

# WELCOME TO VILLAGE

9:30AM | F-BLOCK QUT KELVIN GROVE



5:00PM | 43 ST. PAUL'S TCE, SPRING HILL

# HELLO,

and welcome to Village Church! We're a community of imperfect people from all different backgrounds who have been warmly welcomed by the perfect love of Jesus Christ. We exist only because Jesus has graciously saved us through his death and resurrection and we want to pass this good news on to you in everything we do. In this booklet you'll hear a bit more about who we are and what we're on about, as well as what next steps you can take at Village – whether that's exploring Jesus and Christianity, or getting involved in church and the wider community.



This is a photo of the first night we ever met for Village Church: June 29, 2009, as well as our first Kids Church. This small community had been part of LateChurch – a young adult congregation of Mitchelton Presbyterian Church. But as LateChurch grew, we decided to plant a new night service closer to the city. About thirty of us came over from LateChurch, tried a few locations around the area, and finally settled on a lecture theatre in QUT Kelvin Grove. We're glad we did. Over the past 10 years, we've had the opportunity to become part of, serve, and love a growing and diverse community in Kelvin Grove. Our strategy has been simple: to live out our lives in step with Christ's Spirit wherever we are – whether at home, at school, in the workplace, on the sport's field, *anywhere* – so that every area of our lives and the world around us might be influenced and transformed by the presence, power, and love of Christ.



# We're a church that's all about Jesus.

Here are three ways this plays out in the life of Village

## God's Word

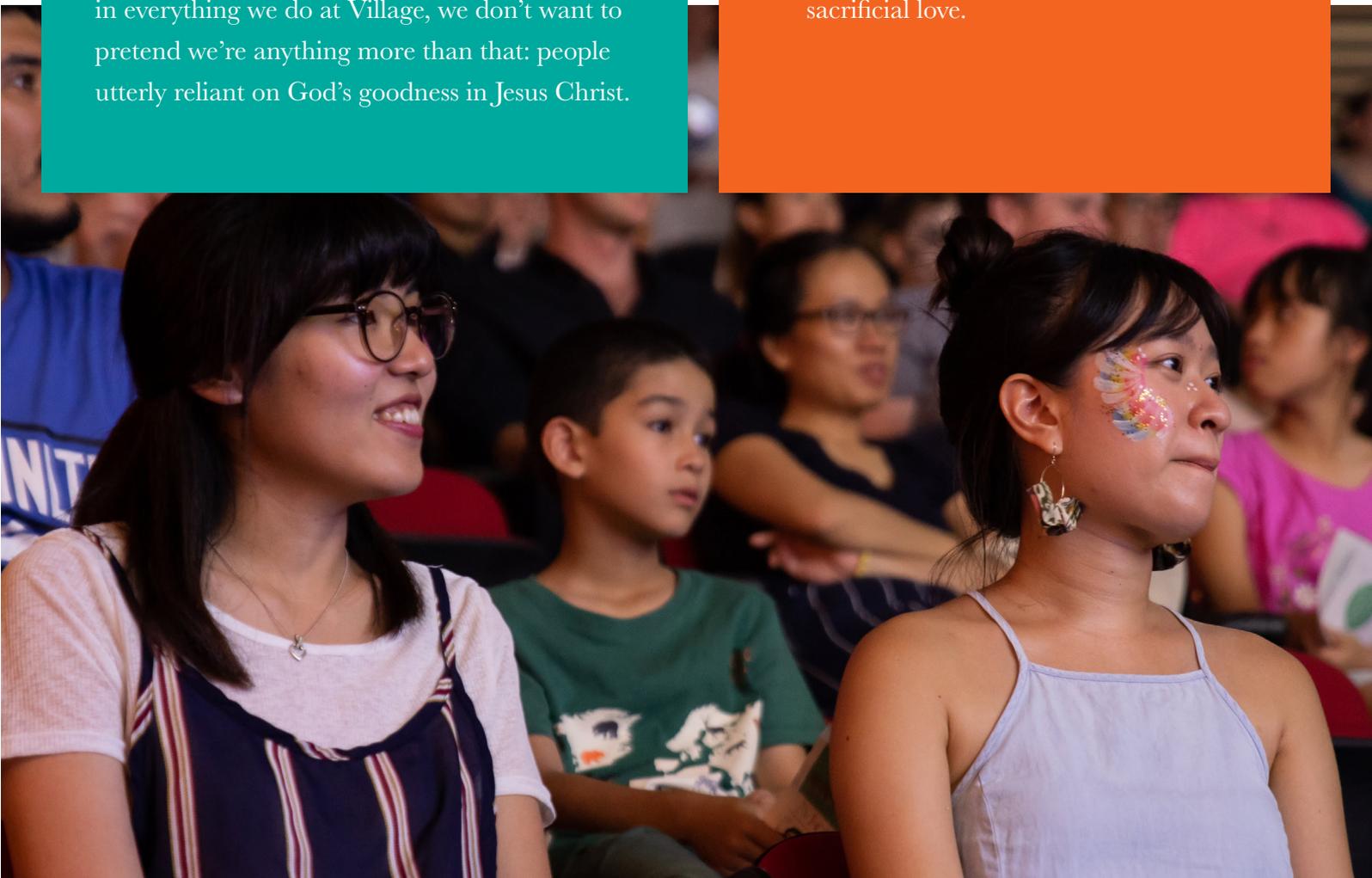
We believe that God really speaks today and the way He speaks is through the Bible. Therefore, we want to work hard to understand and apply God's Word and we think this works best in community. No one person is the expert and no one person stands above the other. Together we're shaped by God working through His Word, by His Holy Spirit, to recreate us in the image of His Son, Jesus.

## Grace & Authenticity

The gospel of Jesus is all about grace. It tells us what we're like: people who fall well short of our own expectations, not to mention God's. It also tells us that God loves and saves us regardless of who we are. The gospel is God's unmerited favour in saving us when we couldn't save ourselves. So in everything we do at Village, we don't want to pretend we're anything more than that: people utterly reliant on God's goodness in Jesus Christ.

## Transformed, Sacrificial Lives

We believe that God, by Christ's Spirit, changes His people. He gives us new hearts and works in our lives so that bit by bit we grow to reflect the person He is making us to be: people who look like Jesus, who live lives of humble, self-sacrificial love.



# The Sunday Gathering

The Sunday gathering at Village Church is a celebration of the life of our church family, the focal point of our Bible teaching ministry, and an “open door” to the wider community. We gather together to build one another up in love and to worship our great God together. As one body with many members we are brought together by one thing: the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We really do believe that when we’re gathered together, Christ really is present with us through his Holy Spirit.

Our Sunday gatherings want to reinforce and celebrate the truths of the gospel in the lives of all who come along – including our kids. So every Sunday morning our kids enjoy their own age-appropriate program where they sing, read the Bible, play games and do crafts based on the Bible. Our hope for our kids, as for everyone, is that they build relationships around the gospel, learning to grow in love for God and one another as they continually welcome those who are new.

**Here are a few ways  
this plays out in our  
Sunday Gathering**

## **Warm and Welcoming**

Every Sunday we want to be great hosts to our wider community. We want to work hard to create a space that is open, safe, and inviting so that people can explore Christianity and meet God’s people.

## **Informal but not Irreverent**

We want to take God seriously while not taking ourselves too seriously. So while our gatherings are rightly marked by a deep sense of awe at who God is and what he’s done for us in Christ, we nevertheless want to proclaim the gospel in a relaxed, relatable way, embracing our God-given personalities as well as the freedom and diversity we have in Christ.

## **Conversational and Personal**

The tone we’re aiming for at Village Church would best be described as conversational. It’s a mode of speech that walks alongside people in discovery as one equal to another. We think it’s worth speaking and presenting the gospel in such a way that empathises with others – working hard to understand other points of view, never arguing them simplistically, all the while presenting the gospel alternative with grace and humility.

## **Always Relying on Prayer**

Without God’s power at work in our midst we would be nothing. So in everything we do, we want to take every opportunity to call on the name of the Lord. Whether that’s meeting together 30 minutes before each gathering to pray, spending time during the service to confess our sins, or praying together as a congregation, we want our Sunday gatherings to express our utter dependence on Christ at every point.

# What We Do

God's vision for his church goes beyond the weekly gathering. So while we gather together on Sunday, the truth is, we gather in order to be scattered – sent into our world as we carry the love of Christ with us into the home, workplace, community, neighbourhood or wherever God has placed us.

The remainder of this booklet provides a snapshot of how you can be more involved in the life of Village Church. There are many ways to get plugged into the church and local community and be equipped for ministry and mission. Much of what you'll find is driven by Villagers just as yourselves. So if you have a vision for a new ministry opportunity or event you want to champion, we're always keen to hear from you!

**If you want to explore any of these areas but don't know who to speak to, check the website at [vc.org.au](http://vc.org.au) or feel free to drop us a line anytime at [info@vc.org.au](mailto:info@vc.org.au).**



## Community Groups

The heartbeat of connection and transformation at Village Church. These are mid-week groups that meet throughout Brisbane in order to open the Bible and pray together, share their lives, and carry each other's burdens.



## Serving Teams

Our Sunday services are built on the backs of our serving teams. Whether setting up or packing down, making coffee, welcoming people at the door, playing music or vacuuming at the end of the day there's always a need for every member to help serve the body as we grow together side by side.



## Village Mosaix

Whether it's helping to furnish the home of a recently arrived asylum seeker, providing on-going support for refugees, teaching English or helping to combat social anxiety and isolation, there are many ways to support the most vulnerable in our community through Village Mosaix.



## Village Focus

In partnership with the Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students (AFES), we aim to help international students make friends and meet Jesus. We meet at The Exchange Community Centre in Kelvin Grove each Friday at 6pm. We have dinner, play games, learn from God's word and seek to be a home away from home.



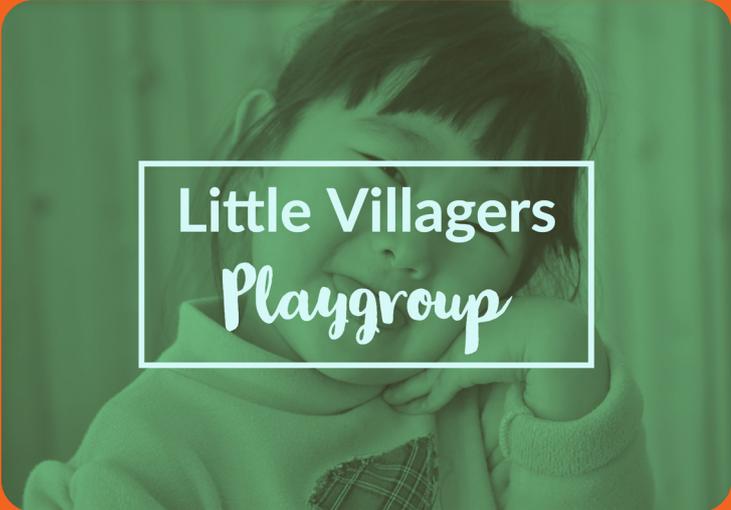
## It Takes a Village

Twice a month parents and bubs get together for a park play or to meet at someone's house. Drop in whenever it suits and stay for as little or long as you'd like. Easy!



## Village Youth

Every Friday from 6-8:30pm our youth meet at The Village Centre in Kelvin Grove. We eat together, play some games and have a Bible study that helps us grow as followers of Jesus.



## Little Villagers Playgroup

On Mondays and Fridays from 9:30–11am we provide a playgroup for local families at The Exchange Community Centre in Kelvin Grove. It's a fantastic way to meet other mums, dads and kids from church and the surrounding community. The playgroup sings, plays, does arts and crafts while the parents get to enjoy one another's company.



## Kelvin Grove Community Carols & Markets

Every year in December, Village Church takes over the grounds at QUT as we host a neighbourhood-wide Carols service and Christmas Markets. Complete with food trucks, kids' activities and roaring sing-alongs.



## Village Women

These are events we run throughout the year to help women connect their lives with others and explore topics that help us live as godly women as we navigate this world together.



## Social Sport

Whether soccer, rock climbing or a spot of social tennis, these are opportunities to invite your mates along and have some fun with other Villagers.



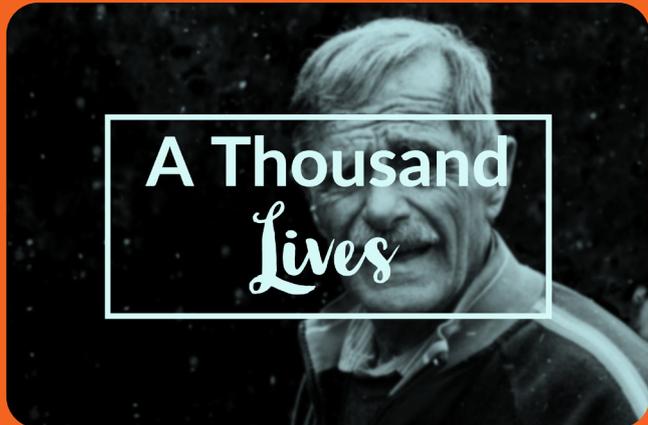
## The Urban Village Community Choir

People from Village and the local community meet fortnightly on Monday nights at The Exchange Community Centre to sing various and eclectic songs that they perform at local events. A great way to meet new people, exercise your lungs, and have some good fun.



## The Mark Drama

A 90 minute theatre-in-the-round reenactment of the story of Jesus, as told through the eyes of the Gospel of Mark. No costumes. No gimmicks. Just ordinary people sharing an extraordinary story. The Mark Drama has been performed all over the world and we're privileged to have our own cast and crew at Village.



## A Thousand Lives

These are events we run throughout the year to help men connect their lives with others and explore difficult topics that might help us live as godly men as we navigate this world together.



## The Story

The Story is a 5-week course designed to help us explore Christianity and questions around life and faith – whether for the first time or to deepen our understanding of the gospel story and how it impacts our own stories.



## Village Socials

Whether seasonal socials like our Christmas Day Breakfast, ANZAC Day BBQ, or mid-year Bush Dance, right down to our Young Adults who catch-up in a whole range of ways, these are great moments to invite others into the life of the Village community.



## DNA

DNA is a two-hour course we run every month for those who are new to Village. It offers an introduction to the mission, vision, and core values of Village Church. You'll hear our story, have a chance to ask your questions along the way, and by the end of it you'll know what next steps you can take here at Village.



## Neighbourhood Community Meals

Every Wednesday (Kelvin Grove) and Thursday (Spring Hill) we put on a free meal in our communities in order to love, serve, and share our lives with our neighbours. All welcome! We also currently provide food boxes that get sent out every Tuesday around our city. Come join us sometime!



## Training Courses

Throughout the year we run various courses to help train and equip us, whether parenting or marriage courses, training in evangelism or digging deeper into the Bible, these are great opportunities to grow in strength and love with one another.

# Our Elders

Working together to grow followers of Jesus



Steve has been with us since the early days, pouring himself out behind the scenes so that we can be a healthy and functioning church. Loyal, godly, and down-to-earth, Steve loves the local church and it comes through in everything he does. When he's not doing our dirty work (i.e. paper work), you'll find Steve either sitting on some other Board, or surfing in the great outdoors. Win-win for Steve.



Matt and his wife Sarah have blessed Village Church immeasurably with their kind, loving and open lives. Always ready to serve, Matt joined the eldership team in early 2017. He's particularly keen to chat about the gospel with those who might be struggling with mental health issues. Matt and Sarah love spending their holiday time adventure travelling, and Matt has been known to play a mean trombone.



Tim is married to Sarah and they have 2 boys. They have been part of Village Church since the beginning. He is good at all things finance and supply chain and loves Jesus, his family, bike riding and coffee. He's been really excited seeing Village Church grow followers of Jesus over the years. Tim would much rather be riding his bike than at an Elders' meeting.



# Our Gospel Partners

On mission from the end of our toes to the ends of the earth



Nick Gauci  
*QUT Christians*



Pria Wahyudi  
*The Mark Drama*



James & Brittani  
*Power to Change*



The Birchleys  
*Papua New Guinea*



The Djamaludins  
*Thailand*



Kathryn Fowler  
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