

Chosen...that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light

1 Peter 2:9

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous deeds among all peoples

Ps 96:3



Shalom—"comprehensive flourishing"

A caring community with every member equipped to demonstrate Christ, working with others to advance God's Kingdom in Church and the world

Seek God – in prayer, worship, study of the Scripture and fellowship, we value the pursuit of God in Jesus Christ;

Love Generously – in time, talent and treasure, to stimulate one another to good works and a lifestyle of generosity;

Expect transformation – to see God's Holy Spirit move in individual lives, in the church and across our community

Forefront Flourish 2020



It is a day for
you to sound
the trumpets!
Num 29:1

Flourish

- (v.) wave something about to attract attention
- (n.) a bold or **extravagant** gesture or action (n. collective) a **group of trumpets**
- (v.) **grow** or develop in a healthy, vigorous way
- (n.) a successful and **impressive** period or action

Good news with a flourish

Every Forefront home re-envisioned and equipped as a mission centre – lights shining in each of our neighbourhoods

Every child in Chard given opportunity to hear something of the Good News in the next three years

- Our young people, active and engaged in their peer groups, in the family and in church
- Recruit and train a young people's worker who focuses on youth mental and emotional wellbeing, resilience to drug gangs and being a bridge to church
- We become a servant to the schools

Focus on reaching disconnected family members and partners

Joel 2:1 "Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming."

2Chr 5:12,13 120 trumpeters ... in unison!

Isa 58:1 "Shout it aloud! Do not hold back! Raise your voice like a trumpet. Declare!" (Isa 58:1)

1Cor 14:8 "If the trumpet does not sound a clear call" ... a clear message for a new generation

The Judges (eg Ehud, Gideon) blew trumpets to gather men for battle. The trumpet in Nehemiah's time (**Neh 4:20**) – called workers to arms

A trumpet flourish

Breaking down strongholds with prayer, proclamation and worship

Renewed emphasis on corporate worship – new ideas, new expressions

Forefront Centre fully occupied by user groups most days, including afternoons and evenings

Num 10:9 "When you go into battle ... sound a blast on the trumpets" ... (Joshua, trumpeting around Jericho, was obedient to this) – see Josh 6. Also Num 31:6

Consider David bringing the ark to Jerusalem, **1Chr 13:8, 15:28, 2Sam 6:14,15**

"With trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn – shout for joy before the Lord, the King" **Ps 98:6**

"Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet" **Ps 150:1**

Flourish like a plant

Living out and teaching strong and healthy relationships

Grounded in the basics of Christianity and secure in our identity in Christ

A people known to be generous and sharing, thankful and free

Num 10:1-7 Trumpets called the people together, and sent them out

Ex 19:16, 19; 20:18 God gave the Law to his people with trumpet blasts

Lev 25:9 Trumpet sounded across the land for the Year of Jubilee, when all debts were cancelled, all property returned, all slaves released

Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matt 6:20,21

Where we invest our money reveals our heart's priorities;

Where we devote our discretionary time reveals the Kingdom we want to live in;

Where we offer our talents and gifts shows who we have made our master.

Matt 6:2 "...when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honoured by others."