

# THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Serving **IN**  
the church  
& **OUT** to the  
Community for  
the Glory of  
God





# SERVING @ THE COMMUNITY CHURCH —

As a church, we uphold the value that serving is an integral part of who we are as people of worship. Therefore, we use our gifts and abilities to help others.

As Christ builds his church it is shaped and built through the gifts He places within the body (1 Corinthians 12:12-27). As such, this booklet is evolving and is not an exhaustive list of the serving opportunities within our Church or wider community.

We hope and pray that as you go through this booklet, you will be able to discover the different ministries our church offers and how we serve the wider community. We believe that you will find where your talents and skills fit best and that you will be able to grow and bear fruits as you serve.

The biblical model was for ministry and service to be done in teams. Jesus modelled this with His team of disciples around Him and Paul continued that practice. Therefore, all our serving opportunities are in the context of a team with a team leader. All the team leaders are supported and overseen by Aderyn (Development Director) on behalf of the SLT.

In serving, you will be part of a wider team, and it is a great way of getting to know new people, have fellowship, grow in your own discipleship and encourage others in theirs.

You will be able to see a brief description of each ministry and serving opportunity, and we welcome you to connect with the team's ministry leader or Aderyn to explore more.

Additionally, as you explore joining a serving team, please know you will receive encouragement and support and training will be provided where needed.

Serving roles are available across both locations in the Forest and Wye and you can opt for both locations or where you attend the most.

Our serving opportunities are broken into two areas of focus:

**IN** - serving to build the body of the church (To know Christ)

**OUT** - serving to reach out to the community (To make Him Known)



# KIDS AND YOUTH MINISTRY



## Sundays

Our Children and youth meet in age related-groups during part of the Sunday service for Bible Study, Games and Discipleship.

Currently, we have:

Pre-school 2-4 years old

Primary School Years 1-6

Youth Secondary Years 7-11

## The Bridge - Friday Nights

As part of our outreach to young people, we run an end-of-week youth club, with varied games and activities each week and a “focus” time where we explore a topic from a Christian perspective.

## As part of these teams you can:

- Plan and lead the session/teaching
- Assist with leading the session
- Contribute to the session

## Events and camps

Throughout the year we may have one off events (Easter, Christmas etc) and summer clubs and camps. These have a dual approach of providing both an opportunity for those with Children & Youth within the Church whilst extending opportunities to the wider community.

These events are a great way of continuing your ministry to Kids & Youth beyond Sundays and midweek or as a one off through a team leader of helper role.

For Kid's Ministry contact **Sue Angell** at [sue@fcchurch.co.uk](mailto:sue@fcchurch.co.uk)

For Youth Ministry contact **Robin & Clare Vale** at [youth@fcchurch.co.uk](mailto:youth@fcchurch.co.uk)



# ADMINISTRATION



## Weekdays

During the week the church office, in the Forest, is open several times as a hub for the community and wider church. As part of helping the church in its growth and outreach, the Administration team help to aid the church in its mission by supporting the smooth running of the office, by carrying out clerical tasks and projects and through good communication in print and online.

## As part of this team you can assist the admin team to:

- Cover reception through answering the phone, welcoming visitors and administrative tasks.
- Assist with keeping our database up to date through our online "ChurchSuite" platform
- Help distribute communication leaflets
- Help maintain our social media and website information.
- Help contribute towards our newsletters
- Creative content for church comms
- Help maintain the church library
- Help maintaining and renewing church signage around the church.

Contact: Aderyn Taylor-Roberts at [aderyn@fcchurch.co.uk](mailto:aderyn@fcchurch.co.uk)





# COMMUNITY MINISTRIES



## Forest Humbugs and Hoglets

Thursdays 10-12 Cinderford

As a team helper, you could help set up and tidy up, help with the teas and coffees, interact with parents and carers.

Contact: Paige Ingledow at [paige@fcchurch.co.uk](mailto:paige@fcchurch.co.uk)

## Craft Connect

As a team helper, you could help set up and tidy up, help with the teas and coffees, interact with those who come along and even lead a craft demo!

Contact: Angie Benning [angie@fcchurch.co.uk](mailto:angie@fcchurch.co.uk)

## Branch

1st Saturday of the Month 7-9pm Cinderford

As a helper you could help set up and tidy up, help with the teas and coffees, interact with the young people, help on the technical team or help with worship.

Contact: Aderyn at [connect@fcchurch.co.uk](mailto:connect@fcchurch.co.uk)

LOCATION: FOREST AND WYE



# COMMUNITY MINISTRIES



## CommonGround Café

Tuesdays 10-12 Forest

Thursdays 10-12 Wye

As a helper, you could help out during the CommonGround Café, helping to set up and tidy up, serve teas and coffees and making friendly conversation.

Contact: Aderyn at [connect@fcchurch.co.uk](mailto:connect@fcchurch.co.uk)

## Neighbourhood Chaplains

As a Neighbourhood Chaplain, you could but are not limited to:

- Come alongside an existing ministry (e.g. Common Ground Café) to be on hand for conversation, prayer and a listening ear.
- Be a friend to those who are home alone, and help out with simple tasks - driving to the hospital, appointments, shopping etc.
- Help a church member who needs simple DIY, technical or other practical jobs to be done
- Contribute to helping others through individual meals that can be frozen and given to those in need.

Training with Counties is required for this role.

Contact: Katrina Cracknell at [nc@fcchurch.co.uk](mailto:nc@fcchurch.co.uk)





# DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES —



## Small Group Leader Apprentice

To train as an apprentice to lead a small group of people in their discipleship journey, through facilitating fellowship, study of the bible, worship and discussions.

Contact: Richard or Sue Angell at [richard@fcchurch.co.uk](mailto:richard@fcchurch.co.uk)

## Mentoring - Spiritual Bubbles

To commit to walking alongside another person for an agreed period of time within the church and to help them in their ongoing spiritual growth, through listening, encouragement, wisdom from the Bible and providing tools for next steps.

Contact: Tim, Aderyn, Jon, Michelle, or Richard at [slt@fcchurch.co.uk](mailto:slt@fcchurch.co.uk)

## Men's Ministry

(Inc CaveTime)

To be part of a team that oversees men's ministry and to be involved in leading certain aspects of it, from core team to serving through the events.

Contact: Scott Taylor at [scott@fcchurch.co.uk](mailto:scott@fcchurch.co.uk)  
or Phil Kent at [phil@fcchurch.co.uk](mailto:phil@fcchurch.co.uk)

## Women's Ministry

(Inc G.I.F.T)

To lead or be part of a team that oversees women's ministry and to be involved in leading certain aspects of it, from core team to serving through the events.

Contact: Correne Preston at [correne@fcchurch.co.uk](mailto:correne@fcchurch.co.uk)



# MAINTENANCE MINISTRY



As a church body we have the joy of having 2 amazing buildings to gather together in and to bless the community with too. However, all things need maintaining, whether the buildings, items and aesthetics within the building, it all needs carefully looking after so all can come into a welcoming building and safe space.

## As part of this team you:

- Will occasionally gather as a team to maintain our buildings and equipment, from simple repairs to bigger jobs like decorating, setting up for groups using the building i.e. Baptisms.

May be able to offer specialist maintenance skills such as

- Electrical maintenance
- Carpentry
- Plumbing
- Other specialist services.

Contact: Tim Cracknell at [connect@fcchurch.co.uk](mailto:connect@fcchurch.co.uk)

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# CATERING & EVENTS



As a church body, we have the blessing of having 2 amazing kitchens to prepare, cook and serve food and drinks from for church events, and ministries and to bless the community with too.

As part of the team, you could be involved with:

- The preparation, cooking and serving of meals
- Catering for special dietary needs
- Contributing to menu planning
- Monitoring food and kitchen items for low stock
- Cleaning of the kitchen and its equipment

Training and food hygiene certificates where required, will be given.

Contact: **Stephen & Tracey Threadgall** at  
[catering@fcchurch.co.uk](mailto:catering@fcchurch.co.uk)



# CREATIVES



Behind every church's beautiful sermon series designs, emotional worship experiences, and smooth sound and lighting, you'll find a dedicated creative team. This team helps to design, produce, and create marketing content - both in print and digital forms for our communications and social media channels. This can also include exterior and interior signage, church merch, event decoration, creative videos and graphics and much more.

As a creative team, we seek to enhance the church's connection with its members, amplify outreach for events and services, and strengthen our community presence.

If you have experience and skills in these areas, we'd love to hear from you:

- Creative arts
- Website design
- Video editor
- Graphic designer
- Social media
- Photography
- Flower arranging
- Event decorating - Christmas & Easter etc.

Contact: Aderyn at [aderyn@fcchurch.co.uk](mailto:aderyn@fcchurch.co.uk)





# PRAYER AND PASTORAL CARE —



Pastoral care is a corporate responsibility. The ministry of caring in the church belongs to the whole body, not just to one person, or to a small “care support” team (1 Cor 12:12-27). The New Testament's “one another” command makes it clear that it is every Christian's spiritual, practical and pastoral responsibility to commit themselves to caring for others.

However, we do acknowledge that some will identify this as their main gift and others will have more time to commit to this ministry within the evolving life of the church.

## **As part of this team, you should be:**

- A friendly and caring person, who is readily approachable
- Able to use appropriate listening skills, be empathetic and sense need in people
- Able to work within the Team and accept training and guidance;
- Able to maintain confidentiality in an appropriate manner.

For an initial conversation and more information about the Prayer & Pastoral team, please contact: Katrina Cracknell at [katrina@fcchurch.co.uk](mailto:katrina@fcchurch.co.uk)



# WELCOME & SUNG WORSHIP



## Welcome Team

As part of the welcome team, you would provide a warm and friendly welcome to those coming into the church. Welcoming people, providing information and welcome sheets, assisting with the door and any other needs where appropriate.

Contact: **Niki and Phil Kent** at [niki@fcchurch.co.uk](mailto:niki@fcchurch.co.uk)

## Sung Worship Team

As part of this team you would be committed to playing an instrument/singing and leading songs in order to help facilitate the congregation in worship to God. This role would involve taking part in an active sung worship workshop try-out.

Contact: **Rosie** at [rosie@fcchurch.co.uk](mailto:rosie@fcchurch.co.uk)

## Tech Team

### **Pro Presenter**

You will set up and display the words of songs, prayers and bible readings on the screen and include other presentations as given.

### **Cameras**

You will set up the cameras, changing them as needed to facilitate the viewing of our service to those who stream it from YouTube.

### **Sound Desk**

You will be responsible for operating the sound desk, controlling the microphones and the sung worship levels.

Tech roles are needed across all locations, during Sunday gatherings, Branch & events.

Contact: **Jon** at [jon@fcchurch.co.uk](mailto:jon@fcchurch.co.uk)

## Hour of Worship Team

As part of this team you would be committed to playing an instrument/singing and leading songs in order to help facilitate an informal gathering in sung worship to God. Sunday evenings, once a month.

This role would involve taking part in an active sung worship workshop try-out.

Contact: **Tim Williams** at [timw@fcchurch.co.uk](mailto:timw@fcchurch.co.uk)



# WHAT NEXT?

**Thank you for taking the time to explore the many ways you can be part of the community church and serve both in and out!**

We hope you are excited by the prospect of worshipping God through the use of your talents, gifts and skills. We pray that as you seek to serve, it will deepen your faith, bring hope and light to others and strengthen the church community.

## **Guidelines for sign-up**

Please contact the ministry team leader directly via email to express your interest in more information and the possibility of a taster session.

Once you have contacted the ministry you are interested in, the team leader will be in touch to talk more about the details of serving in that area and discuss the potential of having some taster sessions.

Please note: all serving ministries are unique and may have different sets of personal requirements that require specific abilities, taster sessions, training and support.

Don't worry! Just because you sign up for a taster session, doesn't mean you're committed to that ministry! These are supposed to be fun and informal ways to trial and test where you're best shaped to serve from your heart. We will work with you to empower and equip you to serve best in a place that develops you and the church!

## **New ministry idea?**

If you have prayerfully felt that God has placed a new ministry on your heart that we don't yet have here at the Community Church, please email Aderyn to discuss the possibility of starting and developing something new!

## **Training**

Some ministries will require training, which the church will provide or cover the costs for an external trainer, once you are a full member of the team.

## **Safeguarding**

Some ministries, such as Kids & Youth, will require a DBS once you are a full member of the team.

All ministry leaders and some team members are expected to complete Safeguarding Training Level 2 or provide evidence that they have a current certificate.

Safeguarding Officers:

Nigel Benning - [nigel@fcchurch.co.uk](mailto:nigel@fcchurch.co.uk)

Michelle Williams - [michelle@fcchurch.co.uk](mailto:michelle@fcchurch.co.uk)

**We look forward to serving alongside you!**

**Any questions or for more info, please email [aderyn@fcchurch.co.uk](mailto:aderyn@fcchurch.co.uk)**

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. 1 Peter 4:10

