

MAYBRIDGE
COMMUNITY CHURCH



FLOURISH
Mission

The logo for FLOURISH Mission features a stylized green plant with three leaves to the left of the word "FLOURISH" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The word "Mission" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font to the right of "FLOURISH".

FLOURISH Mission

Mission is a combination of **love, practical service** and **communicating the Gospel**. In the bible, we see that mission encompasses both the Great Commission and the Great Commandment.

THE GREAT COMMISSION

"Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising 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 28:16-20

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

"Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

- Matthew 22:34-40

"The mission and responsibility of the church includes both the proclamation of the Gospel and its demonstration. From Jesus, we learn the truth is to be proclaimed with authority and lived with grace. The church must constantly evangelise, respond lovingly to human needs, as well as "seek the welfare of the city." By living out the implications of the gospel, the missional church offers a verbal defence and a living example of its power."

- Ed Stetzer, Missiologist

DISCUSS

- ✦ Do you see yourself as being involved in mission? How?
- ✦ How did you first learn about Jesus?
- ✦ How easy do you find it share your faith?
- ✦ On a scale of one to 10, how concerned are you about your friends and family who don't know Jesus? Why?

FRONTLINE FRUIT

Your frontline is the place where you spend much of your time, where you meet people who don't know Jesus. It's the place God has called you, the place of possibility and potential. We may be old or young, healthy or infirm, employed or not, but we still have a 'frontline' - a place God has put us.

"Be fruitful and multiply." - [Genesis 1:28](#)

This isn't just about making babies, but an instruction for us to apply to our faith lives too - and there are six M's we can follow to be more fruitful:



MODELLING GODLY CHARACTER

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."
- Galatians 5:22-23

When we allow the fruits of the Holy Spirit to flourish in our life, it shows!

MAKING GOOD WORK

"So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering."

- Romans 12:1-2

What difference could it make if we turned our everyday work over to God and consciously chose to do it for His glory?

MINISTERING GRACE AND LOVE

Acts of kindness: Offering advice and wisdom, caring for the shop assistant, smiling at the postman and helping someone with their shopping.

MOULDING CULTURE

We are all influencers, whether we like it or not. How we hold ourselves and act, at home, work, school or the football club, all affects the atmosphere and moulds the culture. We get to choose whether that is for God or not.

BEING A MOUTHPIECE FOR TRUTH AND JUSTICE

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy."

- Proverbs 31:8-9

We all at some point have a chance to speak up for others and fight for fairness.

BEING A MESSENGER OF THE GOSPEL

It's up to us to introduce people to Jesus; to share and explain our faith.

DISCUSS



Where is your frontline?



Which of the six Ms do you find most natural? Which is hardest?

PRACTICALLY SHARING YOUR FAITH

DO

- Trust God and pray
- Be interested in what people think
- Ask good questions
- Know what you believe and why
- Go the extra mile in service
- Break things down into steps

DON'T

- Assume people aren't interested
- Feel you have to do a whole 'Gospel presentation' in one conversation
- Feel responsible for how other people respond to God
- Pursue an argument



GOING THE DISTANCE

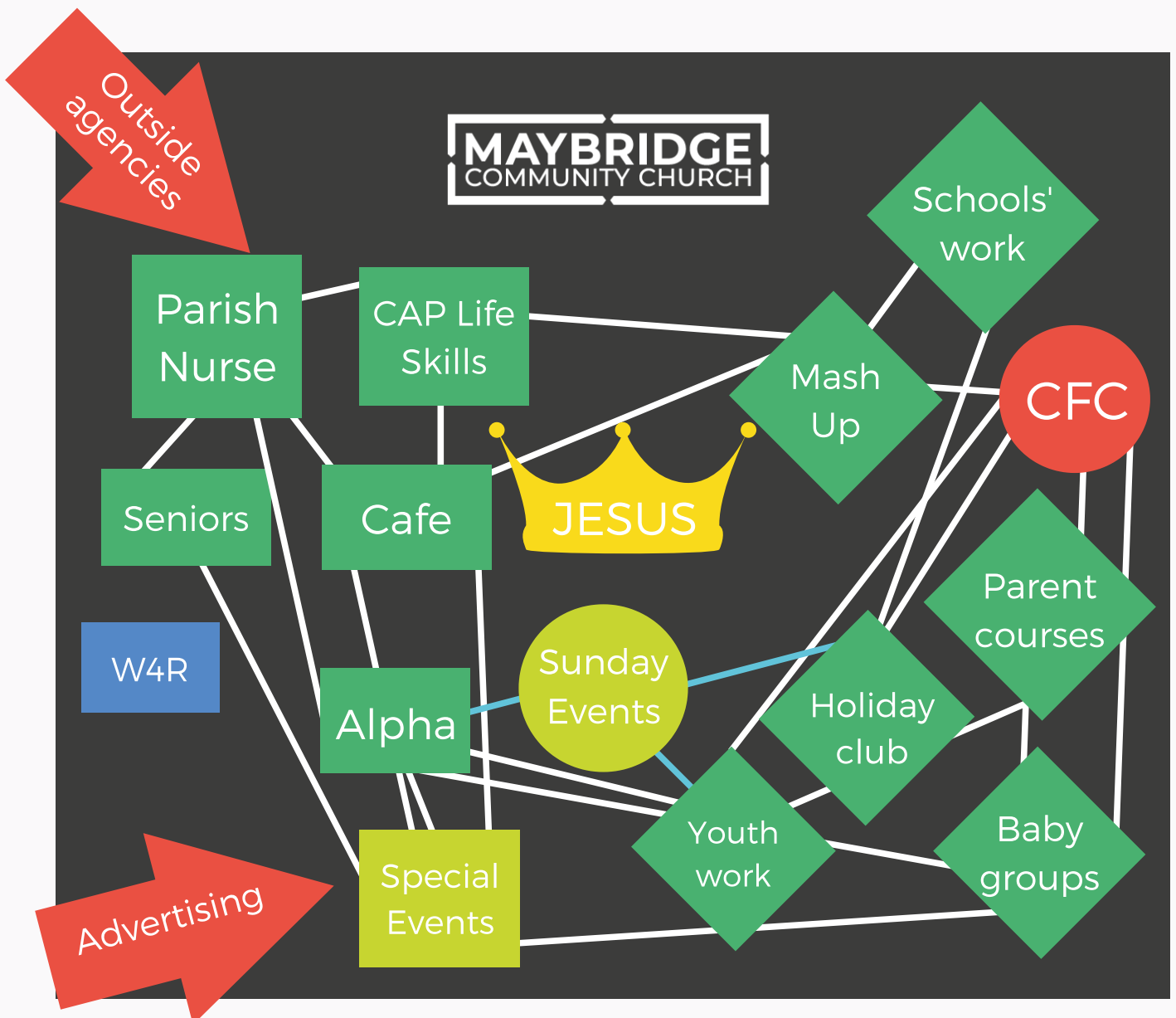
"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

- Acts 1:8

Worthing, UK and beyond...

THE MAYBRIDGE FRONTLINE

We each individually have friends, family and colleagues and God has placed us in their lives to be His ambassador. As a church, we have a whole community to influence and reach out to and we do that in a number of ways.



DISCUSS

- ✦ Where do you feel most called to mission? Worthing, UK or beyond?
- ✦ How are you involved in community mission at Maybridge or elsewhere?
- ✦ Is there something you'd like to get involved with?
- ✦ Is there something you've a passion to start up?

