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Serving at St Chads

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Why serve?



These three anchors root all we do in the opening lines of the Lord's prayer: Hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done. They capture our core activities of worship, prayer, evangelism and discipleship.

In this booklet we will share with you various opportunities for being involved in the life and outreach of St Chads. Before you read those, here are some reflections on the nature of volunteering and our approach to this at St Chads.

Our approach to volunteering is based on some core biblical convictions about the nature of following Jesus together:

'Our identity is children of God, our call is to serve'.

We don't need to earn God's favour through serving; we can't do anything to make him love us any more or any less than He does already. Serving is the family business, we choose to serve because we take on that family responsibility of sharing what we have already been given. Jesus served humbly and called us to do the same. This also dissolves any sense of hierarchy or status competition in church life.

'Each of you should give joyfully and without compulsion'

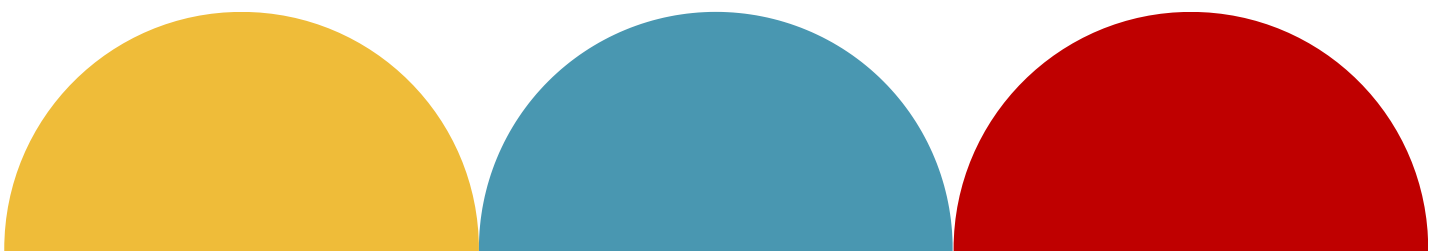
We approach serving as calling not duty. This changes the way we think about the roles we take on; we respond to God's call, not the church's needs. This is a risky thing, but we are convinced that if there aren't enough people to joyfully serve in an area of ministry, we honestly review whether it should continue. This has to be balanced with the self discipline to commit to the things we have taken responsibility for. We might not feel like serving every time, but the initial call comes from a sense of call from God.

'One body, many parts'.

The way the New Testament describes the church is a diverse range of gifts, all coming from the same Holy Spirit. This means things will work best when we are all finding our way to serve, rather than a handful of people doing all the work. It also means we serve in the areas where we have gifts and we trust God that He has given a wide range of gifts to the church family.

There is a season for everything

Serving isn't a life sentence! There are seasons for each of us when other circumstances require us to step back from volunteering, or we believe God is calling us to serve in a different way.



'We shared with you, not just the gospel, but our very selves, because you had become dear to us'

Volunteer teams are probably the best way to build real friendships in church. Many of us have experienced this. Often the kitchen is the most fun place to be at a party!

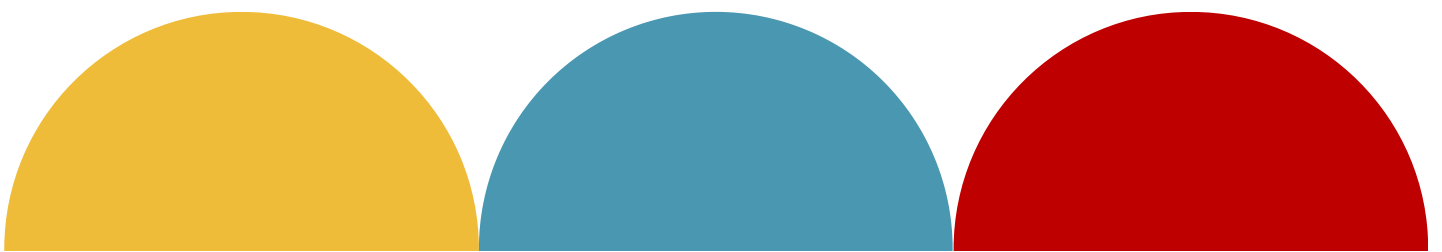
As we reconsider our whole approach to serving, it is worth sharing some further thoughts on healthy communication between staff and volunteers.

Serving together takes honesty and open hearted communication. We want to be able to ask freely for help knowing that those we are asking will feel no guilt or shame about saying 'no'.

Serving can be tiring, it can stretch us, it can include using the gifts of the Holy Spirit. As we serve, we will have more opportunities to see God working powerfully and miraculously.

Generosity is a core value. As well as giving financially to the church, we can give of our time and energy. A generosity of heart brings life to what we do, it makes 'going the extra mile' a joy not a duty.

Many of the serving roles in St Chads are to bless people who are not yet part of the church. They are opportunities to share the love of Jesus and show hospitality to those we welcome into our buildings.



Kids & Youth Ministry

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY: Discipling			
	MINI CHURCH	KIDS CHURCH	YOUTH CHURCH
	SUN: 10.15 - 11.30am AGE: 3 to Rec	SUN: 10.15 - 11.30am AGE: Year 1 to 6	SUN: 10.15 - 11.30am AGE: Year 7 to 13
Time Commitment	1 Sunday in 4 9.30am to 11.45am August off	1 Sunday in 4 9.30am to 11.45am August off	1 Sunday in 4 9.30am to 11.45am August off
Legal Requirements	Volunteer agreement, DBS check and online safeguarding training course	Volunteer agreement, DBS check and online safeguarding training course	Volunteer agreement, DBS check and online safeguarding training course
Extras	Sitting on floor	Sitting on floor	
Vision for team	We are looking for people who are passionate about coming alongside young people and being a part of their faith and discipleship journey. Our Sunday ministry groups are all about coming together to encounter God, share testimonies, pray, learn and grow together no matter our age. We are looking for leaders who would like to share their teaching gifts, but just as importantly we are looking for adults who will come and sit alongside and join in with our young people.		



Kids & Youth Ministry

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY: Reaching out

SCHOOLS OUT

MON: 3.30 - 4.45pm

AGE: Rec to Year 3

Weekly or Bi-weekly

3pm to 5pm

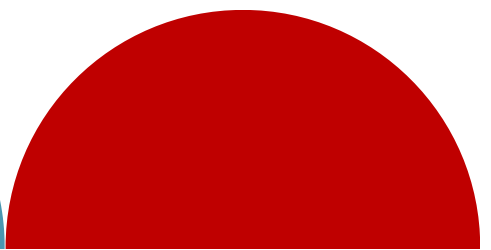
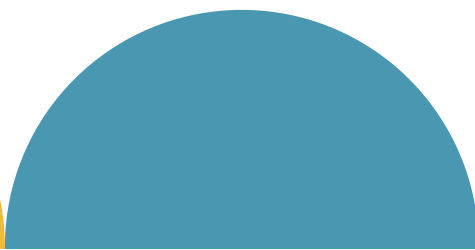
Term time only

Volunteer agreement,
DBS check and online
safeguarding training
course

Sitting on floor,
energy to join in with
group games



Our Out! groups are all about reaching out into our community and creating fun places for the young people in Romiley to belong and be introduced to Jesus. We are looking for people to come and join in the fun, play some games and be willing to be a christian influence in the lives of these young people.



Parent & Pre-School Outreach

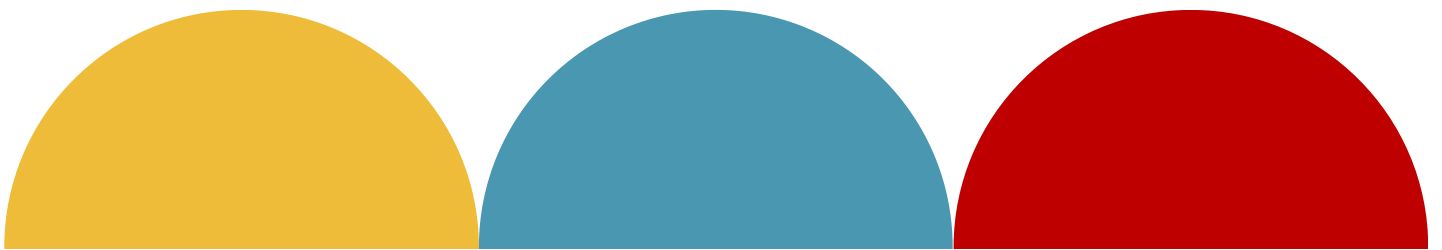
Prampushers - Wednesday
9.30-10.30am and
11-12pm

Snowdrops - Wednesday
12.45-2.15pm

Just4dads - Wednesday
10.30 till 12pm, Clear/tidy up
12 till 12.30

Baby Group Friday – sessions through the morning
9am-2.30pm

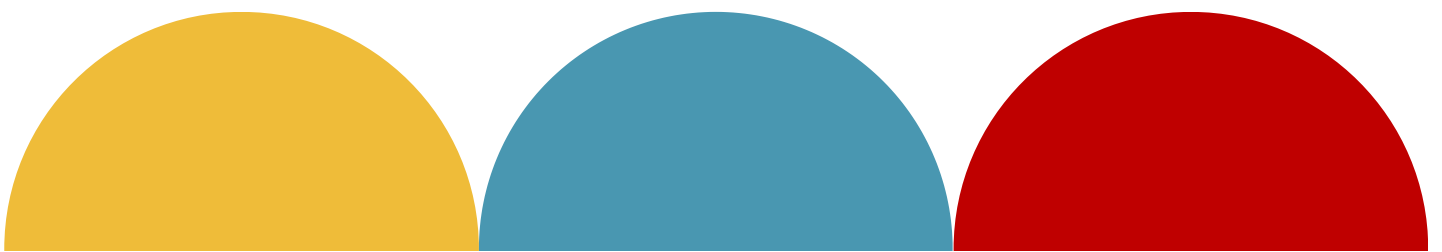
Prampushers is our toddler group especially for preschool children and their parents/carers/grandparents. This is a lively and fun space with lots of laughter and noise, with time for great conversations with families in our community and to build relationships with new people to St Chads. Our mornings are made up of free play (while the adults catch up!) followed by circle time, with a bible story and nursery rhymes, then craft time for the older ones. And then more playing!



Parent & Pre-School Outreach

The Baby group has grown out of the need seen in lockdown for new parents to get support from other new mums and space to have conversation and a space outside their home to meet new people. Due to the success of this group and the importance of support for new parents we are holding different times for Baby Group and Prampushers (although all under school age children are welcome at Prampushers) Snowdrops is a support group targeted at helping new mums who maybe experiencing depression and anxiety following the birth.

Just4Dads runs in the same way as Prampushers, except that it is just for dads. This group has really grown with socials and even a weekly football team session happening. It would be really great if men feel called to this to stand alongside dads in our community.



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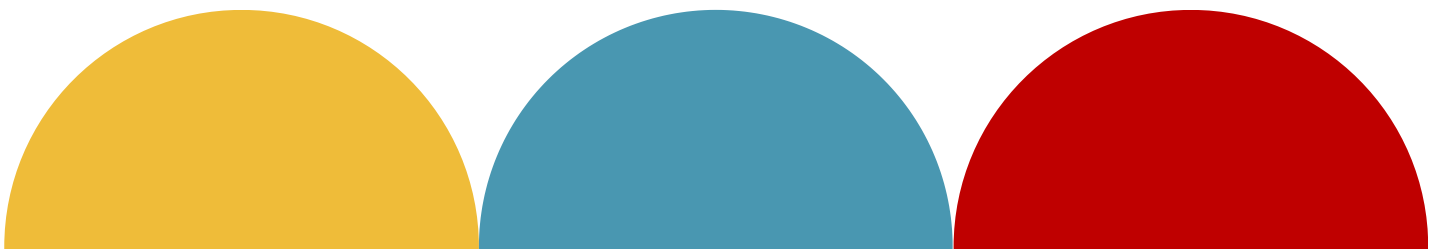
Volunteer roles and time commitment

Prampushers

1. People who are happy to engage in conversation, socialise, make guests feel welcome 9.30-10.30am and 11am-12pm
2. Story Telling
3. Singing of songs – nursery rhymes and Christian pre-school age songs
4. Setting out the space Tuesday (8.00-8.30pm or Wednesday 8.30-9.00am)
5. Prayers – to pray for these groups and the families whilst they are happening.

Baby Group

1. People who are happy to engage in conversation, sit alongside, make guests feel welcome and make refreshments (1 hour during the morning)
2. Cake bakers– to make cake at home and bring along before hand.



Oasis

Oasis - Mondays at the Guywood

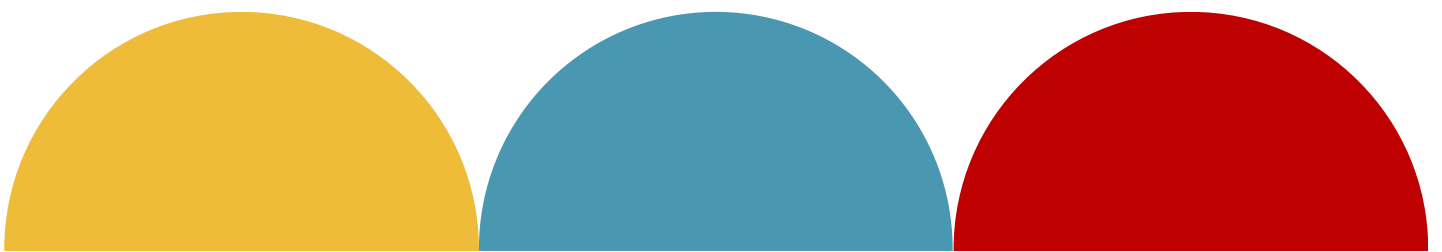
9.30-2.30pm

Oasis is an outreach into our community for socially isolated people. The largest demographic is the over 60s, however it is open to ALL and we also get younger people attending.

Oasis meets every Monday 11.30-2pm and is a time for people to come along for conversation, building relationships and get involved in table activities (dominos, jigsaws or just have a conversation) and then share a prepared lunch together.

Volunteer roles and time commitment

- 1) Getting involved with activities (11-12.30pm or 11-2pm if stopping for lunch as well).
- 2) Preparation of food (soup lunch) and refreshments in the kitchen (9.30-12.30pm or 9.30-2pm if you want to stay over lunch)
- 3) Clearing up, dishwasher stacking/unstacking (1-2.30pm)
- 4) Packing away the tables and chairs (1.30-2.30pm)
- 5) Thought for the day – Short 5 minutes' faith slot which then allows conversation at the tables (12.30pm – 10 minutes and preparation time. Welcome to stay for lunch or to leave after the slot)
- 6) Cake bakers – to make cake at home and bring along before hand



Sundays

Welcome

Welcoming people into Church is one of the most valuable things we can do on a Sunday morning. We want to be intentional in providing a positive, loving and friendly welcoming experience to both our regular members and also newcomers and visitors.

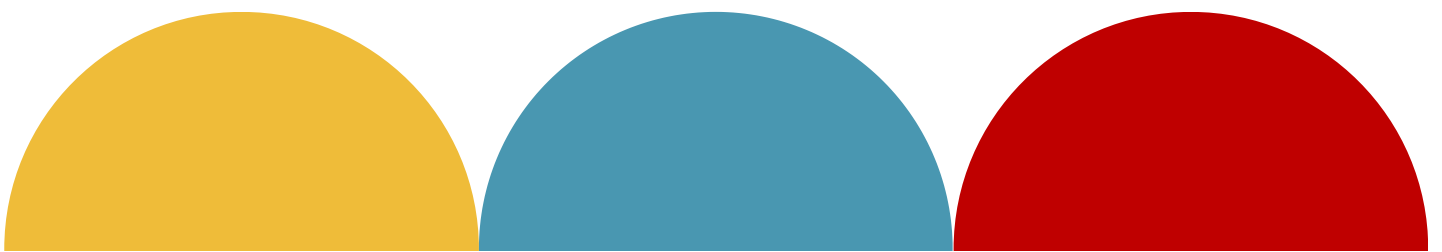
The role would include being on a rota system, welcoming people as they enter church and also providing newcomers with welcome packs. All training and further information will be provided.

Time commitment: one or two Sunday services per month, you would need to arrive 15 minutes early to the service and be near the back of Church during the service.

Visuals

Our visuals team operate the computer visuals within church that appear both on the screens in church and also in the livestream for people to watch at home. They also operate the camera for the livestream.

Ideally you would already be reasonably confident in using technology generally and enjoy working with computers. All training will be provided in order to support you in becoming fully proficient in using the system.



Sundays

Time commitment: one or two Sunday services per month, you would need to arrive 20 minutes early to the service and be on the system for the entirety of that service.

PA - Sound System

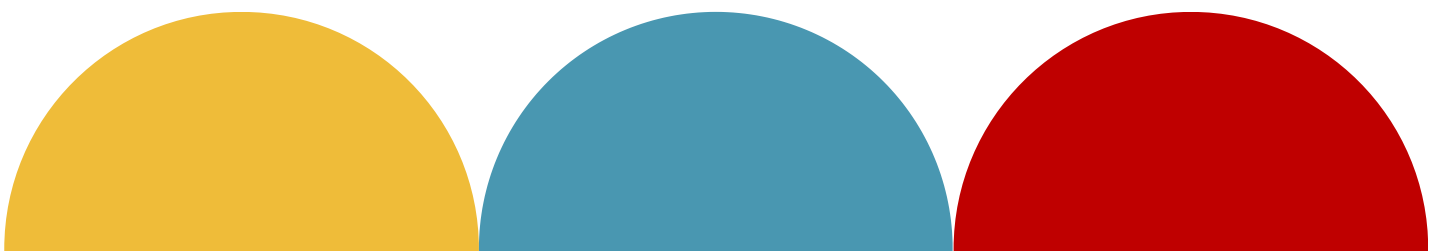
The PA operators control the sound system within church. This involves mixing the audio levels of the different audio elements of a service. Ideally you would need a good ear for sound levels. All training will be provided in order to support you in becoming fully proficient in using the system.

Time commitment: one or two Sunday services per month, you would need to arrive 20 minutes early to the service and be on the system for the entirety of that service.

Tea and Coffee Refreshments

Providing refreshments includes setting up and making the refreshments, serving the refreshments and then cleaning up after. Health and Safety and other training will be provided.

Time commitment: one Sunday service per month, you would need to set up the cups and refreshments prior to the service and make final preparations during the last ten minutes of the service. You would need to stay for approximately 20 minutes after the service has finished.



Sundays

Readings

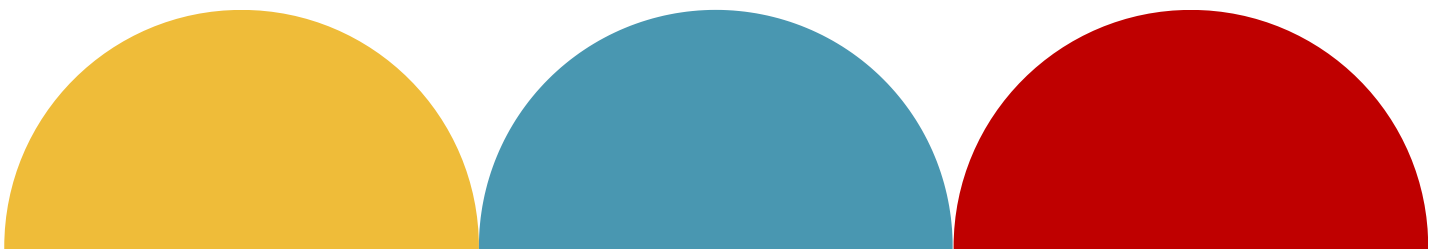
As part of the services we read the Bible readings for that morning within the service. This will involve standing at the front and reading into a microphone. If you are confident in reading and would be willing to speak at the front of church then this may be for you.

Cleaning – Church Tuesday Mornings 9.00-10.30am

We love to welcome all people to our Church and we really value it being clean and tidy in order to make that welcome and experience of Church as good as we can. We have a committed team that meets on Tuesday mornings to clean the Church building, is this something that you could be involved in, help with the cleaning of the brasses or be on call for holiday cover?

Flowers – Church

Do you have a creative gift or would like the opportunity to learn more serving as part of the flower team. This would involve a commitment of creating a pedestal of flowers one week and coming in to water the week after and help with flowers at Christmas and Easter. This would be on a rota and the commitment would be once every couple of months.



Food Provision & Cherry Tree Project

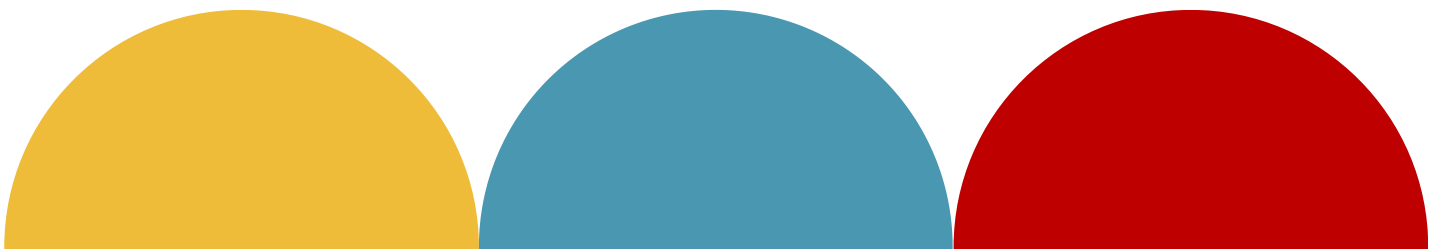
We are committed to providing food for those that are in need. We also support the Cherry Tree Project in the fantastic work they are doing. There are ways that you may be able to get involved in either of these. If you would like to know more information speak to Rachel Stephens or Lesley Cranwell or ask one of the Church team.

The Lifecentre

The Lifecentre is run separately to Church ministries.

There are many ways that you can get involved as the Lifecentre is run predominantly by volunteers in the great work it does.

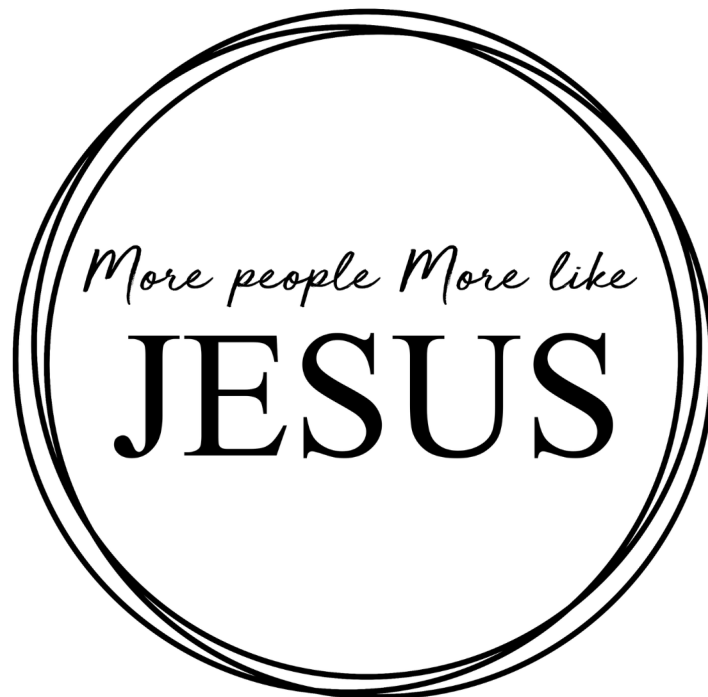
There are opportunities to help at reception, in the cafe and in the kitchen. If you would like more information please email centremanager@romileylifecentre.co.uk



**Please get in touch if you would
like to find out more.**

The church office is based in
Romiley LifeCentre, and is
open from 9am - 3pm
Monday – Friday.

Alternatively give us a call on
0161 430 4652
or email
hello@stchadsromiley.co.uk

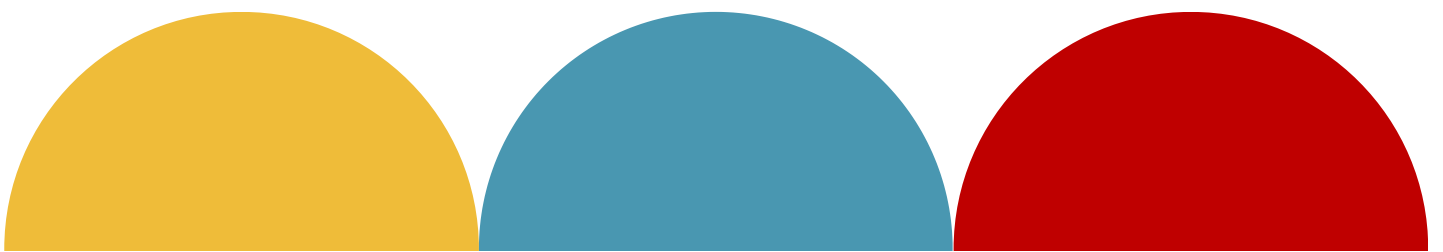


Expression of Interest

If you would like to express your interest in being involved in one or more of the ministries mentioned in this booklet, then you can do this through the form on the next page of this booklet.

You can then remove the completed back page and hand it in to one of the team in Church or post it through the Lifecentre in an envelope addressed to the Church Office.

Ticking a box doesn't mean that you've signed up to a ministry at this stage, it is just to express your interest in beginning a conversation.



Expression of Interest

Please tick the area you are interested in:

Kids and youth - Please indicate which

Prampushers

Just4Dads - Wednesdays

Just4Dads - Saturdays

Baby Group

Oasis

Welcome

Visuals

Sound

Refreshments

Readings

Cleaning

Flowers

Please provide your contact information

Name:

Phone:

Email:

