



# SER♥E 2022



The Bridge Church



# *Serving God by serving each other*

*'We should serve God not just because of duty, because serving Him is much more than that. We should serve God because it glorifies God. He is worthy of everything we can do for Him and His church. Wouldn't you agree?'*

*Donald Whitney*

At The Bridge Church, we aim to be a community gathering around God's word, using our gifts to build the church in love and bear witness to Jesus.

We serve God as we serve one another. Motivated by grace, empowered by God's Spirit and characterized by love and humility.

There are many ways to serve at church. This booklet lists a range of areas where church members can serve, with a short description on each and approximate commitments. Have a read through! If you need further information, each area has a designated staff contact who would be more than happy to assist you.

## *How do I know where I should serve?*

If you are someone who seeks to live a life both publicly and privately that honours God and His church, just begin small and begin now! A good place to start is by committing to one 'in gathering' and one 'wider church family' serving opportunity. Perhaps look through the list of opportunities and ask yourself:

- What do I have a passion for?
- What gifts/abilities has God given me that I could offer?
- Where do others see God's gifts in my life?
- How much time do I have available to serve?
- Why do I want to serve?

Are you willing to contribute your abilities to lovingly building others up in following Jesus?

# 'In Gathering' Serving Opportunities...

## DURING YOUR REGULAR CHURCH GATHERING

### Welcoming

The Welcoming Team seeks to make all newcomers feel comfortable and welcomed –before, during and after the gathering. Online Training provided.

There are usually 4 roles within the team:

1. Greeter
2. Usher
3. Welcome Desk
4. Connector

 1 month on  
2 months off

 Membership  
Pastor

### Bible Reading

We are called to devote ourselves to the public reading of scripture, to preaching and to teaching (1Tim 4:13). Through His word, the Bible, God speaks to us clearly and powerfully.

 Once every  
2 months

 Congregational  
Pastor

### Prayer Leading

Praying in our gatherings is a great privilege. Leading these prayers helps us to praise God together as a people united in Him, confess our sins, and bring before Him the needs of our church, our community and the wider world.

 Once every  
2 months

 Congregational  
Pastor

## *Offertory Collection*

Assist in your gathering to worship God with their money by facilitating and organising in service member giving. Count the number of people in attendance. Re-arrange Bibles on seats after the service.



*Once a month*



*Congregational  
Pastor*

## *Communion Team*

Communion is a visible proclamation of the promises of God for salvation. Like a family meal, the sharing of 'bread & wine' is a fellowship experience, uniting us by faith with Jesus, and uniting us with all others who share in the body and blood of Jesus.



*Once every  
2 months*



*Congregational  
Pastor*

## *Info Desk*

The Info Desk is to provide an area in church where anyone can access more information in a friendly environment. It allows people to register for church events/courses and to ask any questions they have about church. Online Training provided.



*2 weeks on  
6 weeks off*



*Membership  
Pastor*

## *Kids Talk Team*

The Kids Talk is an opportunity within the Kirribilli 10am service the 10am and 4pm Neutral Bay services and the 1030am Macquarie Park service, for our church family to learn together. We creatively teach our children, alongside the adults, the big idea from the passage. Talks are prepared with support from our Children's Pastor.



*Once or twice  
a term*



*Children's  
Pastor*

### *Worship Team - Sound desk & ProPresenter*

These separate roles both serve our church by helping us engage with the service. With great sound, clear and timely lyrics and slides, we are enabled to focus on God in our gatherings. This is a behind the scenes role requiring gifts of attentiveness and care.

 *Once a month - training given*

 *Music & Gatherings Director*

### *Worship Team - Musicians & Vocalists*

Our goal is to see faithful stewards use their musical gifts for the glory of Christ with joyful hearts as we serve His church, 'teaching and admonishing one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns and spiritual songs' (Col 3:16). If you feel you are gifted musically, please make contact to set up an audition.

 *2 weeks on 2 weeks off*

 *Music & Gatherings Director*

### *Production Team - Director & Camera Operator*

The director & camera operators enable those who cannot join us physically to connect into our church gathering. We place value on this online community by working to produce a live stream which is consistent and of high quality. Training provided.

 *Once a month (10am KB only)*

 *Media Pastor*

### *Online Hosting Team*

An online host enables the online church community to feel welcome and a part of the church by welcoming, providing relevant information and praying for people online. Training provided.

 *Once a month (10am & 7pm)*

 *Media Pastor*

# 'Wider Church Family' Serving Opportunities...

**CHILDREN** (WWCC required)

## *Kids Church Leaders*

For kids 1+ years, Kids Church runs each Sunday during term time at our 10am Kirribilli, 10am and 4pm Neutral Bay and 1030am Macquarie Park gatherings

In Kids Church we are committed to growing disciples of Jesus who live for Him and love like Him. We do this through creative teaching, small group discipleship, modelling and fun.

Children learn the same passage as the sermon each week to enable our community to learn and grow together.

Jesus says to welcome kids and teach them well. In Mark 9:36 Jesus warmly welcomes children and says that when we do likewise in His name, we welcome Him. Serving kids is serving Jesus. In training our kids to love and follow Him as children, we give them the best gift of life and love possible.

*Each year we are in need of additional leaders as our kids church continues to grow!*

## *Kids Church Set Up/Pack Down*

Are you able to support the Kids Church leaders by assisting in the set up or packing away of Kids Church resources on a Sunday?

 Children's  
Pastor

 Weekly during  
school term

 1-2 times per  
school term



## *Kids Church Special Events*

We run special events during the year for our children at church to invite their friends to. We also use these as opportunities to invite our Playtime, Bridge Kids and Ignite families to church.

Events could include Mega Monday (pupil free day), Mini World Cup and activities at Christmas.



*Throughout the year*

## *Crèche for Morning Women's Connect Groups*

Tuesday (at Kirribilli & Macquarie Park) and Wednesday (at Neutral Bay) Morning Women's Connect Groups are Bible Study and Prayer Groups for women of all stages of life. For the women with pre-school aged children, a crèche is provided. Could you serve these women by caring for their children at this time?



*9am - 12pm during school term*

## *Crèche for Wednesday Morning Everyday English*

This amazing ministry is designed to help the growing number of members of our community from overseas, to improve their English and read the Bible. Childcare is provided for those with pre-school aged children. Are you able to serve these parents by caring for their children during this time?



*9:30am-11:30am during school term*

## *Playtime*

Running Monday (Neutral Bay), Thursday (Kirribilli) and Friday (Macquarie Park) mornings during school term, Playtime is a church run, community playgroup for children aged 0-5 years and their parents or carers.

Help out weekly with welcoming and sign in, play, craft, singing, Bible stories and/or morning tea.

Reach out to families in the community, providing them with a relaxed, fun connection to church and each other.



*9:30am - 12pm during school term*

### *Playtime Set Up/Pack Down*

Are you able to support the Playtime in the Bay (Mon) or Playtime by the Bridge (Thu) ministry, by helping their morning set up (before 10am) or packing away (after 12pm) during school term?

 *1-2 times per school term*

### *Bay Kids*

Bay Kids is an after school club for children in years K-5 that meets every Friday in school term at our Neutral Bay location, 3:15pm-4:45pm. Help out weekly by assisting with welcoming, games, craft, Bible teaching and/or afternoon tea.

 *Friday afternoons during school term*

### *Scripture Teacher*

There's an exciting opportunity to teach local school kids about Jesus (a 30-40 minute lesson), weekly during term time. Its a great way to reach the unchurched families in our area and be on mission. Training and teaching material is provided.

 *Weekly (Wed or Thu) during school term*

## **YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS**

### *Ignite Leader*

Ignite is our youth ministry reaching youth with the good news of Jesus, and discipling them into a deep life-long faith in Jesus. Each leader will serve within one of our youth programs, but far more importantly will facilitate community, build relationships, share the gospel, and help young people grow into maturity. If you have a passion for the next generation to rise up in significant faith, and you want to have an outrageously good time doing it, then Ignite is for you. Training available.

 *Youth & Young Adults Pastor*

 *Friday evenings & Sunday afternoons during school term*

## Young Adults Gathering Team

We semi-regularly gather all of the young adults at The Bridge Church to intentionally speak into the unique life-stage and generational issues that young people are facing as they seek to follow Jesus in the post-Christian world. It is an opportunity to seek God together and enjoy community across all our congregations. If you want to be involved in shaping and practically making these gatherings come to life, then we would love to hear from you.



*8 - 10 times a year*

## Young Adults Leader

Young adults are at such a unique and important age in their faith. Their beliefs, identity and way of life are being solidified for their ongoing adult life, yet they are still so receptive to learning and growing. What if we invested deeply, holistically and practically in their spiritual development? If you long to see young adults live for Jesus with depth, and want to invest in the spiritual formation of young people, then we would love to hear from you.



*As required*

## MATURITY

### Connect Group Leader-in-Training

Aside from our Sunday gatherings, Connect Groups are our largest regular ministry. Connect Groups enable people to grow and deepen in their Christian walk at church. They do what Sundays can never do, which is spend time every week with a small group of people, learning from God's word, praying and sharing life with one another.

We are in need of new Connect leaders at church to enable more people to join groups. If you are interested, we'd love to provide you with training and support.



*Maturity Pastor*



*As required*

## MISSIONS: NEIGHBOURHOOD

### *Alpha & Christianity Explored Course Leading*

These two courses are run over 10 (Alpha) and 7 (Christianity Explored) weekly sessions on Tuesday mornings and evenings. They are designed to give the convinced atheist through to the regular church attender, the time and space to consider the big questions of life and explore the person and claims at the heart of the Christian faith – Jesus Christ.

Be involved in this ministry through leading small group discussions (materials and leaders training provided), or be trained to run the course yourself with a friend or small group.

### *Alpha & Christianity Explored Prayer Team*

Join us on the front line of the spiritual battle for hearts and minds. Commit weekly to praying privately or meeting with other prayers to cover this ministry in prayer and plead with God for our guests, while we plead with our guests for God.

You could even be part of assisting course attendees to integrate into your congregation if they start attending.

### *Alpha & Christianity Explored Catering Team*

Help facilitate the friendships and fellowship that are so integral to these courses, by cooking or purchasing dinner (costs reimbursed) for 10-20 people on one night of our course. Alternatively, facilitate hospitality at each week of one course by setting up the church, preparing cheese platters and helping serve and pack away dinner.

 *Missions  
Pastor*

 *Duration of the course, as many courses as you like*

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## *Walk up Evangelism*

Thousands of people who live in our community, don't know the saving grace of Jesus. But we do! Come and be trained on the job by experienced walk up evangelists in how to share the good news of Jesus with people.



*Once a month  
and/or during  
community  
events*

## *Outreach Events*

Over the year, church holds various themed events, for members and the wider community (eg Kids Mini World Cup, God and Science, Living Single, Gingerbread Decorating etc). It's a great way for church to engage with the community, from a Christian perspective, on topics that are relevant to them. Do you have gifts of event co-ordination, hospitality, logistics or communication?



*1-4 times per  
year*

## *Letterbox Drop Bundle Prep & Co-ordination*

Prepare our community postcards for letterbox drops (1-2 hours), and ensure Connect Groups receive their bundles and distribute their postcards.



*Up to 4 times  
per year*

**MISSIONS: NATIONS**

*Serve as a Mission Partner Representative*

Help your congregation connect with one of our global mission partners by providing updates in your gatherings, prayer points for our prayer meetings and develop a relationship with the partners themselves.

 *Missions*  
 *Pastor*

 *Bi-monthly*

*Missions Administration*

Assist the Missions Director by co-ordinating monthly mission updates and provide administrative help as required.

 *Monthly*

*Manage & Update our Mission Partners Display Area in Church*

Help our church express our partnerships with our global mission partners by creating and keeping up to date our mission partner area near the bookstall. Includes printing off newsletters and keeping partner mission cards up to date.

 *Monthly*

**MISSIONS: COMMUNITY CARE**

*Greenway Community Housing Ministry*

Share the love of Jesus with the residents of Greenway community housing, through an explorer's Bible study followed by a free meal. Serving in this ministry can involve assisting in running the Bible study, preparation and serving of lunch or just getting alongside people with good conversation.

 *Community Care*  
 *Director*

 *2nd & 4th Sunday of the month*  
*11:30am - 2pm*

## *Aged Care Ministries*

Visit our local aged care homes to build friendships and share the gospel with residents

 *1st & 3rd Sunday  
of the month  
2pm - 4pm*

## *Aged Care Communion Services*

Help our church run Anglican Prayer Book services for the residents of either Lansdowne Gardens or James Milson. Helpers are needed to give Bible talks or get alongside those in this community.

 *James Milson:  
Thursdays 1:15pm-  
2:00pm  
Lansdowne Gardens:  
Thursdays 2:30pm-  
3:00pm*

## *Everyday English*

Everyday English seeks to help members of our community from overseas, to improve their English and understand the Bible. All teaching materials and training provided.

 *KB: Wed mornings  
9:30am-11:30am  
MP: Mon mornings  
10am-12pm  
during term time*

## *Aged Care Transport*

Residents at James Milson retirement village who don't have family require transport to medical appointments. Looking for people who are available for a few hours to assist in transporting.

 *As required*

## MEMBERSHIP

### *Welcome Pack Collating*

Are you able to assist in the collating of our Welcome Packs, to be given to new people at church? These are a helpful way of communicating who we are and what we do at church, to those visiting and considering joining our church family.

 *Membership  
Pastor*

 *As required*

**WELLBEING & CARE**

*Meals Ministry*

Please help keep our freezer filled with a supply of meals for those who come to our church who may need help and support due to illness, grief or some other reason. Recipe suggestions, containers and labels provided..

 *Wellbeing & Care Director*

 *1-2 meals once or twice per month*

*Mentor Ministry*

Part of living out our distinctive of real relationships means developing a community where members of church can care for other members who are facing difficult times. The mentor ministry exists to offer extra care to our church members who could benefit from having someone to listen, pray and offer support.

The Wellbeing & Care director will pair up people who have an issue of concern with someone else in church who can speak into that situation based on experience and/or wisdom. Mentors are available to meet one on one up to three times based on their own schedule.

\*Note: issues of concern for mentors may be things like job stress, relationship issues, grief, anger, infertility/ miscarriage and NOT significant mental health crisis. Training and support will be available as needed from the Wellbeing & Care Director

 *As required*

*Hospitality or Logistics Support*

Would you be willing to assist in hospitality or logistics/ sound/AV/setup for any of the Well-being & Care events or courses run over the year?

 *As required*

**MINISTRY SUPPORT**

*Marketing, Comms & Media Support*

We'd love people gifted in Graphic Design, Photography, WebDevelopment, Social Media, PR, Video Production &/or editing, Staging etc, Art & Drama etc.

 *Administration*

 *As required*

## *General Administration*

Use your gifts of organisation and management in supporting the various ministries of church in organisational and administration tasks.

 *As required*

## *Management of Church Prayer Diary*

Prayer is vital to a healthy, God-dependent church. Could you assist in collecting, arranging and distributing our monthly prayer needs?

 *Monthly*

## *Management of Congregational Serving Rosters*

Co-ordinate and communicate the 'in gathering' congregational serving rosters using the church's database. Training provided.

 *Quarterly*

## *Church Bookstall Management*

Keep the church bookstall stocked. Take orders, pick up and return books to Reformers bookshop in Stanmore.

 *As required*

## *Kitchen Oversight Team*

Are you gifted and willing to be part of a team responsible for oversight of the general cleanliness of our church kitchen and/or re-stocking of its basic supplies? We'd love you to let us know!

 *Once a month*

## *Offertory Counting Team*

Assist in the counting and organisation of the offertory collections from the weekend's services, plus prepare and take them for banking. Training provided.

 *Weekly*

### *Logistics at Macquarie Park Site*

Keen to serve by setting up and/or packing up chairs, signs, banners, welcome desks etc at our Macquarie Park site?

 *2 weeks on  
2 weeks off*

### *Property*

Could you help with general maintenance, plumbing, electrical, gardening etc?

 *As required*

### *Verger for weddings & funerals - paid position*

Involves opening up church, set up, sound, pack up, cleaning. Training provided.

 *Ad hoc - usually  
12 weddings per  
year*



*For even the Son of Man came  
not to be served but to serve,  
and to give his life  
as a ransom for many.*

MARK 10:45



*The* Bridge Church