

David J. Archer

Personal Vision Statement

Spiritual

I aim to place God first and foremost in all that I do, so that as a husband, as a father, as a son, as a church leader, it is upon Him and His wisdom that I lean (*Matthew 22.37; Proverbs 3.5-6*).

To this end, I will esteem the regular study of God's word and personal prayer.

Personal

I will give particular attention to living in the grace of God and the glorious freedom won for me by Christ on the cross, so that I am a person who is open, trusting and generous towards others. I will choose to forgive those who hurt me and by doing so enable me to be in a good place to receive God's healing and wholeness (*Colossians 2.10*).

Relational

I will honour my relationships with others, particularly those of my wife, children, parents and close friends, prioritising my time so that I do not neglect them.

As a husband, I will love my wife, honouring Amy and our marriage. I will give my time freely to her and our children, Kathryn, Ollie and Anastasia, so that I am "there" and "present" as a father, helping and supporting them.

I will make it a priority to nurture the relationship with my Mum and Dad, speaking with them on a weekly basis, being mindful of all that they have done for me and recognising their increasing needs. I will ensure that they know that I love them.

Professional

I recognise and am grateful for the call of God on my life, as a missional leader, passionate about building God's church and having a particular concern for those on the margins of society.

I will pursue with vigour and determination this call and exercise the gifts God has given to me. I recognise that there will be those who will oppose me and so will place my security not in my own strength, but in my identity in Christ as a child of God, free forever from condemnation, created for good works and appointed to bear fruit (*John 1.12; Romans 8.1-2, Ephesians 2.10; John 15.16*).

I will actively pursue my Christian leadership courageously, valuing integrity, encouraging creativity, taking appropriate risks and initiating change.

I recognise that as a person and as a leader, I have flaws in my character, a dark side, for which I am not proud. I will make myself accountable to, and more than that, vulnerable to others, specifically other maturer Christian leaders who want to see me fulfill all that God intends for me.

I will love those who have been placed in my care here in the Parish of Purley-on-Thames.

Physical

Knowing my chosen vocation brings with it many pressures which can be destructive to my health, I believe God calls me to maintain my health through regular physical exercise.

I believe too that God calls me to enjoy His creation and so I will make time to "enjoy" life, including time to pursue various personal interests and hobbies.