



New Churches Update



Why do we need New Churches for New Communities?

"In my view, we are at a crucial, strategic moment for the work of the gospel in the Diocese for the future. It is crucial now because to wait will be too late.... It is no secret that the city is going through massive, infrastructural changes.

This has become necessary due to the rapid population increase that will see more than 8 million residents in the Diocese by 2056, if not sooner: 1.5 million more people by 2036, another 1.6 million by 2056. 50% of the growth will be in new land release areas – with the largest portion of these being housed in Western, North Western and South Western Sydney.

By 2056 it is forecast that the current Western Region alone will have a population two and half times that of the South Sydney Region or the Northern Region...to be frank, there needs to be re-imagining...so that these burgeoning areas have gospel ministry available to them."

Bishop Peter Lin, Presidential Address Archbishop's Election Synod, 4 May 2021

Progress Report on:

STANHOPE ANGLICAN
CHURCH

HOPE ANGLICAN
CHURCH

LIFE ANGLICAN CHURCH
MARSDEN PARK

Editor's note: Most of our churches are experiencing the difficulties of lockdown. Our prayer is that we all find the Lord's strength and hope in these difficult days. While some of our work has been slowed, we remain confident of the Lord's promise to build his church.

Gabriel Lacoba
Executive Director, NCNC



Stanhope Anglican Church

Archbishop Glenn Davies dedicated Stanhope Anglican Church's new facilities in October 2020. Pictures below show aspects of the new building taken earlier this year.



Stanhope Anglican Church is a flourishing community of over 200 people led by Rev Steve Reimer, which has a vibrant community outreach through their mid-week activities, which include an important partnership with the local Anglicare home next door, along with child and family oriented-ministries. Like all our churches their prayer is that they might be able to continue to shine their light through lockdown.

"I will build my church and the gates of Hades will not overcome it" Matthew 16:18



Hope Anglican Church Leppington

Construction commenced for Hope Anglican Church in February 2021. Rev Luther Symons leads Hope Anglican Church and it currently has a regular attendance of 400 people in one of Sydney's highest growth areas. These pictures show current progress on the main auditorium, as well as a scene from their mid-week activities for young families.



"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope" Ephesians 4:4



Life Anglican Church Marsden Park

Our next project is to provide facilities for the Life Anglican Church Marsden Park, which was planted just over four years ago and has grown to a regular attendance of over 120 people. They currently meet weekly in the Richard Johnson Anglican School. These photos show the church gathered for their fourth anniversary on Easter, 4 April and the land that has been acquired for their church building.



The project has officially commenced with a development application lodged earlier in 2021. Stage one of the project aims to use temporary demountable buildings on their land, so they can commence mid-week ministries on their new site, prior to permanent facilities being constructed.



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