

GOODWOOD LAUNCH

Frequently Asked Questions

A. Vision, Model & Trust

Why multi site and not a new church plant?

Edge Church Goodwood is not a separate church or a church plant; it is Edge Church in another location. The decision to go multi-site flows from a desire to make room for more people to meet Jesus while remaining unified in vision, leadership, theology, and culture. After research and consultation with various pastors and experts in this area, we believe that a multi-site model is the most appropriate approach for us. It is one that plays to our strengths and places the emphasis on the relationship-building component in the community. We believe this is the best way for us to be obedient to God's leading and faithfulness to the mission *to love God, love people, and change the world.*

How will Goodwood avoid feeling like an overflow venue?

Goodwood is being launched with:

- Live worship
- Live pastoral leadership
- Full Edge Kids ministry
- Hospitality, connection, and prayer
- A strong core serve team

Excellence matters because Goodwood should **feel like Edge Church**, not an afterthought or secondary room.

What does success look like in the first year?

Success is not defined by numbers alone, but by:

- A spiritually healthy, Jesus centred community
- Strong teams and healthy culture
- People finding belonging and discipleship
- Foundations laid for sustainable growth

B. Timing, Permanence & Commitment

When is Goodwood launching?

The target launch season is September 2026. While that is the clear aim, the final date depends on external factors tied to the venue, installation of infrastructure and school processes.

Is Goodwood short term or long term?

Goodwood is being approached as a long term campus, not a temporary experiment. At the same time, leadership has been transparent that the *specific venue* (President High School) may or may not be the permanent home.

How long will Edge Church be based at President High?

President High School is the confirmed launch venue and where we sense great alignment with the school leadership. Our leadership is grateful for the open door and is trusting God for clarity over time, whether that means continued presence there or a future permanent facility.

C. Venue & Practical Viability

Why President High School?

The decision was not merely logistical. There was a profound sense of spiritual alignment with the principal's heart for hope in the school and community. Leadership experienced clarity, peace, and favour in the process, seeing this as God opening a door.

Why rent instead of build?

Renting allows the church to respond to God's leading now, without rushing into premature long term infrastructure decisions.

Will Edge's investment benefit the school?

Yes. Facility refurbishments are designed to have long term benefit for the school, while certain production equipment would be removable should the venue ever no longer be available.

What happens if technology fails?

The launch plan includes:

- Strong preparation
- Full run throughs
- Trained teams
- Redundancies where possible

Technology serves the mission; it does not define it.

D. Services & Sundays

How many services at launch?

Goodwood will launch with one service, starting simply and growing as capacity and teams allow.

What time will services be?

At this point, we envisage a 10h00 service. Service times are still being finalised and will be communicated once confirmed.

How does preaching work?

Preaching will initially be live streamed from Edgemoor to Goodwood. (The ability to stream from Goodwood is currently not available.) Streaming the message ensures clarity, unity, and theological consistency as the campus establishes. It also allows for a focus on the formation of the campus team and pastoring people through change. Worship, prayer, hosting, kids' ministry, and connection will all be live and local.

Why not rotate preachers physically?

The first season prioritises establishing clarity, trust, and shared identity. Rotation may come later, but the initial focus is unity and strong foundations.

E. Other ministries

How will worship, production and media work?

Initially, there will be a central team with rotation until such time as we are ready for campus-specific teams.

How will Welcome Home dinners and Discipleship 101 function?

We envisage that these will be hosted at Edgemoor, given the absence of a mid-week venue in Goodwood.

How will prayer meetings work?

Prayer is central, with prayer nights planned as part of the lead up and life of the campus. Practically speaking, most prayer meetings will take place at Edgemoor, given the absence of a mid-week venue in Goodwood. However, we do envisage the opportunity to have prayer walks in the community.

How does this launch affect kids, youth, and families?

- Edge Kids launches from day one, with the same systems, values, and care as Edgemoor
- Youth and other ministries will be introduced as the campus grows. At present, we envisage this starting in 2027.
- Families are encouraged to practice discernment and consistency; belonging is built over time

How will baptisms be handled across campuses?

- Baptisms are an in-person experience and will be held at both Edgemoor and Goodwood. We would need to secure an additional font for this purpose.

F. Serving & Volunteer Sustainability

What will this imply for serve team members?

- Weekly setup is required due to the hired venue
- Serving at Goodwood is framed as a calling, not casual involvement
- A strong core team is essential to sustainability
- People are encouraged to commit to a season (around three years) to build well
- Saying "no" or staying at Edgemoor is honourable and valued

G. Community, Groups & Belonging

What happens to life groups when people attend different campuses? Will community deepen or fragment?

- Community and belonging requires consistency and presence
- People are encouraged not to bounce between campuses weekly
- Life Groups and relationships will evolve as the campus matures.
- Existing Life Group Leaders who choose to move to Goodwood are likely to step out of their current group to start a new Goodwood group.
- There will also be opportunities for new leaders to be equipped and to start groups at both Goodwood and Edgemoor.
- This does mean that groups will evolve and change over time.

If the timing doesn't feel right now, will I be able to join Goodwood in a future season?

There isn't an expiry date on joining Goodwood. However, we would encourage those who are able to join in this season to do so, to assist with the initial launch.

H. Outreach & Promotion

How does this help us reach new people?

Goodwood is about:

- Creating space for new people to meet Jesus
- Engaging a new community and school environment
- Carrying hope into schools, homes, and neighbourhoods

How will the Goodwood launch be communicated to the wider community?

There will be intentional promotion in the community. While various media will be used, personal recommendation and invitation is the strongest, making it an opportunity for congregational involvement.

I. Edgemoor Campus Impact

What changes for those staying?

There will be opportunities for people to step into the serving gaps that are left by those that have moved to Goodwood.

Will we reduce the number of services at Edgemoor?

Experts tell us that the gaps of those leaving to start another campus are quickly filled and the advice is not to reduce the number of services at Edgemoor.

Will the pastors, including Daniel, continue to have presence across campuses?

There will be times that Stephen will preach from the Edgemoor campus. There will always be a presence of pastoral leadership at both campuses. The desire is that, as Lead and Executive Pastors, Daniel and Rozanne will have presence across both campuses. This is something we'll need to work out as we go, as this needs to be practical.

J. Discernment

How should individuals discern whether to pioneer or strengthen?

Discernment begins with prayer, not preference. The invitation is not, "*Where do I feel most excited?*" but, "*Lord, what is my part in what You are doing in this season?*"

Individuals are encouraged to:

- Bring the decision before God honestly and patiently
- Listen for peace and conviction, not pressure or urgency
- Pay attention to a sense of calling, not novelty or convenience

Both responses are honourable:

- Pioneering Goodwood is a calling to help build: requiring consistency, serving, sacrifice, and a willingness to sow into something still forming.
- Strengthening Edgemoor is equally vital: providing stability, maturity, and strength in the existing house.

Discernment is confirmed over time through prayer, counsel, and alignment with the leadership God has placed in the church.

How should leaders hold space for prayer, resistance, or uncertainty?

Leaders are called to shepherd hearts, not manage outcomes. That means:

- Creating space where questions, hesitations, and even resistance can be voiced without judgement
- Actively inviting prayer, reflection, and conversation rather than rushed decisions
- Repeatedly affirming that saying no is honourable if it comes from sincere discernment

The posture from leadership is calm, patient, and reassuring:

- This is not a test of loyalty
- This is not driven by pressure or urgency
- This is a season for listening to God together

Leaders model trust by holding plans loosely and people carefully, making room for the Holy Spirit to speak personally and corporately.

How can the church remain spiritually grounded amid challenge and transition?

The church remains grounded by keeping God's presence central, not progress, plans, or productivity. Throughout the Vision Communication and Interest Nights, this grounding is expressed by:

- Anchoring every step in gratitude for God's past faithfulness
- Committing the journey repeatedly to prayer and dependence on God
- Emphasising that *this is God's church, God's vision, and God's leading*

Spiritual grounding is maintained when:

- Prayer precedes strategy
- Presence is valued above momentum
- Obedience matters more than certainty

As expressed in a repeated prayer:

"If Your presence does not go with us, do not send us."

That posture ensures that even in uncertainty, the church moves forward with peace, unity, and trust in God's guidance.