

REFRESHMENTS

Sharing food together around a table is an ancient practice of table fellowship. Some of the most meaningful ministry by Jesus occurred around the table of invitation and hospitality.

Sharing food with each other is seen as a ministry of invitation, for us to spend precious time together in conversation.

Good food, friends and meaningful conversation lead to deeper relationships and community. Sharing together is an important way to follow a model of ministry by Jesus.



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KINGTON CONGREGATION PROGRAMME 2016

Do you ever find yourself thinking, "*what can I do?*" when we feel that one person can't change the world? Sometimes it is easy to forget how much of a difference one person can actually make.

In Community of Christ we are invited to be relational and intentional in our daily lives. To invite people to Christ and to a way of living that offers people peace, love, joy and hope for the future. ***You are invited to journey with us as we meet together as one in Christ in interdenominational worship.***

The Kington Group is part of a World Wide Community where we can meet a living Jesus and promote communities of joy, hope, love, and peace. We value relationships and meet on the third Wednesday of each month at Markwick Close at 7pm to learn new hymns & tunes from Community of Christ Sings hymn book. This leads us into worship at 7:30. Our worships are eclectic and varied, we may be sharing in communion one meeting and looking at third world issues the next, we may be sharing our own story at one meeting and listening to another's life journey at the next. We may sing all night or we may not sing at all, we may meet for fellowship, for spiritual practices, for learning and for witness. An integral part of our worship is to share a meal together before we leave.

You will find opportunities to meet as a small group and with our larger community at events, often held at Dunfield.

We do all of this in the name of Jesus: the person we follow, whose story of peace, love, hope and joy has offered us a way forward and we do this in Community of Christ, the place where we can meet Jesus face to face.

Come a you are: you may be struggling in your own faith journey or you may want to strengthen your faith journey. You may come to explore and you may come with many questions. You may be visiting or you may chose this place as your home, there is a place for everyone born at our table.

Not just on a Wednesday

We have ministers in our group that can offer prayers of blessings for you if you are going through rough times, have an illness, troubles at home or in work or are seeking direction or comfort or just need a chat.

We can offer through the ministry of our priesthood, baby blessings, marriage ceremonies, thanksgiving and funeral services. We can offer prayers on yours or another's behalf.

We can meet with you to share our life story and the story of Community of Christ. We can meet for coffee or in your own home.

We are here to grow together in this beautiful world of ours

Sue & Paul

What do Community of Christ members believe? Jesus Christ is at the centre of our faith and beliefs. These Basic Beliefs are not the last word, but an invitation to further explore your discipleship.

God: We believe in one living God, revealed in Jesus Christ, who moves through all creation as the Holy Spirit. We affirm the Trinity God who is a community of three persons. All things that exist owe their being to God: mystery beyond understanding and love beyond imagination.

Jesus Christ: We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, fully human and fully divine. Through Jesus' life and ministry, death and resurrection, God reconciles the world and breaks down walls that divide. Christ is our peace.

The Holy Spirit: We believe in the Holy Spirit, Giver of Life, holy Wisdom, true God. The Spirit moves through and sustains creation, and transforms disciples. Whenever we find love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, or self-control, there the Holy Spirit is working.

Peace: Peace is God's shalom, which includes justice, righteousness, wholeness, and the well-being of creation.

Humanity: Every person is created in the image of God. We affirm without exception the worth of every human being. God blessed humankind with the ability to choose whom or what we will serve within the circumstances of our lives.

The Church: God intends Christian faith to be lived in companionship with Jesus Christ and other disciples in service to the world. The church of Jesus Christ is made of all those who respond to Jesus' call. Community of Christ is part of the whole body of Christ.

Revelation: We affirm the Living God is ever self-revealing. Above all, God is revealed to the world in Jesus Christ. By the Holy Spirit we continue to hear God speaking today. The church is called to listen together for what the Spirit is saying and then faithfully respond.

Scripture: Scripture is writing inspired by God's Spirit. The Bible is our foundational scripture. Community of Christ also uses the Book of Mormon and the Doctrine and Covenants, because they confirm the Bible's message that Jesus Christ is the Living Word of God. When responsibly interpreted and faithfully applied, scripture provides divine guidance and inspired insight for our discipleship.

Sacraments: Sacraments convey the grace of Jesus Christ to his followers and all those he yearns to embrace with his compassion. Our sacraments are baptism, confirmation, the Lord's Supper (Communion), marriage, blessing of children, laying on of hands for the sick, ordination to the priesthood, and evangelist blessing.

Community of Christ Mission Centre Events 2016

6th February
Pastors and Financial Officers Day
19th - 21st February
Explorers Camp (school years 4 - 6)
12th March
Leadership Development Training - Birmingham
8th - 10th April
Leading Congregations in Mission
24th April
British Isles Mission Centre Conference
2nd - 6th May
Spring Retreat
6th - 8th May
Open House
30th May - 4th June
Adventure Camp (school years 6 - 10)
4th - 11th June
World Conference
25th - 26th June
Youth Rally (school years 2 - 13)
30th July - 6th August
Eurotribe - Germany
8th - 13th August
Summer Camp
Guest Minister: Scott Murphy
15th - 18th August
Children's Holiday Camp
5th - 9th September
Autumn Retreat
9th - 11th September
Leadership Development Training
16th - 18th September
Spirituality Weekend
14th - 16th October
Leading Congregations in Mission
6th November
British Isles Mission Centre Conference

2016 KINGTON CONGREGATION SHARING TIME

(all held on a Wednesday unless otherwise stated)

Worship 7:00 for 7:30

Worship on 20th January

Believe or Embrace Christ's Mission
Lead Minister: Andrew Fox
Refreshments: Bring & Share

Worship on 17th February

Sojourn in the Wilderness or Approaching Jerusalem
Lead Ministers: Sue & Paul
Refreshments: Mary & Bill

Worship on 16th March

Practice Generosity or Witness the Joyful Entry
Lead Minister: Richard Holmes
Refreshments: Sue & Paul

Worship on 20th April

Follow Me or Love One Another
Lead Minister: Larry McGuire
Chris & Mary

Worship at Twitchen 18th May

God's Spirit Poured Out or Guided by the Spirit
Lead Ministers: Gordon & Sandra
Refreshments: Bring & Share

Worship on 15th June at Bradnor View Close (6:00 pm)

Afternoon tea and social
Bill & Mary's House—Bradnor View Close
Bill leading short devotion
Refreshments Mary & Bill
Julia - Quiz

Worship 20th July

What Matters Most or Ask, Search, Knock

Lead Minister: Sally Norton

Refreshments: Julia & Megan

Worship 17th August

Discipleship is Radical or Be Set Free

Lead Ministers: Bill & Mary

Refreshments: Sue & Paul

Worship 21st Sep at Twitchen

Faithfully Serve God or Generosity Motivated by Love

Lead Minister: Richard Chapman

Refreshments: Sandra and Gordon

19th October

Do Not Lose Heart or Humble Yourself

Lead Ministers: Kim & Chris

Refreshments: Marlene, Norman & Chris

16th November

Business Meeting & Worship

Lead Ministers: Sue & Paul

Refreshments: Mary, Bill & Chris

14th December at Dunfield

Are you the one? or Emmanuel: God with Us

Lead Minister: Angie Vickers

Refreshments: Bring & Share

New Expressions of Ministry

We are still trying to find an alternate coffee shop to continue this ministry and will add this to our programme when we have plans.

We would like to find time to meet to help plan our children's ministry.

What are your thoughts?

Are there areas of ministry we can explore in one of our congregation areas
(Kington, Gladestry, Eardisley, Twitchen)

Offering

Our monetary offering: given each time we meet is in line with 6 spiritual practices that reflect the love of Jesus. It is not about how little or much you can give, it is of the willingness to give that is the blessing to yourself and to others.

Be Generous: God gifts each person with boundless grace and unending love. Our response to that love and grace is to serve others and let generosity become part of our nature.

Be Dependable: God's unconditional love for each of us is expressed through the life and ministry of Jesus. When we respond to that ministry we become accountable to one another, God, and ourselves.

Manage Your Money: Managing the money we have, no matter the amount, expresses our desire to love and help God, neighbours, ourselves, and the world.

Share Joyfully: Tithing is a gift of thanksgiving to God in response to God's generous gifts to us. When we share our tithes, the church can spread joy, hope, love, and peace around the world.

Save Wisely: Saving is a way to prepare for the future. It gives us the chance to extend our love and create a better tomorrow for our families, friends, the church's mission, and the world.