

## **Rector's Report 2025**

Colette and I long to see people grow to maturity in Christ. We want to see people know God's love and show God's love. We pray that God in his mercy would save many people from this area.

There were many highlights from last year:

### **Growth**

In 2024 12 people started following Jesus, 77 people attended small groups, 30 children joined in our holiday Club program, 22 children joined in Sunday School and 6 members attended Youth Group. 9 people are completed the Life of Christ and 10 people attended the Abundant Life course.

Ronny Leung started theological study at SMBC. Evelyn Tham and Jennifer Chan travelled to Malaysia to share the gospel. What a great year!

### **Staff**

Michael Ma continues to provide valuable leadership to our Mandarin congregation. You can read his report online.

Last year Peter Sun joined us as student minister. We benefitted from his preaching, youth group leading and general enthusiasm. Peter is now at West Wollongong so that he can spend more time with his family.

We are looking for another student minister and would value your prayers.

### **Small groups**

I believe we need to grow large and small at the same time. We want people to join us on Sundays but then cultivate deeper relationships in small groups. As I have said, small groups are the best place for us to disciple each other. So please join one if you haven't already.

### **Youth and children's ministries**

In 2024 we restarted youth group. Sophina Read, Ray Richardson and Peter Sun led youth on Friday nights. This year Joseph Lin has joined the team.

In children's ministry we continued with GodlyPlay and trialled material from David Cook ministry.

I would like to again express my appreciation for the leadership of Marilyn Mayhew over the past 7 years. Our children have grown through her commitment and care.

### **Spiritual transformation**

We want to see people grow in their relationship with the Lord. So we have provided a prayer room you can use at the back of the hall. We are promoting discipleship where we have spiritual conversations and encourage each other to keep following the Lord.

Please pray with me that God would deepen our relationship with him in 2025.

Please pray that God would bring about a spiritual awakening in this area.

Finally, pray that we would help people to live for Jesus.