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SERVING

Start Here

We believe that God has created us to serve.

Serving is an expression of our thankfulness to God for his grace toward us. It displays our desire to love others with the same love that God has shown us in Jesus. And so we have no hesitation about asking people to join in serving God and his church.

Of course, most of what happens in our church is the result of our members serving one another, and our wider community. From our Sunday Services, to our kids and youth ministries, to our English classes and Community Pantry—none of these could happen without the faithful service of members of our church.

We are also big believers in team ministry. God has designed us not simply to serve, but to serve alongside one another. There is a joy in partnering together to achieve a common goal, and we believe that this is part of what it means to be engaged in a church community.

There are many opportunities to serve in the life of our church. This booklet highlights many of the formal opportunities, but serving one another is more than simply about being on a roster. It is an attitude of love for others, and it happens in all kinds of informal ways as well.

If you would like to find out more information about opportunities to serve, or you'd like to consider how you can best use the gifts God has given you for the benefit of his church, this booklet is a great place to start. From here, we'd love to chat with you, hear about your passions, gifts and interests so that we can connect you in the best possible way into serving as part of the life of our church.



Sunday Services

Welcoming

We want every person attending a service to be warmly welcomed, and to find clear pathways to connect with our church. Our welcoming team helps identify guests and their needs, and assists them in connecting with the appropriate people of ministries of our church.

Would suit: people who love to smile and chat; those with a passion to help build community and belonging.

Music

Our singers and musicians lead us in corporate praise together at our 10am service, typically playing two weeks on, two weeks off.

Would suit: people with gifts playing an instrument or singing.

Sound

Our sound team ensures everything can be heard clearly and without distraction, and works closely with our music team.

Would suit: people with a good ear and attention to detail.

Tech

Our tech team run both the visuals on screen during the service and our live-streaming system. It enables our services to be creative and engaging, as well as allowing people to join with us online.

Would suit: people who are tech savvy, or comfortable learning new technologies.





After Service Prayer Team

Our prayer team is available for people to speak to and pray with after the service. It's an opportunity to prayerfully serve those with immediate needs.

Would suit: people with a passion for prayer and can appreciate being discreet.

Kids Church & Creche

Each Sunday our kids program runs during our 10am service, with a creche for not-yet school age, and kids church for K-6. There are roles for both leading programs, and in providing assistance and duty of care to our young people.

Would suit: people who enjoy working with children; those with gifts of teaching, or a passion for helping young people to follow Jesus.

Bible Reading

Bible readers help us listen to God's Word, and enhance our understanding of a passage through their reading skills.

Would suit: those with good comprehension skills and clear voices.





Leading Prayers

Our pray-ers lead us in praying for our world, our city and our church.

Would suit: mature Christians with a vibrant personal prayer life.

Morning Tea

Our morning tea team help build social community in our church through encouraging people to stay after the service. They are responsible for providing food and serving tea and coffee.

Would suit: people who love preparing food, or supporting community building and fellowship.

Creative

This team is responsible for developing creative expressions that serve to enhance our communication. It includes stage design, graphic and video production, and building positive aesthetics across our church.

Would suit: people with an eye for detail, a love for beauty, or a passion to think outside the box to help people engage with Jesus in creative ways.



Pastoral Ministry

Mens & Womens Ministry

These teams are responsible for organising and implementing special events for women and men over the course of the year. There are a variety of ways to serve in helping put these events on.

Would suit: those with a passion for addressing the unique challenges of growing Christian maturity in men or women; those unable to commit to more regular serving opportunities.

Visitation

This involves visiting people in hospital or at home, with a desire to care, listen and support those in isolation or pastoral need.

Would suit: people who love to both talk and listen, and love to express their care for others.

Community Group Leaders

Our Community Groups are key places for people to get connected to others as they meet to study the Bible, pray and share life together. Leaders and co-leaders provide pastoral care for their group's members and attend a training session each term.

Would suit: mature Christians with a passion for developing others in their maturity; people with gifts and passions in teaching and building community.



Kids & Youth

Playtime

Playtime is for kids under school age, with their parents or carers. It's a ministry especially to serve the parents and carers, looking to foster a network of support through relationships.

Would suit: those with a passion for ministry to new parents; those who love to chat.



Youth Group

Each Friday night, those in years 7-12 gather to learn about Jesus in community.

Would suit: those with a passion to see young people follow Jesus.

Scripture in Schools

In partnership with other local churches, we teach Scripture classes at four local primary schools. Classes run for 30 mins, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at various times for each school. There are opportunities both to lead a class, or assist in the classroom with another teacher.

Would suit: those with a passion for kids ministry; people available during school hours.



Support Ministry

Grounds care

The grounds care team is for those who like to see the property looking neat and tidy. As we are located in a very public place in our city, our presence in our city is significantly shaped by the presentation of our site.

Would suit: people who love the smell of fresh cut grass, or value our public presence in our city.

Maintenance and repairs

This is for those who are available and skilled to help maintain and repair various aspects of our church property.

Would suit: people useful with their hands.

Events

Throughout the year, various events help us engage and have a presence in our city. Events typically need labour teams for setup & pack up, as well as pastoral teams to engage people in conversation. Events include Carols in the Park and our stall at the Blacktown Festival.

Would suit: people who enjoy manual labour; people who are passionate about connecting with people in our city; people who may not be able to commit to a regular ministry activity.

Catering

This team helps us build community through providing food. It includes catering events such as our Welcome Lunches, Discover Jesus and Marriage Courses.

Would suit: people with a heart for hospitality.



Mission & Aid

Mobile Community Pantry

In partnership with Anglicare, our Community Pantry is open fortnightly on Mondays to provide groceries at very low cost to help stretch your budget further. In addition, we invite shoppers to stay for a cuppa and a chat.

Would suit: people with a heart for assisting those in need; those who enjoy a chat.

English Classes

Weekly English support those in our community to grow in language skills and build relationships. Classes occur on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings.

Would suit: people with a passion for cross cultural ministry; those with gifts of teaching and patience.

Aged Care Church Services

Once a month a team heads into a couple of local aged care facilities to run an informal service, and chat to residents.

Would suit: people with a passion for ministry to elderly; those with free time during weekdays.

Meals Ministry

Our meals ministry provides fresh meals to families who have recently welcomed a new baby, or to anyone who is in short-term need. There is also a limited supply of frozen meals as emergency stock.

Would suit: those who enjoying providing practical assistance and cooking; people who may not be able to commit to a regular ministry activity.





Discover Jesus

Leading or assisting our course aimed at helping people come to Know Jesus as their king and saviour.

Would suit: people with a heart for those not-yet Christian.

Mission Committee

Our Mission Committee leads our church in connecting with our mission partners around the world. They meet each month to pray, and to plan activities for mission involvement across the church.

Would suit: people with a heart for global mission; those with administration skills.



Next Steps

There are many opportunities to serve as part of our church community.

We would love for you to think, pray and discuss with those closest to you how you might serve our God and his people, according to your gifts, passions and availability.

If you have any questions about any of the opportunities outlines in this booklet, please feel free to speak to a staff member. We would love to help you find a way to serve according the way God has gifted you.

Once you have identified how you would like to serve, a staff member can help point you to the team leader of that particular ministry, where you can take the next step in partnering with us as we pursue Jesus' mission in the city of Blacktown.

You will find 2 copies of a response form on the next two pages. We would appreciate your responses by filling in one form per person, and returning either to a staff member, or to the collection box in the foyer.

If you're accessing this document online, you can use the following link to respond electronically: [RESPONSE FORM](#).



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