

CHURCH NEWS

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SUMMER FAMILY



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Welcome!

Welcome to our Summer edition of CLC's church news!

If you are a visitor today, thank you for taking time out to be with us. We hope you will feel welcome and at home. After the service, please say "hi" at the **Connect Point** in the foyer. We would like to introduce ourselves properly to you and give you a welcome pack.

HOW CAN I CONNECT WITH CLC?

We would love to stay in touch, so why not complete a connect card found in the welcome pack and hand it in at the **Connect Point**. We will then text, call, or email you during the week to say "hello". You can also connect with us on facebook, instagram and twitter.

If you have any questions, or would like more information about what we do or what we believe at CLC, please also visit the Connect Point. We're here to help and have something for everyone.

For more information about our groups, activities, or events, please visit the calendar on our church website: www.weareclc.co.uk or visit Reception in the foyer.



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A strong church family

Summer can be a special time for families. Some can look forward to an annual family holiday or at least a few long warm evenings to relax and while away the time. But being a family isn't always easy. The saying is true: you can choose your friends but you can't choose your family. Strong families don't just happen; they are built through the investment of time and effort. Disagreements and conflicts are inevitable, but through love, grace, and a steadfast commitment to the family, we can choose to grow closer and stronger through the storms of life.

God's family is the same. Those who commit to following Jesus become children of God: brothers and sisters in Christ, united by the One Spirit in our love and pursuit of Jesus. We have been chosen and placed in God's family here at CLC. However, to build a strong and resilient church family will take an investment of our time and effort. The Bible teaches that we must 'make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace' (Ephesians 4:3). This may mean having difficult conversations, making sure we don't take offence, keeping short accounts and no record of wrongs.

I love the diversity of people at CLC, and this month on International Sunday we celebrate our diversity yet proclaim that we are one family in Christ. Our common goal is to make Jesus famous through living our lives in service to Him. It's not always easy - there are many challenges - but it is in a strong family that we find comfort, strength and encouragement. This summer, can I encourage you to invest time in your church family? Please put our Church BBQ on Monday 27th August in your diary.

Building a church family doesn't happen by chance. It means stepping out of our comfort zone, crossing cultural barriers, investing in new friendships, and learning to understand different views and opinions. Let's continue to invest our time and effort to build a strong committed family at CLC, where everyone can belong.

Pastor Andy Boxall
SENIOR PASTOR



Opportunities



We believe everyone has a part to play in the life of CLC. The Bible likens the church to a body that only functions when each individual plays their part (1 Cor. 12:12-31).

Here are some of the ways you could get involved:

- Sunday reception
- Welcome team
- Car park stewards
- Sound engineers
- Audio visual operator
- Worship Team
- Gardening
- Evening service setup team
- Reception at church office
- Foodbank
- Ark drop-in (Thursdays)
- Young adults
- Students team
- Youth work
- Children's team



There are also some bigger roles that we are hoping to fill:

- Health and safety officer
- Bookings coordinator
- Church book keeper
- Office receptionist
- Maintenance Manager



If you would like to use your talents and play your part, please email:
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or call 0121 471 3677