

Core Business vs Buildings

Understanding the background business aims of each of our clients is important to the design of each of our buildings. In addition to the list of rooms they need, what overall goal do they hope to achieve? By knowing the answer to this question, our project can contribute to this aim.

The school that is aiming to educate students and to enable them to become responsible future citizens will suggest a building that is much more than just box classrooms. The visitor centre that aims to engage people in the history of the small town, will say much more if it is set inside a heritage building itself, as a living example.

So what does this say for the church? It's mission is not to do with buildings, no matter how old they are. No its core business is, in the words of Jesus:

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Matt 22 337-39 and later, *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."* Matt 2818-20



Worshipping God is a fundamental expression of love for Him.

Jesus said of Peter, *"And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church..."* Matt 16 18. He was talking about people, not buildings.

So there we have the core business of the church;

- to thoroughly love God,
- to love and care for your neighbour,
- to go everywhere and make followers of Jesus and
- to teach them to obey the teaching of Jesus.

If the Church's buildings are re-evaluated in terms of how well they enable this, we may see some changes.

This theme is developed in the new book, *"Making Property Serve Mission – Rethinking the Church's buildings for the 21st Century"* *

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