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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*

 *Congregational
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*



*Congregational
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 & Family Pastor.



*Once or twice
a term*



*Children's &
Family Pastor*

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.



*Once a month -
training given*



*Music & Gatherings
Director*

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 every 3
weeks*



*Production
Manager*

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)*



*Production
Manager*

'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.

Kids Church Leaders serve in teams. Resources and training are provided.


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 & Families 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 ministry at Neutral Bay (Mon), Kirribilli (Thu) or Macquarie Park (Fri), helping with set up (before 10am) or packing away (after 12pm) during school term?

 *1-2 times per school term*


Bridge Kids

Bridge 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. Bridge Kids Leaders build friendships, share Jesus and have fun with the children who attend from our local community. Leaders serve in teams with resources and training provided.

 *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 Pastor*

 *Friday evenings & Sunday mornings or afternoons*

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.



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.



*Congregatioal
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 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.

 *Evangelism Director*

 *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.

 *Evangelism Director*

 *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.


 *Congregational
Pastor*


 *As required*

WELLBEING & COMMUNITY 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..

 *Congregational Pastor*


 *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*

MARKETING, COMMS & MEDIA

Photography/Videography Team

This team would be capturing moments, ministries, and more broadly the look and feel for our church with the aim of producing visual content to be used in our Sunday gatherings, social media, & website.



*Marketing & Comms or
Music & Gatherings Director*



As required

Creative/Design Team

For those who have a great eye for design (graphic/interior), the aim is to help the look and feel for church at special moments like Easter, Christmas, Church Days/Weekends Away, Sermon series etc, to be engaging and appropriate for that season.



As required

Sermon Podcast Team

Producing podcasts from the preached word of God during the Sunday gatherings.



Once a month

ADMIN

General Administration

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



Office Admin



As required

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



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