



YOUR GUIDE TO
CITY CHURCH
BELFAST

HELLO!

For over 30 years City Church has been a bringer of hope in Belfast.

It's sought to show love where others might walk by, to be generous where others have closed doors and to offer a hand of friendship where others have turned their backs. It may seem unusual in today's world but for us it's simply following Jesus, taking a stand and saying 'Lord let your will be done on earth as it is in heaven'.

As a church we love gathering on Sunday mornings as well as in mid-week Life Groups - but there is so much more to City Church; compassion ministries, children's programmes and a host of community projects, all bringing meaning to the mission God has entrusted to us: BRINGING TRANSFORMATION TO BELFAST and BEYOND.

Thank you for taking time to read this guide. If you'd like further information or would like to get more involved simply go to www.citychurchbelfast.org

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ABOUT CITY CHURCH

City Church is determined to make a difference
in Belfast and beyond.

We are convinced that the Christian message, is at its most effective when practically demonstrated in the everyday. We want to do that as part of a dynamic community of believers who meet regularly to share life and God's word.

Our home is in the heart of Belfast's University quarter, The Holyland, an amazing area that's diverse, multicultural and colourful. A place where students, families and young professionals live alongside minority ethnic communities. Each of these groups are economically and culturally diverse; with their own sense of purpose and belonging, with their own hopes and needs.

From our base we seek to reach out to the wider city of Belfast,
Northern Ireland and the world.

Our aim is to simply walk alongside individuals, families and the wider community for as much of their journey as we can. In doing so, be as much like Jesus (to them) as possible.

As a result over 1,000 people connect with City Church each week through our activities, building relationships and seeing God in action in simple and huge ways.

THE BASICS

VALUES:

Our values are biblically rooted - our approach mission focused and contemporary.

GEOGRAPHY:

Our members come from throughout Northern Ireland as well as a number from further afield - united by a shared desire to be a Christ-centred family to each other and those around us. It's a vibrant community of faith where visitors and friends are hugely welcome.

GATHERING TOGETHER:

Practically, we meet centrally each Sunday from 10:30am - 12pm and throughout the week in multiple small groups (Life Groups) throughout Greater Belfast, Antrim and North Down.

SUNDAYS:

Our central gatherings are like any family gathering - relaxed, friendly, warm and sometimes chaotic!

We focus on Christ-centred worship, biblically-based teaching and prayer. We provide action-packed programmes for our children and young people along with creche facilities for parents with babies.

THROUGH THE WEEK:

Each Life Group has it's own distinct personality - from young families, to students, food lovers to muso's and everything in between - we want to build people up and equip them to make a difference in their every-days.





PART OF THE COMMUNITY:

In 2005 we converted the downstairs of the Church building into a coffee house (Common Grounds Café). It is now one of Belfast's busiest and best - a genuine hub for the local community.

We also deliver a range of community services including Foodbank, CAP, and are strong supporters of Street Pastors.

OUR VISION

Everything we do is in service of our core vision:

To bring transformation to Belfast and beyond. This vision is rooted in Luke 4:18-19 and Matthew 28:18-20

It starts with us as individuals and moves on to the communities around us.

As a result we have a diverse programme of initiatives that support our strategy and vision...



"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Luke 4:18-19

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

OUR STRATEGY & ACTIVITIES



VISION

To bring transformation to Belfast and beyond

BY

STRATEGY

By raising up a community of people who transform the world around them - by being disciples of Jesus Christ and demonstrating His love for others through simple and everyday acts of kindness.

THROUGH

UP

Worship, prayer and teaching model and inspire deepening relationship with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

IN

Build a community of faith that feels like family, where active discipleship sits at the heart.

OUT

Be actively involved in the community both in Belfast's Holy Lands and in our individual communities.

HOW

1. Sunday Mornings
2. United
3. Friday Night Worship
4. 24/7 Prayer
5. City Kids

1. Life Groups
2. Leadership development
3. Men's ministry
4. Women's ministry
5. Collision (Youth)
6. Student Support
7. Thinking Biblically
8. Pastoral Care group

1. CAP
2. Foodbank
3. Street Pastors
4. International Mission
5. Student Outreach
6. Playgrounds
7. Kids Klub
8. Common Grounds
9. Alpha

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WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

NAME:

EMAIL:

TEL:

WHAT ARE YOU INTERESTED IN?

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HOW MUCH TIME A WEEK DO YOU HAVE TO GIVE?

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WHAT DO YOU DEFINITELY NOT WANT TO DO?

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Leave in the office anytime or email to:
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