



MENU OF MISSION POSSIBILITIES

Wanting to see Kingdom Life Across the City

Engagement with the wider community is a big thing for us at the Countess Free Church. We have a number of initiatives where people give their time and energy to work with people across the city in different ways. This menu lists a number of areas we are currently engaged in as a church, which form what we call “missional edges” for the church.

Please note that items add to the menu and sometimes others drop off as the seasons change!

Little Ones with Their Carers, Children and Young People

Two by Two

M·A·T

Parent and Toddler group – providing fun, play and an oasis for parents, child-minders and carers. An opportunity to show God's love and point people towards Jesus

SHINE

M·A·T

A special day once a year designed for girls & boys of lower secondary school age to discover Jesus through a range of activities & inputs

Meet and Make Friendships

Dads n Kidz

M·A·T

Saturday morning play, newspapers and bacon butties. An opportunity to meet new people, come alongside, build friendships and start to share what our faith means to us.

Good News Events

Imagine!

M·A·T

Sunday morning café style invitational events with a theme, through which we point people towards Jesus and the Good News

Supporting People

Ely Foodbank	Providing help to people in crises need – the need to feed the family is often just a symptom for people who are longing to be valued and recognised as a fellow person
Recovery Café	Getting to know people recovering from addictions: listening and understanding
Ely CAP Debt Centre	Coming alongside people in difficulty with financial debt
Ely College Chaplaincy	Providing an in-school space for pupils to come, chill and chat

Providing Help & Support

Lynn Rd & Wheatsheaf Hostels	Taking in practical help (welcome packs), and listening out for other areas where we can help and encourage
Ely College	Encouraging the staff, helping to know they are valued

To Local Areas

We also encourage initiatives to local housing areas around the city, typically spearheaded by a small group or an IPOD. St. Johns and Stour Green are two areas where initiatives have taken place in recent years.

M·A·T = “**Mission Activity Team**” - you can join a team of people in the church who make this mission activity happen!

Individual Mission Possibilities

Each and everyone of us interacts with other people, whether it is at work, the school gate, the gym, or through volunteering. It maybe that you are not able to contribute to the areas in this menu, but you are intentional about your witness in other areas. These are important too since they also form your personal “missional edge”.

Typical examples of your own “missional edge” are:

- Your workplace, e.g. among colleagues
- People you regularly meet, e.g. at the school gate
- People you meet for recreation or other interest, e.g. the gym, in sports, a book club and so on
- People you volunteer alongside in other activities

For a few of you it will be a struggle to be directly involved in the above activities. You will know that your calling and role is to support others who are involved in these various missional activities. You contribute to the mission possibilities of the church by giving people your faithful intentional support.