



MENU OF MISSION POSSIBILITIES

We Want to see Kingdom Life Across the City

Engagement with the wider community is a big thing for us at the Countess Free Church. We do this on a number of levels - at the basic level we encourage all members to do something simple with friends & neighbours - we call these micro-initiatives. There are also activities organised by the church, run by 'Mission Activity Teams' which you can join. Additionally there are the bigger projects shared with other churches that we contribute to as a church.

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

Church Mission Activity Teams

These are activities organised by the church. Each has a 'Mission Activity Team', who are the team of people who make it happen – typically with a core of leaders plus other helpers. The teams are open for people to join¹.

Two by Two

Parent with Baby & Toddler group – providing fun, play and an oasis for parents or carers. An opportunity to show God's love and point people towards Jesus
[Weekly in term-time]

Dads n Kidz

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.
[About 4-5 Saturday mornings per year]

Rich Tea Community

Offering fun, faith and friendship for adults with learning disabilities plus any carers and friends.
[Monthly on Sunday afternoon, plus new opportunities coming in the week]

Revive / Awaken

Special youth days / events designed to help young people discover Jesus through a range of activities & inputs
[~2 times per year, run in partnership with The Lighthouse]

¹ As you would expect, some roles will require a self-disclosure and DBS checking procedures.

Wider / Joint Initiatives

These wider initiatives have their own organisational structures. As a church we support and contribute to these, and encourage people to give, contribute or volunteer.

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| Ely Foodbank | Providing help to people in crises need – and then help to move forward.
[A separate charity, with distribution centres held at the Countess] |
| Recovery Café | Getting to know people recovering from addictions: listening and understanding.
[Weekly café hosted and run at the Countess by CGL, with volunteers from the church joining in] |
| Ely CAP Debt Centre | Coming alongside people in difficulty with financial debt.
[Ely CAP Debt Centre is a joint initiative – with St Mary's Church providing local governance] |
| Ely College Chaplaincy | Providing an in-school space for pupils to come, chillout and chat
[The Chaplaincy is a loose collective of volunteers run in conjunction with the school] |

Pray with Others for Local Areas

We encourage members to get together to pray for the area where they live. These are called '**IPODs**' – '**I**ntentional **P**rayer on **O**ur **D**oorsteps! Keeping it short, simple, and focussed, the idea is to pray with other believers who live nearby for your area. There is no formal structure for these groups – they tend to form for a season and then maybe disband as people's commitments & availability ebbs and flows.

Individual Mission Possibilities – Micro-Initiatives!

Each and every one of us interacts with other people, whether it is at work, the school gate, the gym, or through volunteering. It may be that you are not able to contribute to the areas in this menu, but you can be intentional about your witness in other areas. These are strategically important since they form your personal “missional edge” or “front line”. We encourage everyone to pray for friends and neighbours, to listen for the Spirit’s direction, and act on that (“Pray, Listen ... Act”). It doesn’t have to be a big thing – that’s why we call them ‘micro-initiatives’.

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
- Your neighbours on your street / in your area

Not everyone will be able to be active all the time. There are different seasons of life, and some of us go through seasons where we cannot contribute visibly or directly. Regardless of your ability or the season you are in, we hope you will join with us in prayer and feel that you are part of the overall work of the church: together

we are ...

A Church in Mission Across the City!