

Hallmarks Of Church Growth



“What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, **but only God, who makes things grow.** The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building.”

1 Corinthians 3:5-9

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- 1967 Jean Darnall vision - Longfleet Vicarage
- 1970s 3 older women covenant to pray every Friday for children to come to the LORD
- 1995 risky appointment of young vicar AP
- 1996 Began to run Alpha
- Nov 1998 Internal reordering of Church - chairs, chancel...
- Early 2000s Growth of Evening Service - young adults
- Small Groups flourishing
- 2007 New Wine Leadership & team
- NW Network Celebrations @SML
- Unblocking Springs of water
- 2009 Onwards Overseas Mission Teams/HOPE projects
- 2014 Church Centre completed!!
- 2016 Vision 2020 launched - RISE/THRIVE/REACH
- 2018 Church Graft to Hamworthy
- 2020 Covid pandemic
- 2023 Rapid growth in Youth ministry / RESOUND

Key Distinctive Characteristics

Passionate Spirituality

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer... praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

Acts 2:42-47

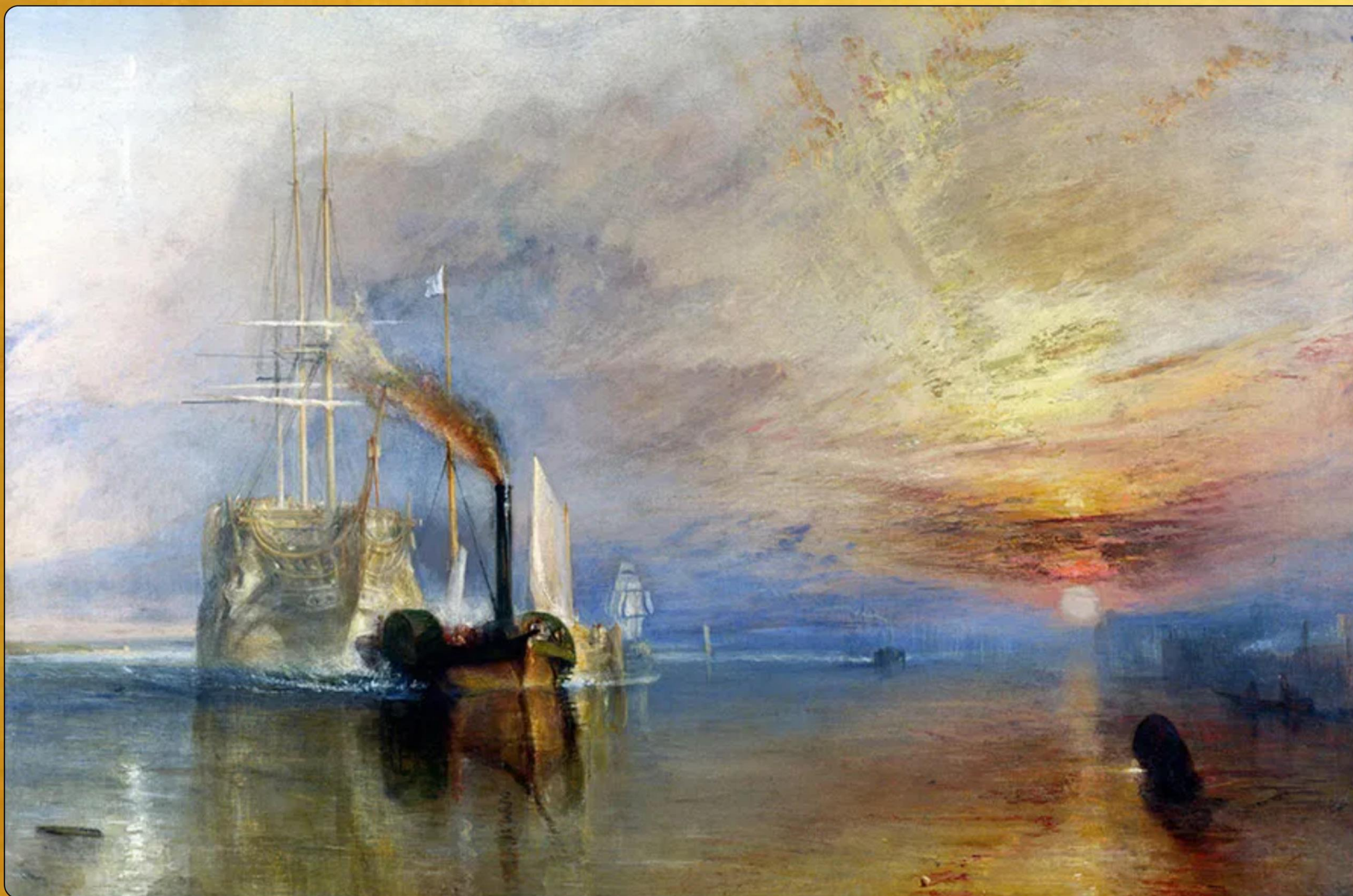
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Empowering Leadership

“Therefore... in view of God’s mercy... if it is **Leadership**, do it diligently”

Romans 12

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*The Fighting
Temeraire*

J. M. W. Turner

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Gift Orientated Ministry

“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.
There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.”

1 Corinthians 12:4-5

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Life-giving Structures

“But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain - and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens.”

Exodus 18:21

Character • Competence • Chemistry • Cultural Alignment

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Inspiring Worship Services

“God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

John 4:24

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Word and Spirit

All Word and no Spirit, we dry up;
all Spirit and no Word, we blow up;
both Word and Spirit, we grow up

David Watson

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Holistic Small Groups

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”

1 Thessalonians 5:11

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Need-orientated *Evangelism* and *Outreach*



Serving our communities with *Joy*



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Loving Relationships

“Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love...”

Ephesians 5:1-2

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