This verse has come to me in so many occasions in my life. **"For I know the plans I have for you,"**

declares the lord, "plans to prosper and not to harm you. Plans to give you a hope and a future".

When we stepped out in joining this new, exciting but scary opportunity to plant this church, I was unsure if it was the right thing for our family. I like to be in control, but I kept coming back to this verse. The Lord has this journey in his hands, He is not going to make this a journey of growth for our family. Yes, it might be hard and at times we might not be able to clearly see the plan, but we need to trust our future to him.

3. One Joy - Seeing my children want to be involved and get excited about coming to church
Challenge - worshiping online and not being able meet as a community face to face. But also the learnings that have come out of worshiping on line have been invaluable.
4. Prayer Points for our community
 - Pray for our leaders and their families as they lead this church community.
 - Pray as we continue to invite people. Pray that the people that we invite will have their hearts open to hearing the message of this community.

Tuan Nguyen

1) What is a HOPE you have for the CityView Church?

I hope that the church will help people see the reconciliation and wholeness that God has already completed in them, past, present and future.

2) What Bible Story or passage is shaping you and your ministry at the moment?

James 1:2 (MSG)

Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides.

3) Share 1 joy and 1 challenge of the past 12 months for you.

Mindfulness Course

Joy because I feel affirmed with my own exploration of self. I feel that the Spirit has been guiding my thoughts

Challenge because I want to embody the things I have learnt within the course. Mindfulness is simple but not easy

4) list any prayer points you have for our community

- Pray that the spirit guides us as we continue to explore authenticity as individuals and as a community



Gillian Powis

1) My hope

is that as we grow we will remain welcoming and integrate people into the community?

That as we grow we will become more involved in the community around us

2) The Bible story has depended on what I have been studying but the Gospel of Mark as a complete story is calling to me again as my next major story-telling project.

3) My Joy

has been working with the Children. Also seeing new people on-line and in person even with the problems of Covid.

My challenge is getting to know new people.

4) My Prayer

That we find the space that God is working in and join him there.

That we can make an environmental difference
That as we grow we remain welcoming to newcomers.



Andrew Kieselbach

1) What is a HOPE you have for the CityView Church?

That it will be a place of reconciliation with the Uniting Church and Uniting Communities. A safe place for all who are seeking Jesus and an authentic gathering of people who share stories and who learn from each other and listen to what God is saying in their midst.

2) What Bible Story or passage is shaping you and your ministry at the moment?

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.
Isaiah 43:19 NIV

God is gathering together all of my experiences and pouring them into a new shape within a community of like-minded people. It's still a new thing, so I'm still working it out, but it is exciting to take the next step of the journey with all of you.

3) Share 1 joy and 1 challenge of the past 12 months for you.

Joy: How comfortable my family and I feel as part of the community.

Challenge: To leave the hurts and hung ups behind. To learn to forgive the past and not allow it to shape my future.

4) List any prayer points you have for our community.

- That the community would know the love of God, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit and the freedom we have through Jesus. That we would be a community that would be a family and that we would be known by our love.

Kelli Kieselbach

Hope for CityView. - That we will grow deep and authentic relationships with each other and with God .

A challenge - Recognising and working through our hurts and hang ups from past church experiences and trying to work through those in a healthy and Godly manner.

A joy - Building friendships with the core team and others within the CityView community. - Growing with God through the Rhythms of prayer zoom meetings.

Prayer

- That we will grow deep and authentic relationships with each other.
- That we can recognise each others needs, that no one will feel on the outer but all will feel part of the community.
- That others will come to know the hope of Jesus through the active and authentic love shown by our community.

Ephesians 2:8-10

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

This verse speaks to me about my value in God's kingdom. Knowing I'm God's handiwork gives me confidence to go into my day looking expectantly for the opportunities to do good that God has prepared in advance for me to do where ever he has placed me. Participating in what he is doing is a privilege that flows out of his grace.

Daniel Phan

Hey, I'm Dan,
I'm usually located behind the Sound Desk during CityView, tending to the audio and sound! My hopes are to make everyone sound as wonderful through the sound system as they do in real life. And continue experiencing the glimpses and windows into people's stories and lives. At present, some of my challenges are that I am still quite a beginner in doing live sound.



- 1) What is a HOPE you have for the CityView Church?

I hope to see even greater diversity in CityView Church. I

think there is a great community that already engages and shares life together in all its diverse ways, keen for more 😊

- 2) What Bible Story or passage is shaping you and your ministry at the moment?

Genesis 1 has been a passage I have been mindful of recently. Specifically, being made in the image of God. I ponder the implications of being made in the image and how it might transform the way I interact with the world and in ministry contexts.

- 3) Share 1 joy and 1 challenge of the past 12 months for you.

I recently moved from Melbourne back to Adelaide, earlier in the year. It is really nice to be back home and with people that I love and the city that I love too!

Navigating full time study, hobbies, ministry, and relationships has been somewhat challenging! This, however, is partly my own fault...

- 4) list any prayer points you have for our community.

- To be present and mindful of where God is, to slow down and listen to the quiet whispers of the Spirit.