

Sunday Gathering Update for 2022

Dear all,

as this year comes to an end one of the things we have been celebrating is the success of our transition back to in-person gatherings at the Foleshill Community Centre (FCC). We have been so encouraged by words of support and new people that have joined our church family.

We would like to thank all who serve on teams to make our Sunday Gathering's possible. Without you, none of what we do would happen. Its been challenging at times but your passion for serving others in love has shone through. You have made it possible for people to experience God's presence and meet with Jesus whether at the in-person gathering or on Live Stream.

As you may know, there will be some building work happening to change the front entrance of FCC and upgrade the cafe and kitchen area in the New Year. Therefore we will be unable to use the Main Hall for around 3 months. We do not yet have a start date for when this will happen, but it is likely to be towards the end of January. Therefore after much discussion and discernment with our Sunday teams and various leaders, we have come up with the following plan which will take place in the Sports Hall...

10am to 10:40am	10:45 - 11:15am	11:20 to 12:00pm
Inter-generational Family Gathering	Sung Worship	Bible reading, talk and prayer ministry
<p>A time for families to come together, engage with the bible, craft activities and a huge dollop of fun.</p> <p>We want this to be a highlight of the week for families and a time to equip both parents and children to be (and make) disciples.</p>	<p>Worship continues to be the centre of all that we do on a Sunday morning. As we worship God together we meet with Jesus and are changed by His Holy Spirit.</p> <p>There will be 5 mins before or after this time in which people will arrive or leave.</p>	<p>A more contemplative time for us to engage with scripture together, be encouraged and challenged as we are equipped to live life as followers of Jesus.</p> <p>There will also be a focussed ministry time, where we can practice waiting on the Holy Spirit, listening & responding to Him and praying for one another.</p>

This is an opportunity for all of us to continue to respond to the Holy Spirit as He shapes and transforms us as a church family. As we have responded to this, we felt encouraged to continue to focus on being **Together**: *Together* as a church family; *together* as a kingdom community; *together* as a people committed to making disciples who make disciples.

We will, of course, be mindful of any restrictions that may occur due to Covid but our focus will be on building friendships and relationships as well as serving our neighbours and transforming our neighbourhoods.

On the first Sunday of each month we will continue to serve our neighbours and community through our neighbourhood Sunday. This is a time where we mobilise church to put our faith into practice: A Sunday out, not a Sunday off!

On the third Sunday of the month, we are inviting you as church to open up your homes and meet around that sacred place we call *table*! Our homes are a place where church in its simplest form can live and thrive; a place of hospitality where we can share our lives through a simple meal and honest, authentic conversation; a place where a stranger, can become a friend and member of our church family; a place to invite a few friends and 'not-yet-friends' around your table where the focus is on being together, encouraging and showing love for one another.

If you have any questions or would like to help out by serving on a team, please get in touch by contacting us at sunday@coventryvineyard.org.uk. We hope to see you on the **9th January (from 10:15am) at Foleshill Community Centre** but will let you know via our newsletter and email if any new restrictions make this unfeasible.

Bless you and may you have a wonderful and peace-filled Christmas. - Nick & Vicki