

Parish Consultation Workshop

Write-up from Workshop 3

29 March 2017

*This information should be read in the light of the
first, second and third consultation booklets
(26 February, 19 March, 29 March 2017)*

St Albans Parish, Eastbourne

Consultation on Building and facilities options

Notes from 3rd Consultation Workshop 29 March 2017



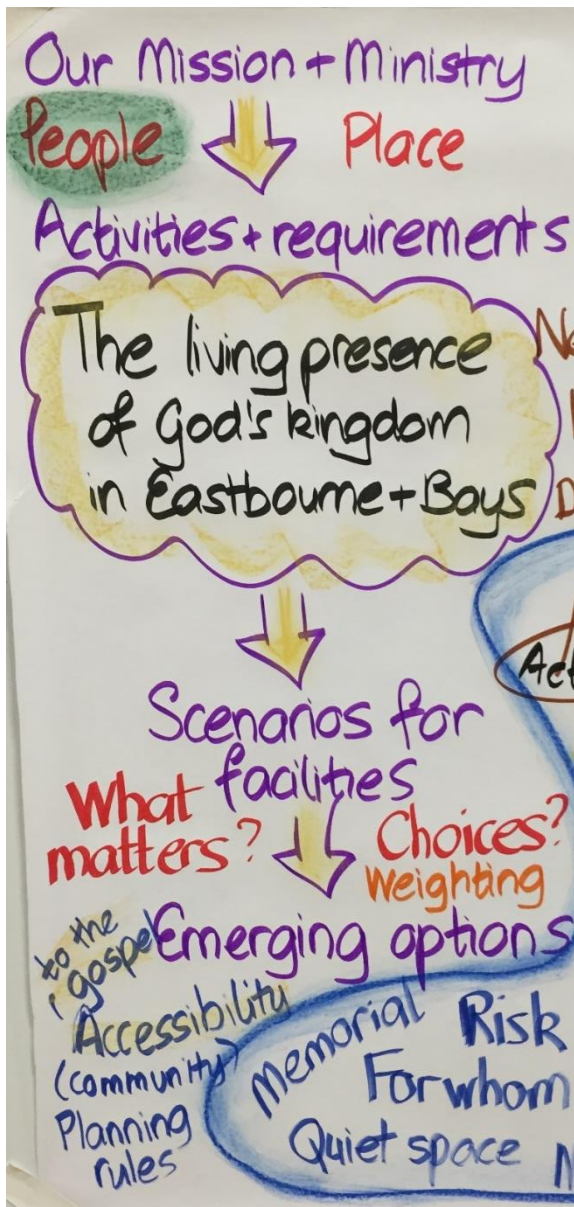
34 people attended the workshop. The focus was to build on the work of previous workshops and on the subsequent work by SEAT (St Alban's Earthquake Action Team) to begin identifying various scenarios for the future.

Our Mission and Ministry

People ----- Place

Activities and requirements

The living presence of God's kingdom in Eastbourne and Bays



Scenarios for Facilities

What matters?

Choices? Weighting

Emerging Options

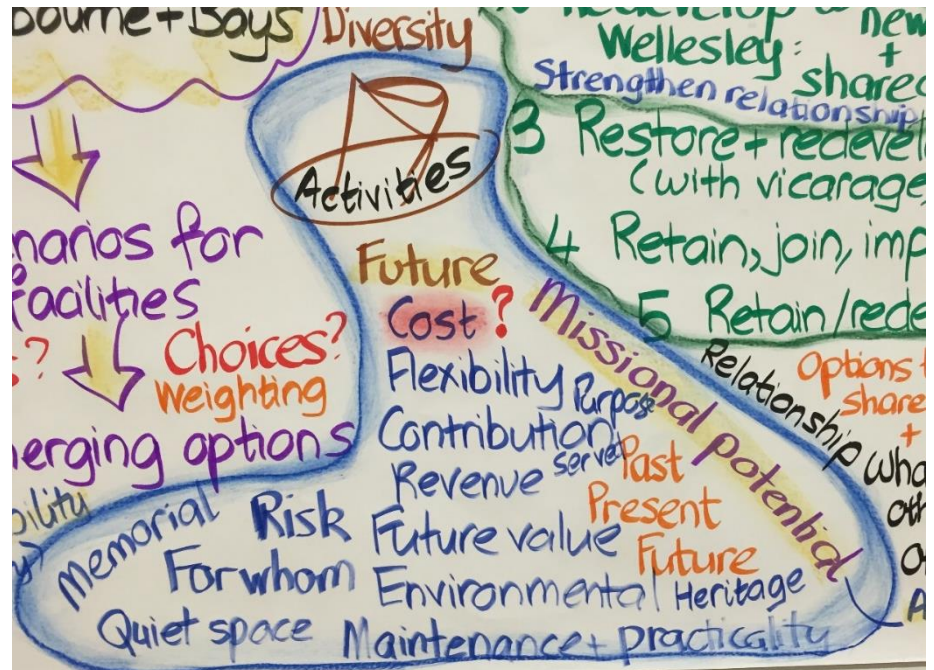
Accessibility to the Gospel

Community

Planning Rules

Future Missional Potential - Able to articulate God's call

Maintenance and practicality



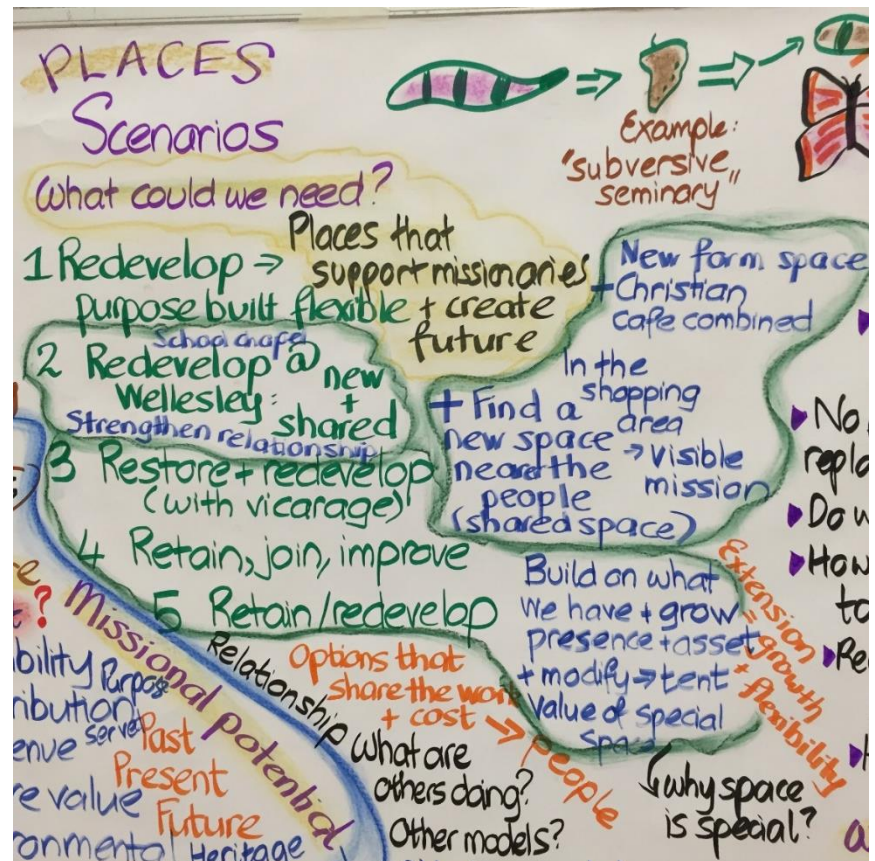
Quiet space

Places

Scenarios

What could we need?

Places that support missionaries and create future.



1. **Redevelop** Purpose built, flexible
2. **Redevelop at Wellesley** New and shared. Strengthen relationships; school chapel
3. **Restore and redevelop** (with vicarage)
4. **Retain, join improve**
5. **Retain/redevelop**

Options that share the work and cost – people

Relationship

What are others doing?

Other models?

Extension – Growth – Flexibility

Example – “Subversive Seminary”

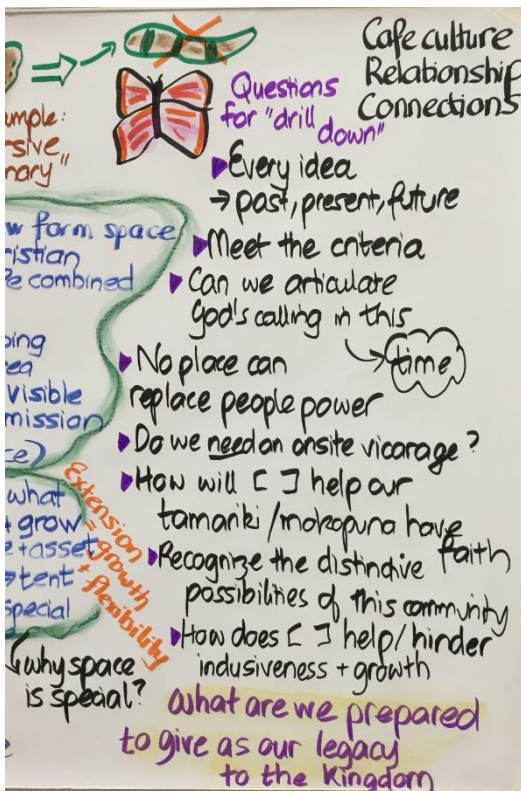
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New form space – Christian café combined

In the shopping area + find new space near the people (shared space) – visible mission

Build on what we have and grow presence + asset + modify – tent

Value of special space – why space is special?



Questions for “drill down”

Cafe culture

Relationship

Connections

- Every idea – past, present, future
- Meet the criteria
- Can we articulate God's calling in this - time
- No place can replace people power
- Do we need an on-site vicarage
- How will [] help our tamariki / mokopuna have faith

g. Recognise the distinctive possibilities of this community

h. How does [] help / hinder inclusiveness + growth

What are we prepared to give as our legacy to the kingdom?

Three scenarios – summary

From Denise:

“Your group did some powerful work [in workshop 3] that revealed thinking about your purpose, values, and what matters most, so:

- **Restore on current site**

The “why” is enabling the community to meet Jesus through quiet sacred space that links to heritage and community values.

This scenario carries a ***working assumption for success***: that the heritage value of quiet sacred space will be as valuable to future generations as it is seen to be today.

- **Develop in a central, visible location**

The “why” is pursuing the missional purpose through being a visible, accessible, active part of the community.

This scenario carries a ***working assumption for success***: that providing visible and accessible welcome to those who do not yet know Jesus will lead to a missional pathway (possibly links to Ellie’s story re Ramsey House – bring them in through good coffee!)

- **Develop on a Wellesley linked site**

The “why” is twofold: missional purpose through a linked approach with the wider Wellesley community AND about emphasis on mission through people more than place (lightweight development).

Working assumption for success: that a Wellesley link will provide a new strong foundation for missional activity AND that funds and energy can be used to drive people related mission rather than fundraising and building.

Each scenario serves purpose and activities in different ways and to different extents. But it seems to me that all three “whys” can to some extent be pursued regardless of which site option you land on; eg:

- how could quiet sacred space be provided in a busy “village” location;
- how could resources be stewarded both to build and to invest through people;
- how could the existing site more visibly and actively connect to the wider community.

Having the three scenarios active for a time will, I think, help you to explore all these facets of mission, and put the “people” and “place”, and the “past, present, future” aspects in balance.

I wish you all the best for next steps; and look forward to hearing about where you arrive at.”

Denise