



Serving

Serving Teams at Cornerstone

Serving Booklet

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Why service?

Being part of a church is so much more than just turning up on Sundays. That is obvious when you read the following from Acts chapter 2.

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

We see here that people were involved in each other's lives and serving each other. This would have happened outside of the organised church activities, but this service would have also happened in an organised manner within the life of the church (see Acts 6:1-7 for an example of this).

We aim to follow this biblical pattern here at Cornerstone.



Who serves?

With this biblical pattern in mind, it is our hope that every Christian person will be serving in some way within our church life together.

If an individual is new to Cornerstone and is settling in or if someone is looking into Jesus but hasn't yet made a wholehearted commitment to him, there isn't the same expectation that he/she would serve in church life. However, if they would like to do so, they'd be most welcome to serve in appropriate roles.

We also appreciate that some people in our church family have more time available to serve than others. Service is important, but it won't look the same for everyone.



Organised into Serving Teams

To help enable service, we have chosen to organise ourselves into different serving teams. Some churches use a similar pattern, other churches work quite differently.

Each serving team is responsible for some aspect of church life. Sometimes service in church life can sometimes get bogged down in 'getting the job done' and rotas. Our hope is that the serving teams are supportive places where individuals and groups can grow together in their service of Jesus and that the different serving teams can take ownership of their own area of service.

To help with this, each team will need to decide how best they can serve in their particular area. This will mean

- deciding how to organise themselves
- how to effectively communicate with each other
- doing the activities that are needed in their area of service
- periodically meeting together to chat about how things are going, pray for their area of service and perhaps tweak how they do things

Please note, in trying to help our church family to not get overrun with church meetings, the regular mid week groups will stop once every 4 months for a week. Serving teams may choose to meet during this week but each team will determine when and how best to meet.

It is our hope that it will be normal for most people at Cornerstone to be part of a serving team. Service is important but we're also keen for individuals at Cornerstone to avoid over committing to church service so that other important parts of life are neglected. However, some individuals in our church family have more time available than others and may want to offer to serve on more than one team. If that is you, you're very welcome!



The different Serving Teams

So... the teams. Following (in alphabetical order) is each team and a short description of what they will be up to. Please note, we might have to come up with slightly more catchy names for some of these teams!

Admin Support Team – A team to organise the administrative tasks that have to happen in church.

Children's and Youth Team – A team of people who plan, organise and deliver Bible teaching to our children most Sunday mornings. This will include ensuring the creche toys are set up where appropriate. At the moment, parents will stay with their own children in creche.

Food Team – A team of people who will organise tea and coffee so it is available each week on a Sunday morning. The same team will also be responsible for producing food for the church family to share after the Sunday service on a regular basis.

Set up Team – A team who plan, organise and do (with the help of others) the setting up and down of church each week at Woodside School. They will inevitably do a significant amount of the setting up and down but as other church family members arrive to church (or before they leave), we hope it will be normal for them to help out as well.

Small Group Leaders Team – A team of people who will run the mid week small groups in our church. Please note, to serve in this team an individual must be a Member of Cornerstone Church.

Welcome and Evangelism Team – A team to ensure and organise us so that the church is equipping us and helping us in our outreach with the gospel. This team isn't supposed to be doing the evangelism for the church but is there to support us in this area. Team members from this team will also take on the front line role of welcoming people to our service on a Sunday. Please note, to serve in this team an individual must be a Member of Cornerstone Church.



You have probably read through that list with a mixed response. With some possibilities in your mind and others that aren't you at all. As you consider which area(s) of service might be right you at this time please do remember that we follow a Saviour who came to serve and that included serving by dying on the cross. Sometimes our service will include doing things that we might not want to actually do but know need to be done. Please keep this in mind as you offer to serve.

It is also likely that you may have questions as you consider the options. You are very welcome to ask our Pastor, any of the elders or even perhaps even better one of our serving team leader any questions you may have. The names of the church leaders can be found on the church website at

www.cornerstonechurch.org/servingteams

What You Need to Know booklets for various different roles in these teams are available at the Welcome Table at a Sunday Service. Please have a look. By reading a booklet you are not committing yourself to anything!

One last thing before handing over to you.

Inevitably, some teams have more of a focus on Sunday mornings. For others, their focus will be more mid week. Some require a small but steady amount of effort each week, while others will have busier and quieter periods. Please take that into account as you consider where you might serve.

So what's next? Please look at the Serving Response on the next page.



Serving Response Form

Either complete this form and return to one of the church elders or pop the necessary details into an email to **office@cornerstonegrays.org**

Please indicate which teams you could possibly serve in with a tick in the appropriate box or boxes.

Your name _____

Interested in serving	Might be willing to serve if need be	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Admin Team
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Children's & Youth Team
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Food Team
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Set Up Team
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Small Group Leaders Team
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Welcome & Evangelism Team

If you might have the time and willingness to serve on more than one team please tick here.

Thank you for taking the time to read this leaflet and to prayerfully consider your responses.

We'll be in touch soon to discuss what area(s) of service might be right for you at this time.

Thank you so much and looking forward to serving our Lord Jesus together here at Cornerstone.



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Further information

Further information can also be found on our website or in further booklets. Below is a list of booklets and/or website links that you might find helpful.

The booklets will normally be available at Sunday Services on the Welcome Table and pdf versions are also available on the website.

Aims, Values and Beliefs Booklet

www.cornerstonegrays.org/our-priorities
www.cornerstonegrays.org/our-beliefs

Children and Young People Booklet

www.cornerstonegrays.org/children-youth

Contact details and Data Privacy Booklet

www.cornerstonegrays.org/privacy

Giving Booklet

www.cornerstonegrays.org/giving

Membership Booklet

www.cornerstonegrays.org/membership

Mid Week Groups Booklet

www.cornerstonegrays.org/small-groups

Safeguarding Policy

www.cornerstonegrays.org/safeguarding

Sharing Jesus with Others

www.cornerstonegrays.org/evangelism

Welcome to Cornerstone Church Booklet

www.cornerstonegrays.org/church-life

