

Worshipping together: in different and creative ways, either helping with an existing service or doing something totally different that is family friendly.

Serving together: as Small Groups and Networks both within the church fellowship and in the wider community. In the past these have included helping to plan the church weekend away, organising pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, running the church BBQ in September, distributing hampers at Christmas, putting on a tea for a residential home, a street party and many more.

Reaching out together: as we explore ways of welcoming people into our church community.

Praying together: that as a church we may be filled with the Holy Spirit and active in mission.

If you would like to know more about Networks and how you can join one please contact:

Network Co-ordinators

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TRIOs

A TRIO is a group of 2–5 people who are committed to each other, and who meet to develop spiritual friendship. This involves exploring what God is doing in and through their lives in the midst of everyday life, praying together and supporting one another in different ways. Each TRIO can be flexible as to how often, when and where they will meet. A TRIO can belong to a Network or the members may belong to different Networks. Please see the separate leaflet explaining further how TRIOs work.

If you would like to know more about TRIOs and how you can join one please contact:

TRIO Co-ordinator

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Other useful contacts

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Belonging at St Andrew's

At St Andrew's we value knowing that we belong to God and to one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. Fundamental to our call to be disciples of Jesus is our call to community. It is here that we are encouraged, supported, challenged and affirmed in our ministry and where we discover who we are.

We recognise that how we belong and the places we can best grow as disciples are different for all of us. Some people will find they grow best as part of a Small Group, for others it will be a Trio or a Network. These groups are described below. We very much hope you will want to join in these groups and find a place to belong. If you are not sure what is right for you, do please speak to the clergy and/or talk to the group co-ordinators (see below for their contact details).

In the church, it is vital that each of us takes responsibility for our own growth as a disciple of Jesus Christ; when we do, and actively seek out the places where we can become 'mature and complete' (James 1.4), it is extraordinary what the Lord can do in us. Nothing less than transformation into the likeness of Christ awaits!



Small Groups

Small Groups of 8–10 people meet on either Monday or Thursday evenings each week (except for the first week of the month). They provide a forum in which our Christian faith, and how we live it out in our daily lives, can be explored and discussed, usually using the Sunday sermon as a basis for discussion. This is available each week either in MP3 format or on the church website. Groups also worship together, pray for one another and support each other. If you belong to a Small Group you will automatically belong to a Network.

If you would like to know more about Small Groups and how you can join one please contact:

Small Group Co-ordinators

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Networks

A Network is a gathering of about 30–40 people (including children) with the aims of:

- Drawing together people from across the spectrum of church life at St Andrew's.
- Helping us connect with people from other congregations, groups and families.
- Giving people a sense of belonging that goes beyond the congregation or groups they most attend.
- Being a place where newcomers can quickly forge a network of friendships.
- Developing people's gifts as we work and worship together.

Each Network consists of two Small Groups plus a number of families, couples and single people who wish to belong to a Network but who, for one reason or another, don't belong to a Small Group. Networks aim to come together for various occasions which will include ones that are also family friendly. These include:

Eating together (a must!): at summer BBQs, Harvest Suppers, Christmas parties, meals in homes, Sunday lunch in the Stable Rooms...! Learning together: through more interactive styles of teaching and discussion than is possible in a Sunday service.