

Welcome



Information Booklet

Welcome to Kingfisher Church

A very warm welcome to Kingfisher Church. The aim of this booklet is to give you a brief introduction to the church; what we believe, what we do and how we do it as well as an overview of everything that's on offer here at the church!

If we've left anything out, or you have any questions at all about the church, please do not hesitate to ask, as we would love to hear from you.

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Kingfisher Church Mission Statement



Kingfisher Church

“Reaching Lost People and seeing them transformed into fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ”



The Church Story

In 1993, a group of just twelve people set out to start a church with a difference – a place where ordinary, “non religious” people could come and make a life-transforming discovery that they matter to God and that they matter to other people. That group of people – now a much larger group, numbering over 350 – believed that Church should be the place where people can go and **find help** when life falls apart, **a sense of belonging** in the face of growing isolation in society, **and a sense of purpose** as they discover who God made them to be and what they should be doing with their lives. Kingfisher isn’t a traditional church for “religious” people – it’s a place for ordinary people who want their lives to be transformed and who want to be part of a growing community of people of all ages and backgrounds who are discovering the truth of Jesus’ words: *“My purpose is to give LIFE in all its fullness” (John 10:10, The Living Bible).*



Our Seven Core Values

At Kingfisher Church we are continually reviewing the way we do things and the structures we have in place, in order to continue to be as relevant as possible to people. However, there are two areas in which we have no intention of bringing change - our mission and our seven core values; the values that underpin all that we believe as a church.

These values are:

1. We seek to put God first in everything we do
2. Our ultimate authority is the Bible
3. Lost people matter to God and so they matter to us, and we seek to reach them in culturally sensitive ways
4. We seek to grow Biblical Community based upon loving kindness, honest and integrity in relationships and a commitment to conflict resolution
5. We seek to live and act prophetically as a church
6. Full devotion to Jesus Christ is the aim for Christian life, through personal spiritual growth and through being equipped and released to further the Kingdom and reach one's full potential for Christ
7. We shall never arrive - we shall continue to expand and grow until the whole world is pursuing full devotion

What Do We Believe?

- ⇒ We believe in God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God in three persons.
- ⇒ We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, fully God and fully man. He was born by virgin birth (Luke 1:27), lived a sinless life (Hebrews 4:15), died on the cross to pay the price for the sins of the world (Romans 6:10) and physically rose from the dead on the third day (Matthew 28:1-10). He is the one and only sacrifice that is required to make atonement for our sins (Hebrews 7:27)
- ⇒ We believe that all have sinned (Revelation 20:11-15) and fallen short of God's required standards (Romans 3:23)., Sin is both a state we are born into and something we do through our thoughts, words and deeds. The wages of sin is death and, apart from the saving work of Jesus Christ which each individual most appropriate for themselves, human beings are headed for Hell (John 3:16).
- ⇒ Heaven and hell are both realities (Hebrews 9:24, 2 Peter 2:4). Heaven is the destination of all those who have come into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:1). Hell, the place of eternal punishment for the unrighteous, is more terrible than language can express - a state of complete isolation from the presence of God.
- ⇒ We believe that there will be a day of judgement as described in Matthew 25:31-46. Those who have been saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ will stand uncondemned, with their acts of righteousness bearing testimony to the presence and work of the Holy Spirit in their lives.
- ⇒ We believe that the Bible is the eternal Word of God and our ultimate authority under God. It is divinely inspired, infallible and complete in form and content. (Psalm 119:105)

The Church Structure

Our ever growing church has a structure in place from the Leadership team, a Staff Team, Trustees, Coaches and Small Group Leaders.

Leadership Team

The Church Leadership team comprises the Pastors and Elders. They meet weekly to pray for the church and make decisions.

The team:

- James Burn Senior Pastor
- Jan Burn Pastor
- Judith Bell Elder
- Ollie Bennett Elder
- Gill Parkinson Elder
- Dave Woodward Elder

Staff Team

The staff team are employed members covering various aspects of church life.

The team:

- James Burn Senior Pastor
- Jan Burn Pastor
- Judith Bell Head of Prayer Counselling and Staff Coach
- David Burn Administrator
- Kirsty Dalley Office Manager
- Mike Bonner Head of Youth Work
- Rachael Bennett Head of School-Age Children's Ministry
- Bev Lloyd Head of Pre-school Children's Ministry

Trustees:

The trustees are responsible for church assets and the charitable status of the organisation

- Brenda Daymond-King, Cindy Woodward, Dave Woodward and Neal Parkinson



Our Sunday Services

Everything at Kingfisher is geared towards the desire to introduce people to Jesus Christ and encourage them to see their lives transformed into all that God wants them to be... life in all its fullness!

Sunday Morning Services 9am and 11am

Our two Sunday morning services, which are the same in content, are designed especially for people who aren't particularly "religious". Taking real-life issues, such as "Does my life really count for anything?", we look at what the Bible has to say on the subject, using multimedia, drama, video, new and traditional songs and hymns and a talk that is straight-forward, relevant and down-to-earth. Sunday mornings are a great opportunity to see how Christianity really can make sense of ordinary, everyday life.

Sunday Evening Service - 6.00 pm

Our Sunday evening service is designed to help those who are already Christians to grow in their faith. With longer times of worship and sermons that look specifically at encouraging Christians to grow in their faith, these are challenging and helpful services for Christians. One particularly exciting feature of our evening service is the opportunity for people to share what God has been doing in their lives of late.

Guest Services

Although all of our morning services are structured with the non-Christian in mind, at key points during the year we put on guest services. We produce invitations and distribute them to friends and local residents, encouraging them to come along.

Teaching at Kingfisher

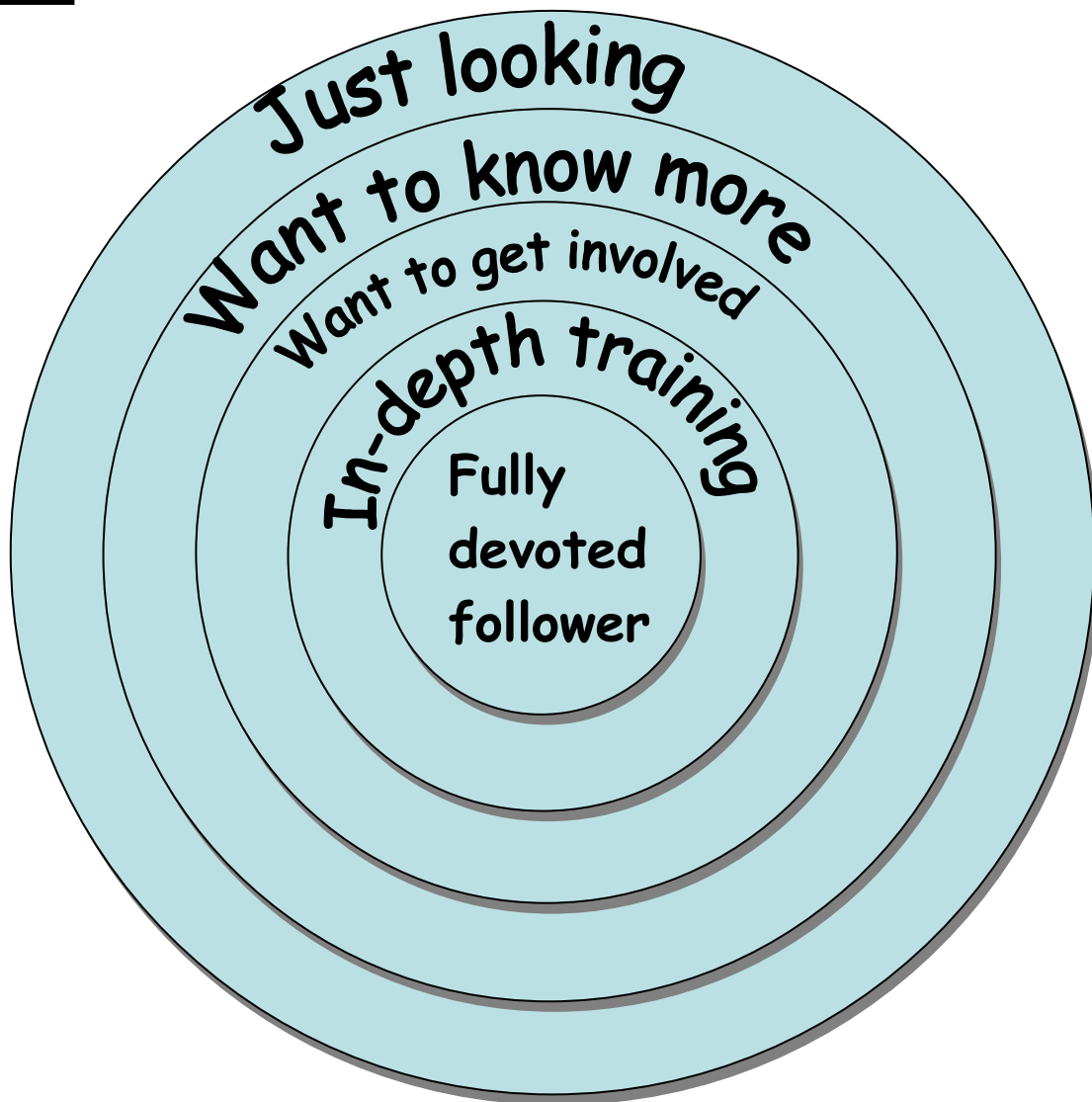
Here at Kingfisher, we are committed to equipping people who come along to enable their transformation into a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ. We run a number of teaching courses, ranging from Enquirers to Theology:

Enquirers: For all those who would like to think through whether the Christian faith is for them and what the Bible REALLY says about what it means to be a Christian. This relaxed, non-pushy, three week course is a great place not only to learn, but to feel free to ask all the questions you've every wondered about Christianity, religion, Church, how it all ties in with real life and so on.

Foundations: For those who have recently become a Christian and who would like the tools to grow in their new-found faith, this five week course looks at The Bible, Prayer, Discerning God's will, Relationships, Stewardship, The Holy Spirit and Evangelism.

Shaped for Significance: This six week course takes a look at the Spiritual Battle in depth. It also gives people the opportunity to do the Discovery course; this enables people to understand more deeply the ways in which God has gifted them. As well as this, Overcoming the Roots of Rejection is also offered.

School of Theology I and II: A chance to look deeper into the realms of theology, discussing questions such as Does God really exist, Is the Bible accurate, The Case for Creation and much, much more.



Kingfisher Church can be viewed as a series of concentric circles, with each circle representing a different point of commitment on the Christian journey. While no pressure is placed on anyone to move through the circles at a greater speed than they feel ready for, a great deal of time and effort has gone into making the transition from one circle to another as helpful as possible, with courses and training available to help with those transitions.

Small Groups

With over 350 people now attached to Kingfisher, the issue of how we can really feel attached to, and part of, what God is doing here is becoming more and more crucial. Because we have a system of small groups in place here, it should be possible for you to feel “at home” at Kingfisher, whether the church is 300 strong or 3000 strong. If you have been coming to the church for a while, and feel as though Kingfisher is your spiritual home, then the crucial question is - are you in a small group? We have many small groups at Kingfisher, covering a whole range of activities and interest, whatever stage of the Christian journey you are on.

Listed below are the small groups available at the church, along with the name of the leader. Most areas have a leaflet with information about that particular area. These are available at The Resources area. Please feel free to speak to the relevant leaders of the area too!

Worship Team	-	Ollie Bennett
Prayer Counselling	-	Judith Bell
Audio Visual	-	David Burn
School-age Ministry	-	Rachael Bennett
Pre-school Ministry	-	Bev Lloyd
180 Youth Group	-	Mike Bonner
Creative Resources	-	Mike Albinson
Senior Citizens’ Ministry	-	Jan Burn
Welcomers	-	Steve Evans



During the Week

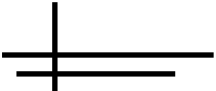
As well as the Small Groups which meet during the week, there are other various events at Kingfisher, open to people other than regular attenders at the church, which you may well feel drawn towards.

On a **Monday**, we have a Toddler Group session which takes place from 10-11.30am. This is run by Bev Lloyd.

Every other **Tuesday**, we have a Senior Citizen's Coffee morning. The format alternates between a service and a social activity. Jan Burn heads up this area.

Wednesday morning sees the Twins & Multiple Births Group. The group aims to be a place where parents, expectant parents, carers of twins and multiples can meet others in similar situations and share a time of support and understanding by meeting in a friendly, safe environment where their twins, multiples and other children can play. Rachael Bennett is the person to contact in this case.

On **Thursday** parents/carers can bring their children along to Little Fishes, a chance for children to enjoy music and bible stories. Also, on a **Thursday evening** Treasure Seekers takes place. This is a chance for adults with learning disabilities to get together in a safe environment and enjoy great social activities each week.



Every other **Friday evening** from 6.45-8pm is Fusion, a group for children in school years 3-7. It's a fun, social evening, starting with lots of chill out games and activities followed by team events and maybe some surprises! This group is run by Rachael Bennett. Also on alternate **Friday evenings** is The Café, a place where youth aged 13-18 can come and hang out, have coffee, listen to music, watch films and have fun. This is run by Mike Bonner.

Once a month on a **Saturday**, Impact Youth, an acting/dancing workshop, takes place. See Mike Albinson for more details. Also taking place monthly on a Saturday is childrens dance and worship group J.A.M. (Jesus and Me). See Rachael Bennett for more details.



Frequently Asked Questions

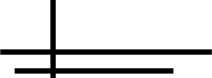
Is Kingfisher part of a network, group or denomination?

Kingfisher is an independent church, not part of any organised grouping or denomination. There are a number of churches and individual Christians around the world that are linked to us and to whom we provide resources.

What accountability is there at Kingfisher, particularly the leadership?

There is a high degree of accountability - small group leaders are accountable to coaches, who in turn are accountable to the small group co-ordinators, who are then accountable to the Pastors and Elders. Within the pastors and elders group there is mutual accountability - everyone is accountable to the rest of the group, with the rest of the group having the right, and the responsibility, to hold the others accountable, in terms of ensuring that each individual in the Leadership Team is pursuing an authentic relationship with Jesus Christ.

The Senior Pastor is accountable to this group too - if he seeks to take the church down a path that the rest of the Leadership Team perceives to be wrong, they have the authority to help him see the better way. On a more positive note, the Leadership Team has the privilege of supporting each other - and the rest of the church - in prayer.



Where do Kingfisher's finances come from?

As an independent church, Kingfisher has no external source of income, apart from the covenant claim it makes to the Inland Revenue. All other income is direct given from those who regard Kingfisher as their spiritual home. Whilst we teach the Biblical principle of tithing (giving 10% of one's income) we strongly believe that what each person gives is to be a free-will thing, decided between them and God. We do not take a collection during the services, as we don't want this to become a focus of our time together. People give financially either by placing money in the box at the Resources area or by setting up a Standing Order with the bank. If they pay income tax and sign a Covenant Form, then that giving can be increased by 28% at no extra cost to the giver. If you would like more details about this, please see our Treasurer, David Burn, or ask at Resources.



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