

# the anchor



TOGETHER TRANSFORMING PEOPLE INTO DEVOTED, PASSIONATE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST

## Welcome to our community church

It's great to have you here today. Being a visitor can be awkward when you don't know the people or how the church does things. Please rest assured that you don't have to do anything, feel free to be either an observer or a participant. Please relax, enjoy a time of worship and teaching and consider yourself part of The Anchor Church family.

### Our Sunday service

The service starts at 10.00 am and the worship leader will explain what's happening during the service. The service will often have a time of **family worship**, when all members of the congregation can participate. We celebrate our faith by sharing testimonies, joining in prayer, reading from the Bible, or maybe even requesting a special song. You don't have to speak if you don't want to. It's perfectly okay to just sit back and listen.

During the service, the worship leader will usually ask us to stand when we sing. You might observe some people lifting their hands to God, perhaps saying Amen from time to time, or coming and going as they wish. Just do what you're comfortable doing.

Our service includes **Communion**, a practice established by our Lord Jesus as a way to remember the covenant he established with us – the promise of new life through faith in him. We pass around plates of bread, and trays of wine and grape juice. If you are a Christian, you can choose to take a small piece of the bread and to drink from one of the cups of wine or grape juice, or, if you don't want to, just pass it on the person beside you.

Our **collection** (or offering) is another important element of the service. It is a chance to freely give of what we have because we care for others, and for the work of the church here and globally.

We will normally have a kids programme for 3 to 12 year olds and a time of teaching from the bible for teenagers and adults.

### For children

If you have newborn babies or children up to three years of age, you're welcome either to drop them off at the crèche from 10.30am or keep them with you throughout the service. Children aged 3 – 12 years can stay with you during the service, but from 10.30 am they may prefer to attend the KingdomKidz a programme specifically designed for them.

### Coffee and chat

Our service concludes with coffee and a chat, we'd love you to stay for this informal time so that we get to know you better.