

saints

Miracle Timeline

July 2019

The Launch Team moved from Gold Coast and Sydney to plant this church in Melbourne.



Feb 2020

This church officially launched in Melbourne CBD. 3 weeks later Melbourne went into lockdown.



Covid 19 coronavirus:
Melbourne now under one of the strictest lockdowns in the world



2020 - 2022

Senior Leadership were actively looking for a permanent location while navigating a brand new church through 2 years of lockdown and not being able to formally gather. Individuals and families were joining the church from all across Melbourne even though it was an inconvenient location in the CBD. God was drawing people in, gathering an army to serve this city and the people of Melbourne.

Jan 2022

We re-launched church in January 2022 and kept meeting faithfully in a basement in the CBD, and mid-week in homes all across Melbourne.

Sep 2022

We tried to buy this building and got outbid by a developer for more than double what we had offered.



Feb 2023

We were looking for a place mid-week to hold our prayer gatherings and mid-week meetings. Through speaking to another senior pastor, we found Bellfield community hub in Banyule council and started praying there regularly. It was a push to secure this mid-week spot, but we felt strongly to meet here. Other tenants there would hear us praying and regularly tell us to pray quieter. We would regularly pray for a building anywhere in Melbourne to have a hub for our church, as well as praying for our city.



March 17, 2023

Our Worship Director prayed that God would turn a 'no' into a 'yes'. We didn't know that that 'yes' would be this building at Ivanhoe.

Sep 2023

We felt to take a step of faith and launch a PM service in the city, to reach those that couldn't or wouldn't make it to an AM service. We saw something new released spiritually and miracles began to break out in these PM services.

2023 >

Throughout 2023, we had two very promising potential permanent locations that both fell through for different reasons. We ended 2023 with nothing in sight, no place to call 'home' as a church.

Jan 2024

The decision was made for this church in Melbourne to become an autonomous church and separate from Glow.

The same week this decision was made, the same developer that had outbid us just over a year before, put this historic building up for sale again.



56 Wilfred Road, Ivanhoe East, VIC
3079 - Development Site & Land
For Sale - realcommercial

realcommercial.com.au

Check out this property at 56
Wilfred Road, Ivanhoe East 3079

That's the one that used to be for
sale isn't it?

March 2024

We made a **wild offer** on the church at Ivanhoe. It was for less than what the developer had bought it for a year before and it also included a **2-year settlement** because we were going to be a brand new entity with no trading history (changing from 'Glow' to 'saints Church'). The vendor accepted this wild offer and allowed us to lease it back for the first two years.

April 2024

When the vendor presented us with the contract to sign, we realised we didn't even have an entity yet (as we were still Glow Church and in the process of becoming a new entity). We formed a board and applied for an ABN which came within 24 hours (the normal timeframe is 20 days).

We then had to register with the ACNC as a not-for-profit so that we didn't have to pay stamp duty on the building. That process normally takes 12 weeks, we received our ACNC registration by 2.30pm that same afternoon on the day we applied for it.

Application for charity registration

Organisation name: SAINTS CHURCH MELBOURNE LTD

Organisation ABN: 32676530135

Application reference number: CAS-1384315-V2B2N3

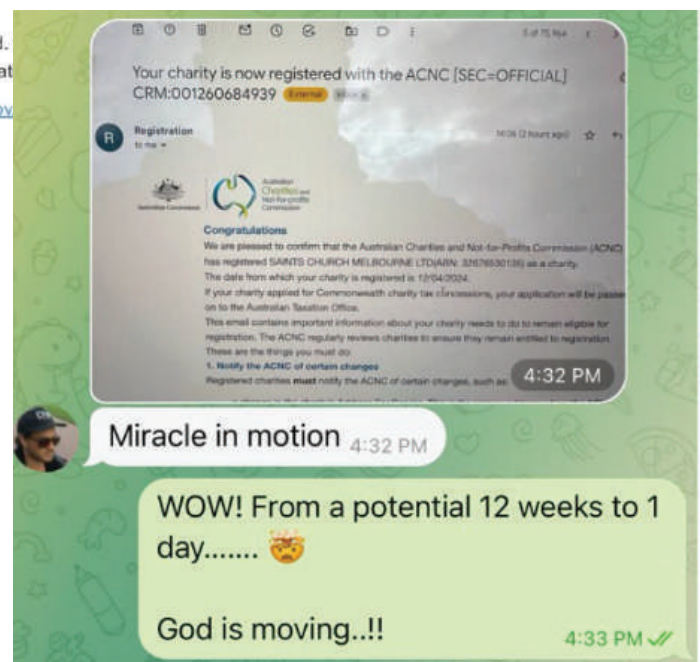
Thank you for your registration application.

This email is to let you know that we are experiencing lengthy delays in assessing applications, unprecedented number of applications that we have received recently. We will assess your appli we can.

We assess applications for registration based on factors including complexity. You will receive an application has been allocated to a Law Interpretation Analyst.

It is currently taking up to 12 weeks for applications to be allocated. Interpretation Analyst may also contact you to ask for more informat

If you have any queries, please contact us at registration@acnc.gov.au



May 2024

Although we had come to agreeable terms with the vendor, we still needed to confirm some things with the council. We faced some challenges but throughout this process we realised that the very council we had been holding our prayer meetings in every week for the last 18 months was the same council we were needing favour with, so we knew God was in control. **Before anything, we always prayed first.**



Through needing to engage with the previous Priest that oversaw the parish in order to get everything the council required, we began to learn more of the story of how the building was put up for sale, which was another miracle that led us all here.

Through unfortunate circumstances, there was a heritage hold put on the church when the Catholic Church decided to sell it. This took their sale price down from mid \$5 millions to low \$2 millions. The Priest himself went on to say that what the enemy meant for evil God turned it around for His good, because it now meant that the church would be used as a place of worship once again and held as Kingdom land.

May 30th, 2024

The deposit was paid.



Sunday 10th November, 2024

We launched in the newly renovated 56 Wilfred Road, Ivanhoe building. An unfolding miracle for the people of saints church and The Kingdom in Melbourne



“They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor. They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities.”

Isaiah 61:3-4