

A PEOPLE
WHO...



...ARE VIBRANT

10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

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Love God Love People Caru Duw Caru Pobl

- **Our Values**

(deeply ingrained/aspirational principles)

- **A people who...**

- ... are Christ-centred

- ... are Bible-shaped

- ... are Family

- ... are Vibrant

- ... Demonstrate Integrity

- ... Extend Grace

- ... Connect



<https://pixabay.com/images/search/vibrant/>

Someone or something that is **vibrant** is full of life, energy, and enthusiasm.

Vibrant colours are very bright and clear.

COLLINS DICTIONARY

**CHURCH
SHOULD BE
FULL OF
LIFE!**

~~Lifeless~~

- **'Church' is often portrayed or understood as being boring and lifeless, or of just being a big old building!**
- **The is the opposite of how it should be so we want to be a people who are 'vibrant'**
- **We have named this as a value for this reason**

**'LIFE' IS
CENTRAL
TO THE
BIBLICAL
NARRATIVE
FROM
BEGINNING
TO END!**

1 In the beginning
God created the
heavens and the
earth.

GENESIS 1

A to Z of Life

- **Vibrancy is characterised by having life, energy and enthusiasm**
- **If we know the Gospel of the Kingdom but don't have these in response, then there is a problem!**
- **Our God is the creator of EVERYTHING and we have been made in His image to express this**

17 The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let the one who hears say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.

**'LIFE' IS
CENTRAL
TO THE
PERSON
AND
PURPOSE
OF CHRIST**

6 Jesus answered,
"I am the way and
the truth and the
life. No one comes
to the Father
except through
me.

JOHN 14

- **Jesus did not describe Himself as the way to truth and life**
- **He is the Life: life itself is embodied and defined in Him**
- **As the body relies upon food and water to live, so the inner person needs Jesus to live**

35 Then Jesus
declared, "I am
the bread of life.
Whoever comes to
me will never go
hungry, and
whoever believes
in me will never be
thirsty.

**LIFE IN ALL
ITS
FULNESS**

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JOHN 10

Life or Death

- The lie the enemy has always wanted us to believe is that less of God means more for us
 - Since 'The Fall' (Gen 3)
- The lie is that what God has told us is harmful offers something better than His promises and purposes
- We can be deceived by the father of lies or freed by the Father of Lights...

13 When tempted,
no one should say,
"God is tempting
me." For God
cannot be tempted
by evil, nor does he
tempt anyone;
14 but each person
is tempted when
they are dragged
away by their own
evil desire and
enticed.

15 Then, after
desire has
conceived, it gives
birth to sin; and
sin, when it is full-
grown, gives birth
to death. 16 Don't
be deceived, my
dear brothers and
sisters.

17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. 18 He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

**NATIONS
UNITED IN
VIBRANT
CULTURAL
DIVERSITY**

“6 Also the foreigners
who join themselves
to the Lord,
To attend to His
service and to love
the name of the
Lord, To be His
servants, every one
who keeps the
Sabbath so as not to
profane it, And
holds firmly to My
covenant;

ISAIAH 56

“7 Even those I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on My altar; For My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.”

ISAIAH 56

For All Nations

- This does not just mean church 'buildings' are to be places where all nations are pray for (though they should be)
- It also means the 'House of God' (the people / body / temple) is made up of all nations
- We seek to welcome, honour, celebrate and pray for the nations

**VIBRANT
IN
WORSHIP**

9 After this I looked,
and behold, a great
multitude that no one
could number, from
every nation, from all
tribes and peoples
and languages,
standing before the
throne and before
the Lamb, clothed in
white robes, with
palm branches in
their hands,

REVELATION 7

10 and crying out
with a loud voice,
“Salvation belongs
to our God who
sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb!”

REVELATION 7

Unitedly Vibrant

- An innumerable multitude of people from all nations as one family, centred on Jesus: the hope of all nations
- We embrace the vibrant mix cultures, languages and nations in our worship to The Lamb
- Heaven is expressed on earth as we join together in vibrant worship

**VIBRANT
IN LIFE**

9 Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live.

Living it Out

- The life of God flowing in the river was not confined to the temple
- It got deeper and more vibrant as it flowed from the temple - bring life to the 'Dead' Sea
- The presence of God is with us as we bring and share life into the world

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