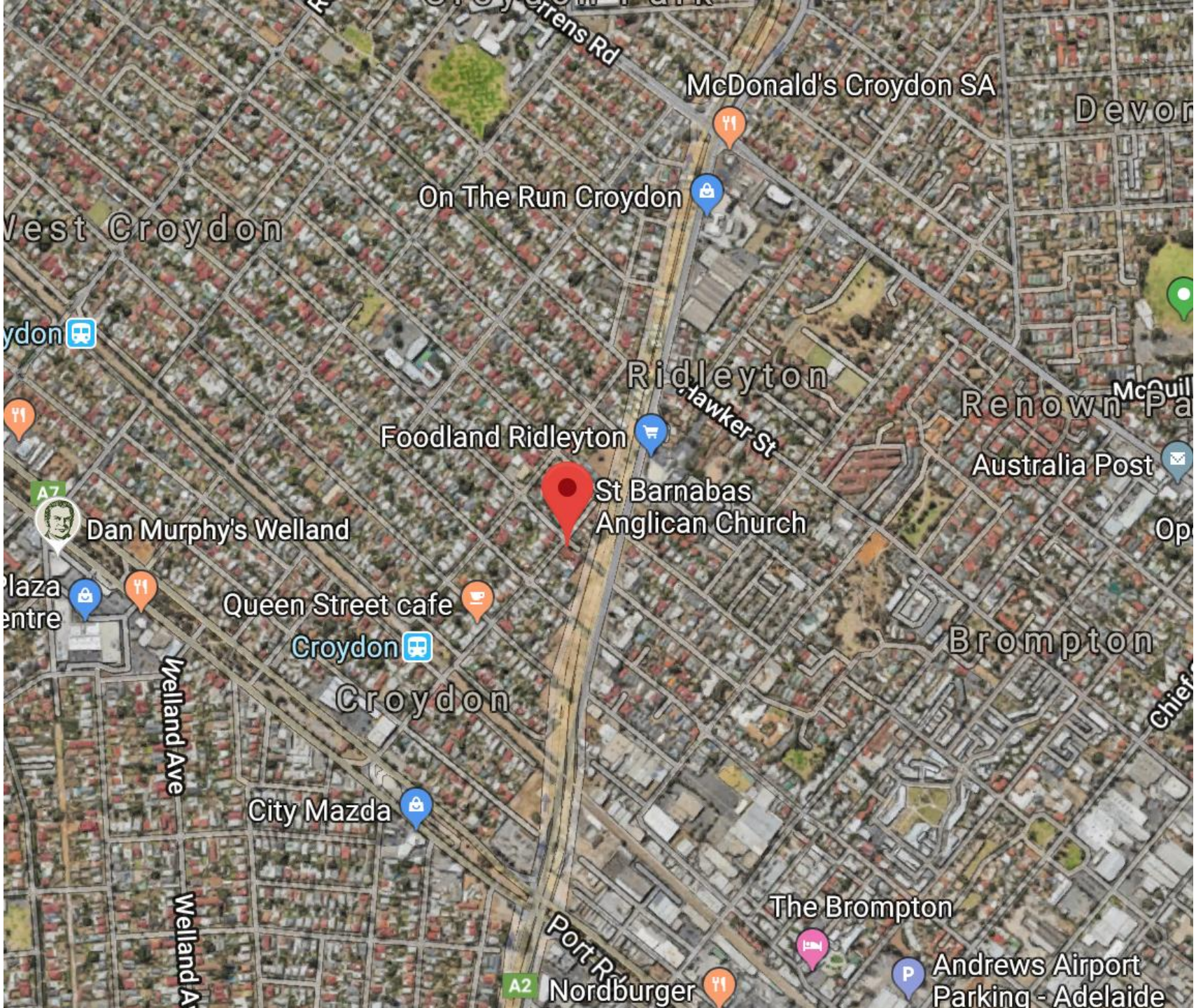


Overcoming Loneliness

St Barnabas Croydon



Anglican Diocese
of Adelaide





There's no single solution

It's about the ♥ □ of the faith
community

Helpful pre-conditions

1. Existing legacy – since 1905
with assets
2. Motivated church planters
3. Supportive denomination
4. Clear framework – SOMA
but willing to modify

[Side-note – The financial model]

- Sale of property \$1.1m
- **\$340,000** repairs & refurb
\$400,000 for Congregation
+ **\$21,000** p.a.
- Existing Endowment Fund
+ **\$12,000** p.a.
- Synod grant
+ **\$25,000** p.a. for 3 years
- Giving
+ **\$60,000** p.a.
- Expenses
- **\$120,000** p.a.

Identity

“This is who we are: a Family of Servant Missionaries, sent as disciples who make disciples.”

“We see Gospel Communities as the primary unit of church life and the best vehicle for disciple-making.”

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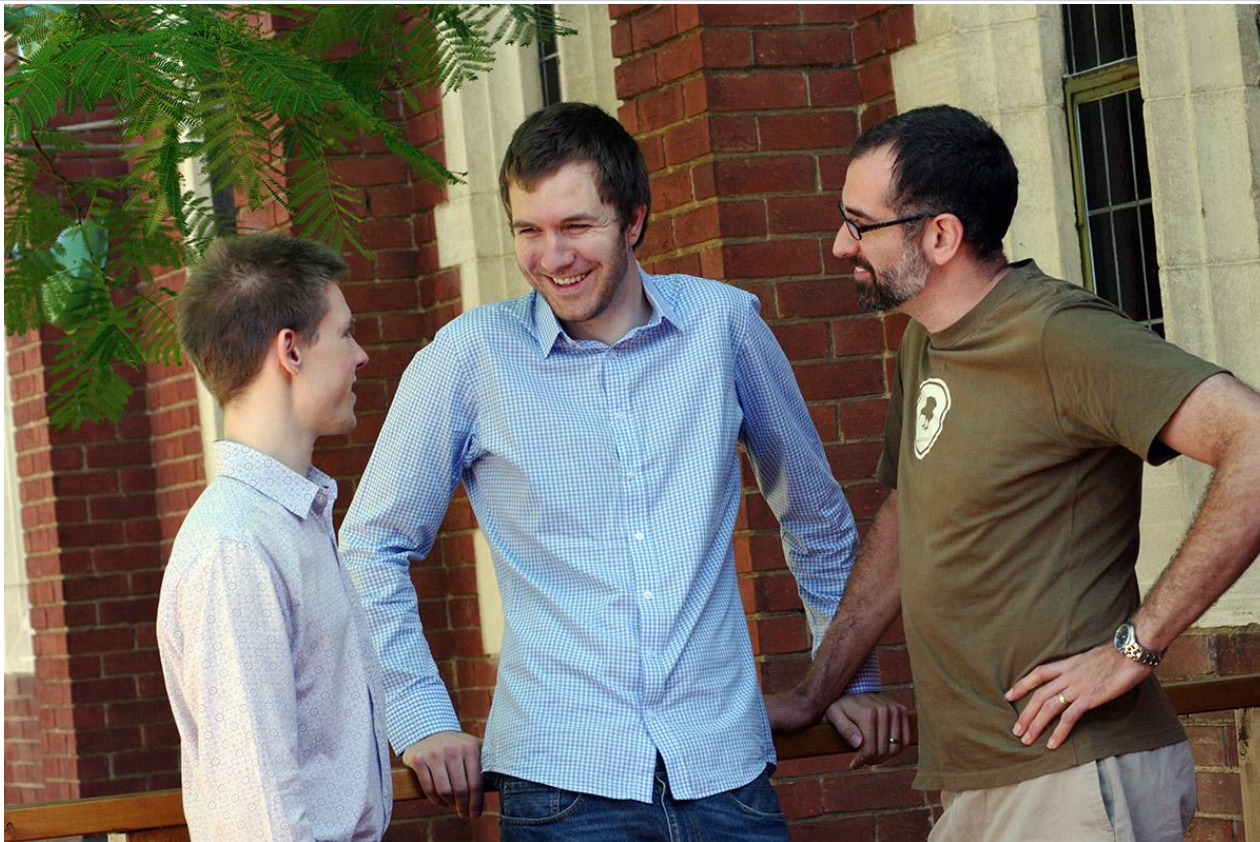
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“A Gospel Community is a small group of about 6-20 people who aim to do everyday life together with gospel intentionality.”

“... so that people encounter the church, not only as a building that they enter or a service they attend, but as a community that they can belong to ...”

“Each Gospel Community has identified a unique mission within the larger community and meets regularly to eat, learn, pray and work together on mission, showing and sharing the gospel in real and tangible ways.”

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Six Rhythms

Story

“know God's story better through interacting with his Word ... share our own stories”

Listen

“listen to God in his Word and through his Spirit”

Celebrate

“regularly celebrate his goodness and grace”

Bless

“tangibly bless each week through words, gifts or actions”

Eat

“We regularly eat meals with one another and others”...

ReCreate

“regularly take time to rest, play, create and restore beauty in ways that reflect what God is like to our community”

What can we learn?

It might be easier to re-pot into, rather than change a whole congregation

Substantial and consistent support from the wider church

The heart is the most important – activities flow from that

Use the assets to **amplify**

E.g. the church building gave the congregation legitimacy in the community

What can we learn?



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