

Annual Report

May 2025-April 2026



TRINITY
CHURCH

Modbury



**Stephen
George**

What a year!

Looking back over the last 12 months we have so much to give thanks to God for. But for me 2 huge things stand out...

1) The Hill

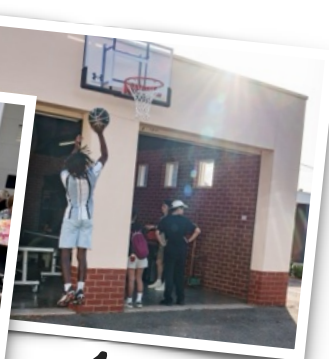
Since February 2026 God has enabled us as 5 churches in the north to start operating out of this amazing building in Holden Hill. In every way this building is a pure gift from God and already it's being used in great ways.



Out
front



Meet The Hill



Basketball

2) Night Church

In March 2026 God enabled us to share in planting a new church to reach the next generation. Each week about 80 people gather, including many young people exploring faith.



Commissioning



Pool



It's a sign (or 3)

But as great as buildings and church plants are, they're not what it's all about.

So what's it all about?

Jesus said in Matthew 28 verses 18-19,

“
All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Therefore go and make disciples of all nations”

And so we want to see the tide turned for Jesus, in Modbury and beyond, one story at a time. That's what The Hill & Night Church & all sorts of things that we do are all about. And it's what we've always been about.



Our vision

What we've always been about

In 2010 a bit over 70 people planted our church. As a result of what God did through their courage there are now a bit under 700 people meeting in 5 Trinity churches on a Sunday in our area. Some of that 700 are exploring faith, others have already come to faith. Some have reconnected with faith & some continue on growing in faith. God is graciously working through us to make disciples for Jesus.

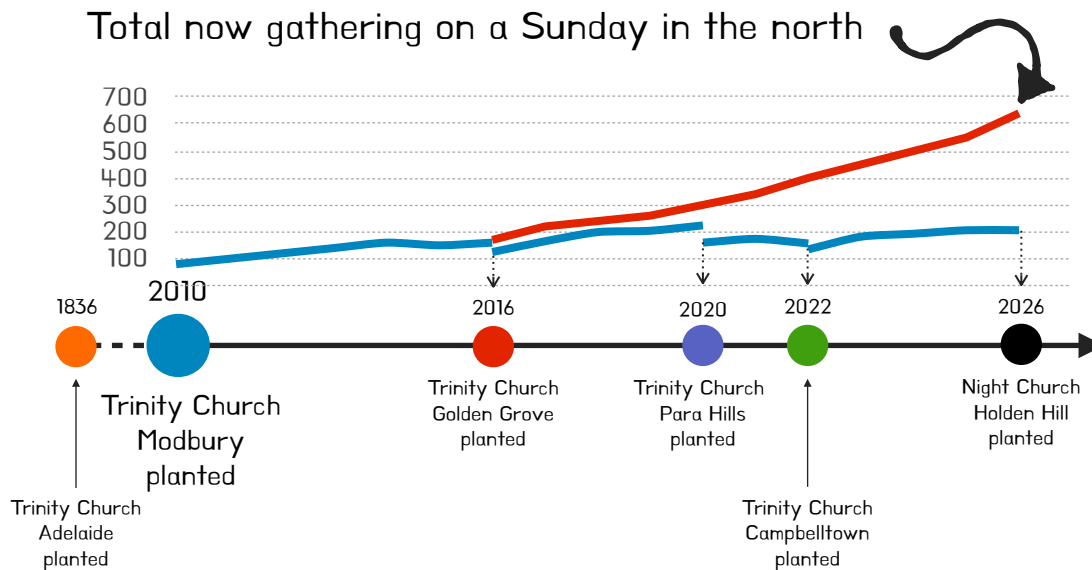


~70 in 2010



~650 in 2025

So what's next?



If you look at that graph above, you might notice a trend. We are not a church that's on about getting comfortable!

Every time we hit around 175 we start asking God what he'd have us do next.

Four times now that's been church planting. But having been involved in planting Night Church just a couple of months ago, we're still over 200 people on a Sunday & so again we need to ask God what's next.

And it's still not the time to get comfortable because there are about 134000 people within a 5km radius of where our church meets & most of them do not yet know Jesus (& there's over 500000 people in the north of Adelaide).

The 5 churches in the north are praying that God will enable us to plant to somewhere like Angle Vale or Elizabeth in 2028. But even doing that, we at Modbury still need to ask what's next to reach more of the thousands right on our doorstep who are destined for an eternity without Jesus.

Please ask God to guide the Leadership Team & staff as we consider what's next as we keep seeking to see the tide turned for Jesus, one story at a time.

134000 people in a 5km radius



This report

Below you'll find a brief update on each of the major ministry areas in our church written by Sally, Mark and me. There's also an update on our leaders & finances. Please keep praying for your church & especially about what God would have us do next.

Our Leaders

As a church we are greatly blessed by the wisdom, godliness & stability of our Leadership Team. This group consists of Michael Physick [chair] & Jane Dewing (2 x Senior Pastor appointed positions); Carine Tang [elected 2024] & Adrian Cox [elected 2025] (2 x congregation elected positions); Simon Barbour & Daryll Pain (2 x Leadership Team appointed positions); & Stephen George (Senior Pastor).

Responsibilities

	Ministry Leads			Ministry Support	
	Sally Oster	Mark Curran	Stephen George	Debbie Edwards	Leadership Team
Magnification	●			■	■
Mission		●		■	■
Membership			●	■	■
Maturity		●		■	■
Ministry			●	■	■
Kids			●	■	■
Youth		●		■	■



Our staff team consists of Sally Oster (part-time 2 days per week); Mark Curran (full-time); Stephen George (full-time) & Debbie Edwards (part-time 2 days per week). I can testify to the integrity, servant-heartedness & love for God of Sally, Mark & Debbie. One of our highlights as a staff team is receiving prayer points from 4 of you each week, so that over time we pray for each of you by name & what's happening in your life.



Mark proclaiming the gospel for us at Life

Our Finances

Trinity Church Modbury

Since 2010 God has always provided remarkably for our church. He has enabled us to send out 4 x church plants, raise up 3 x Ministry Apprentices, and most recently purchase The Hill property.

The last 12 months have been no exception to God's kindness as we all witnessed the great generosity of our church family. This time last year we had a deficit of **\$8465** and a dwindling accumulated surplus. Praise God, we not only managed to lift giving to meet our budget, but we also managed to raise money to pay for the fit out & some of the debt on The Hill property.

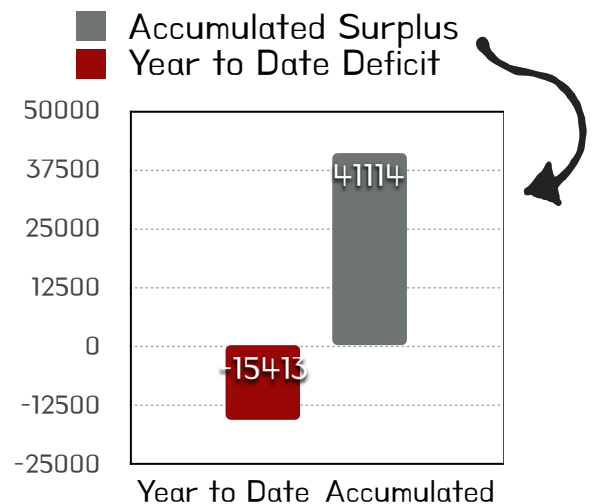
As of the beginning of May this year we have a deficit of **\$15413** & our total accumulated surplus is **\$41114**. This means we again face some challenges. God willing we can lift giving across 2026 in order to meet our budget with the new expenses of the outgoings at The Hill & to be in a strong position to support Night Church in the years to come.

The Hill Finances

The Hill gives us an amazing presence in the North East of Adelaide to reach out with the gospel and a great place to run many of our ministries (from Life to Seek Youth). It's hard to overemphasise what a 'game changer' it is to have a tangible base for our mission.

Praise God in Sept-Nov 2025 we were able to raise nearly **\$300K** toward paying down the debt at The Hill & fitting out the building. What this means is that there is around **\$800K** we still owe on the building (someone has generously loaned us around **\$500K** for the next 2.5 years to help give us time to raise more money).

One of the most powerful ways to make a lasting impact is to bequeath money to pay down this debt. A few years ago, Cathy & I finally got around to doing our wills (thanks to the prompting of a lawyer in our church) & we were asked if we wanted to leave some money for church. The thought had not really occurred to me before, but we were glad to be asked & so we had that written into our wills. If a number of us were to do similar, over time it would make a huge difference in paying down this debt & helping us live out God's mission in our area for generations to come.



The Hill



**Sally
Oster**

Magnification

Our church seeks to be a community of people growing in our love for God. Our Sunday gatherings fuel this as we encourage one another & build each other up through studying God's word, singing his praises, corporate prayer, the Lord's Supper & in the many incidental ways we love each other before & after our formal service.

Teams	Team Leader
Bands	Darren Oster
Sound	Christie Vincent
Service Projection	Christy Butt
Communion Prep	Hazel Ravesteyn
Prayer Ministry	Vacant
Sermon Upload	Wayne Starick
Service Bible Reading	Sally Oster
Service Leading	Sally Oster

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Over the past year or so we've been intentionally and prayerfully investing in young musicians. This year we've had the privilege of seeing fruit of this (beyond the blessings we experience at Modbury) because several of those young people are now confidently serving at Night Church. What a joy to see ministry multiplying and spreading so that more people can connect with the gospel and grow in living for Jesus!

We've also welcomed three new service leaders this year. It is often hard to find people willing to speak up the front. So, to have three people bravely take up that challenge is an answer to prayer.

I've been encouraged hearing the stories of how our church community are praying for one another and sharing stories about how God's been at work in people's lives and hearts.

What's next?

As this year progresses, I'm hopeful we'll have see another sound person trained, a few more Bible readers, and more servant-hearted musicians raised up, as Trinity Church Modbury continues to be outward looking, discipling & equipping God's people to serve here and elsewhere for the glory of God.

Please pray that our love for God would deepen and that we'd be wisely invest daily in nurturing this love in cooperation with the Holy Spirit.

Pray that our Sunday services would bring God much glory.



Some of the team.



**Mark
Curran**

Mission

We see the tide turned for Christ, one story at a time, and so we ask God to use us to lead people to Christ, one person at a time.

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With God's provision of the Hill we've started running both a Life course (4 weeks) and Discover course (5 weeks) each term, in partnership with the other north-eastern Trinity churches. This is a big step up from just a couple of years ago when we were running just two Life courses per year. It means that there's always a next step in place for anybody wanting to find out more about Jesus. In Term 1 we had **20 people exploring Christianity** (between our Life and Discover courses). **A couple of people connected with Modbury came away deciding to follow Jesus.** Praise God! The new venue worked well for both courses, and provides lots of opportunities for people in our churches to be part of the courses in various serving roles.

It has been encouraging to see many people who don't go to church or identify as Christian coming along to our Christmas and Easter services, Carols event, Tuesday Playgroup and Sunday services - whether invited along by one of our members, or people who God has brought along in some other way. I'm also aware that the people who come to church, Life and other events are just the tip of the iceberg of the many people who are being prayed for and witnessed to by many of us.

Of course our mission goes beyond just our own region of Adelaide, to the ends of the earth. It has been another big year for each of our mission partners. D&T and their family have returned to Asia after their home assignment last year, and recently celebrated a friend they have known for over a decade coming to faith in Christ. Maggie, our other CMS partner, has been patiently building relationships in Alice Springs, and has recently had exciting opportunities arise to point people to Jesus, including within the local prison. Anya and the rest of the AFES team have been navigating the university merger, and harnessing the opportunities it provides to see Jesus proclaimed on campus. And we've been able to partner with Compassion's mission to see children released from poverty in Jesus' name, both through our recent Compassion Sunday and ongoing coffee machine donations.

Life & Discover



Playgroup invite



What's next?

Pray that God would work powerfully through our regular Life and Discover courses this year as we run them in regional partnership, using them to draw more and more people to Jesus. Pray for the 20 people who attended in Term 1, that God would be continuing to work in their hearts as they consider what they've heard about Jesus.

Pray for our newly formed Life team, which meets together ahead of each term to plan and pray for the upcoming courses. And please pray that we would raise up more people from each of our churches to serve at Life and Discover.

Pray that our mission would flow from a deep love of God and the people around us, and confidence in the power of the gospel to save.



**Stephen
George**

Membership

Welcoming

Our church began with a welcoming heart in 2010 & it continues to be a place of warmth & love today.

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Each term we endeavour to run Onboard over 3 weeks as a way of caring for people new to our church. Over the last 12 months we managed to run it 3 out of the 4 terms.

Each Sunday we have 1 of 4 teams of people seeking to make everyone feel welcome, & especially those who are brave enough to join us for the first time. However, as a church we've always believed that it's not simply the job of these teams to welcome in newcomers, but the job of every single one of us. To date this welcoming culture continues.

We want to be a people that continue to deepen our connections with each other as a community. So over the last year we've had lunches at church and in each other's homes. We've had events like Tea & Tails, Parkrun & breakfast, & a walk at Morialta.



We also want to be a people that care for each other effectively. A lot of this care happens in community groups and individually via staff. In this past year we ran 'Building A Safe & Strong Marriage' as a way of supporting marriages.

A wet walk at Morialta

Onboard & community building events

What's next?

Whatever we do, we need to keep a culture of welcoming people. Partly this will be by raising up people in our church to lead the way in connecting with newcomers even better and helping them integrate into our church family. Partly it will be by a continued and renewed passion from each one of us to share God's welcoming heart.

Society is fragmenting and people are finding it harder to leave home and invest in relationships. We can't let this happen to our community. We need to find ways to encourage each one of us to invest in building real connection with each other. This is not going to be primarily by finding the right events to put on as a church, it is going to be by a conviction that God knows what's best for us, and calls us to a deep and costly love for each other. Our church has been blessed by God with genuine closeness, but we need to keep encouraging each other in this.

Finally, this year we will run the marriage course again.



**Mark
Curran**

Maturity

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Over the past year on Sundays and in our Community Groups we've explored Hebrews, Job, 2 Thessalonians and part of Isaiah, Acts and Luke. We've also done a couple of topical series - our Big Questions series last year looked at the question "Who is Jesus?", and our "This is us" series covered the "why?" behind some of the key things that we do as a church, including mission, serving and giving. We trialled a combined community groups night at the end of our time in Hebrews in Term 1, and will run a similar event after our Job series, as a way of building community, being encouraged by what we've learned in Job, and asking any questions.

There has been much to be encouraged by in our community groups. New members of our church have joined groups and been warmly welcomed in. A Sunday lunchtime group for families with very young children (a difficult season of life to be in a regular group!) has got up and running. Some groups have been trying new things this year, including regular meals and dedicated prayer nights. And our combined regional young



adults group is now up and running at the Hill on Wednesday nights. I'm constantly encouraged by the faithful service of our leaders as they prepare and care for their group members each week.

Commitment Sunday last November was also a wonderful occasion of hearing how God has been at work in the lives of a number of our members, and praising him for his goodness.



What's next?

Pray for a rich and transformative time in God's word as we look at Acts, Genesis, Revelation and Matthew in the coming months, both in our Sunday gatherings and community groups. Pray that God would be shaping and growing each of us in Christ-likeness by his Spirit as we encounter his word.

Pray that God would be powerfully at work in each of our community groups, guiding and sustaining each leader and working through each member, as we build one another up in love.

We were reminded in our time in Hebrews of the importance of encouraging one another daily (3:13) and spurring one another on toward love and good deeds as we meet together (10:24-25), highlighting the importance of gospel fellowship beyond just Sunday mornings. Pray for those in our church who don't currently have capacity to be in a regular group, that there would be opportunities for them to have the regular gospel fellowship that we all need.



**Stephen
George**

Ministry

Even if we had every role at church filled (which we don't) we'd still want to see every member serving. Why? Because it's what Jesus calls us to, & it's so good for us spiritually & relationally, & because there's always more that can be done to seek God's glory.

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Serving needs

God enabled some amazing things in the past 12 months. We sent Ben & Jessie Goddard to Bible College in Sydney (SMBC) to be trained for a lifetime of Ministry. Under Ben's leadership of this part of our church life we were able to move from 3 teams operating on a Sunday to 4 teams in every single area. Sally and the band leaders did a great job of raising up more musicians to serve in Night Church & help fill the gaps here.

Ben serving on drums & Courtney & Helen on tea & coffee



What's next?

As we ask God what's next for us as a church, whatever that future looks like, it is going to require us to grow in this area of our church life. We need to pray God would move more people to step up and lead and serve in all sorts of areas so that we can together reach out with the good news about Jesus. Every part of Jesus' body serving well enables us to pull together as one in this mission. If we don't create a place where people serve with joy & sacrifice we will choke our mission rapidly.



Team Leaders

Sound - Christie Vincent

Slide Projection - Christy Butt

Bible Reading - Sally Oster

Service Leading - Sally Oster

Offertory - Michael Physick

Communion Prep- Hazel Ravesteyn

Logistics - **Jane Dewing**; Craig Lockwood; Phil Klassen; @

Welcoming - John Morton; Lyn Marshall; Belinda Ide; Lisa Langmead

Morning Tea - **Heather Morton**; Helen Ezard; Jodie Cornhill; Mirella Grove

Coffee Cart - @

Sunday Youth - Joel Goddard

Young Families (Minis) - Alecia Curran; Suzanne Irvine; Margie Wintulich; Ali Borgas

Trinity Kids - Jayne Barbour; Ali Jansen; Neptune Tang; Cathy George

Band Leaders - Bryan Robertson; Darren Oster; Les Vincent; Sally Oster

Life Team - Mark Curran

Onboard - Stephen George

Seek Youth - Mark Curran

@ = Another Team Leader Currently Needed

Key next steps are more areas being owned & led by non-staff. And also more support, training and care of our team leaders.

We also need to keep praying God would enable us to raise up more Ministry Apprentices so we can send more people to Bible College for a lifetime of service.



**Stephen
George**

Next generations

Minis & Trinity Kids

We are so blessed as a church to have so many children amongst us every week reminding us that entry into Jesus' kingdom for all of us only comes

with having faith like a child. But

likewise the children among us are so blessed by a church full of godly & generous volunteers teaching & caring for them. Events like Mother's Day & cupcake decorating & Easter & egg hunting are such a blessing to children & families & they only happen because of the dedication of our volunteers. Every Sunday there are around 10 kids in Minis and 25 in Trinity Kids. There are also a number of babies & toddlers in the young families space up the back of church.

Remarkably there are 32 people currently serving in children's ministry. This is really strong and encouraging, but with 'maternity leave' & the natural movement of people between serving opportunities we still need to recruit another 3 leaders right now.



Young Families (Creche/Minis)

Ali Borgas; Nathan Barden; Elissa Ziebarth; Lydia Melrose
Alecia Curran; Monique Hoppe; Blessy Gatkamani; Caleb Phang
Suzanne Irvine; Bethany Kluge; Heidi Barden; Leah Irvine
Margie Wintulich; Skye Dobbins; Hannah Barbour; Matilda George

Trinity Kids

Ali Jansen; Andy Burman; Lian Klassen; Tim Melrose
Jayne & Simon Barbour; Jordan Pitt; Brooke Kirkby
Neptune & Carine Tang; Sanja Leith; Adrian Cox
Cathy George; Tim Irvine; Peter Ide; Ivy Kong

What's next?

Looking ahead, we need to grow the leadership & teams so that whatever is next for us as a church, children will be really well valued and cared for.





**Mark
Curran**

Next generations (cont.)

Seek Youth & Sunday Youth

On Friday nights, Seek Youth has grown in exciting ways that go beyond our weekly attendance numbers. The regional partnership between our five churches in the north-east has been greatly strengthened, with youth and leaders from all of our churches involved in the past year. We have been blessed with seven new leaders this year, including three who were year 12 members of Seek last year. Praise God for raising up godly young people with a heart to invest in the next generation. Each of our new leaders has made an encouraging start, and I am constantly encouraged by the ongoing service of all our leaders.

The Hill has worked well as a new venue this year, providing a more personal space to meet in, and allowing for different ways of running games and small groups. Having a shared space with evening church and young adults also creates a helpful transition pathway for our senior members as they consider what life after youth looks like.

There have been wonderful stories of God's work in the lives of our individual members - the new member who is already inviting friends along, the boy who came away from Base Camp with a real grasp on what it means to live for God, and the reserved teen who stepped out of his comfort zone and served on the Roxby mission trip.

On Sundays, our year 7-10s regularly meet with their leaders after the sermon to chat about the passage, and how it relates to their own lives and contexts. This is valuable time not just for solidifying what they've heard in the sermon, but building relationships with each other and the leaders.



What's next?

Seek Youth

Pray for all of our high schoolers at Modbury and Seek Youth, that each of them would know Jesus as their Lord, grow in their faith and service of Jesus, and remain in Jesus for all of their lives.

Pray for the big group of year 6s who we're expecting along at Seek in Term 4 (ten from Modbury alone!), that they would transition well as they

prepare for youth and high school. And please pray for more leaders to be raised up to faithfully lead them!

Pray that under God we would be able to maximise the Hill as a youth ministry venue, and that God would use this space mightily to see youth come to know Jesus and grow to maturity in him.

North Region Friday Youth

[Night Church](#)

Richard Budden; Josiah George; Jake Robertson; Elissa Ziebarth, Fletcher Telfer, Nate Morton

[Golden Grove](#)

Logan Montgomery; Madeleine Rincon

[Campbelltown](#)

Les Dennis

[Para Hills](#)

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[Modbury](#)

Alisha Machek; Nicky Cox; Mark Curran; Margie Wintulich; Les Vincent; Lucy Oster

Sunday Youth Modbury

Les Vincent; Alisha Machek; Annie Melrose; Ali Jansen; Nicky Cox; Neptune Tang; Joel Goddard



**Stephen
George**

Final words

We have every reason to be thankful to God for what he's done. We have every reason to anticipate that God will keep doing great things in our city. There's a window very much open to faith in Jesus in our time. So let's be those who make the most of it. Church on a Sunday; Life & Discover; Playgroup; Seek Youth, these are all great places to lead people to Jesus. But just beginning a conversation about faith is the first place to start. So let's get courageous & lead people to Jesus. And as a church, let's get courageous & keep asking God what's next, to see the tide turned for Jesus, one story at a time.

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God this is your true and proper worship.

Romans 12:1