

City Church Birmingham



Good Church Guide

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching (Hebrews 10:25)

PART ONE: FINDING A NEW CHURCH

Many of you will be moving away from Birmingham in the summer to start a new job somewhere else. You may not have had to think about which church to go to for a while. As a result we would like to help you in this big decision and so in this booklet you will find a number of recommended churches. This list isn't comprehensive and we will be looking to add to it as time goes on. The churches that have made the list are those that City Church staff know and trust.

If you're heading to a city and there are no recommended churches from the *Good Church Guide* then please have a chat to Hannah or Jonathan and perhaps we can recommend some to you.

What to look for in a new church?

It is always helpful to have a mental checklist of what you're looking for in a new church. Here are some suggestions:

1. Is Jesus at the centre?
2. Is the Bible read, explained and applied each week?
3. Is it a church I could serve at?
4. Is it a church I could bring non-Christian friends to?

If you know which city you'll be moving to then it is a good idea to do some research on churches before you move there. Do a web search for churches in the city. Download a sermon from their website and listen to it.

Top tips for settling in a new church

1. Clear your diary for the first month or two so that you can invest in your new church.

When you move to a new city you may not know many people and there is always a danger of booking up your weekends to visit old university friends. This may mean you being away on weekends and not being able to make it back for church in your new city. We advise clearing your diary in September and October so that you can invest in your new church.

2. Find a way you can begin serving at your new church

If you have decided on a church then one of the best ways of settling is to find a way of serving. Serving will help you get to know others in the church who serve in the same way as you.

3. Get involved in a small group as soon as you can.

Another great way of settling in a church is to join a small group as soon as you can. This might be a home group or a 20s & 30s Bible study group. Being part of a small group will help you meet the same group of people each week so that you get to know each other and build friendships.

4. Realise that it will take more time than you expect to settle into a new church.

Moving to a new church can be difficult because you're moving from a church you know, you are familiar with and where you have friends. It is quite likely you'll have to start again and build relationships from scratch. This will take time and it'll probably take longer than you think! So don't expect to feel settled overnight. Developing new friendships from scratch takes times so don't expect to feel completely settled within three months.

5. You get out of a new church what you put in.

I know many graduates who turn up late to a new church, leave early and then proclaim it's not very friendly. Of course there are times when churches and Christians fail to welcome newcomers. But by and large you get out of a church what you put in. So here are a few pieces of advice. First, turn up 5-10 minutes early to the service. Second, don't dash off after the service finishes. Stick around for tea and coffee and say hello to people. I know this might be a daunting prospect, however, discipline yourself to do it. Third, introduce yourself to the leaders of the church, tell them you're new and ask them for advice on getting stuck in.

6. Be prepared to be a little sad about the change.

7. Cut your new church a little slack. Just because it doesn't do things City's way doesn't make it wrong.

8. Realise how you experience church as a worker will be different to how you experienced church as a student.

At City Church we plough a lot of time, energy and resources into discipling students: StudentPlus Bible studies, StudentPlus socials, the StudentPlus Weekend Away, reading the Bible in 1-2-1s. We do this because we're convinced that students have the opportunity to grow in their faith a lot whilst at university. But when you move to a new church there probably won't be something as structured and intentional as StudentPlus. Many feel they're being neglected by their new church, however, it's just another step in transitioning from student life.

PART TWO: RECOMMENDED CHURCHES

BRISTOL

Emmanuel Bristol	
Address:	Emmanuel Bristol 35 Walsingham Road Bristol BS6 5BU (office address)
Telephone no:	N/A
Website:	www.emmanuelbristol.org.uk
E-mail:	admin@emmanuelbristol.org.uk
Denomination:	Independent
Service times:	Check website
Minister:	Mike Cain (Emmanuel Westbury) Jim Walford (Emmanuel Bishopston) Ed Shaw (Emmanuel City Centre)

CAMBRIDGE

Eden	
Address:	Eden Baptist Church 1 Fitzroy Street Cambridge CB1 1ER
Telephone no:	01223 361250
Website:	www.eden-cambridge.org
E-mail:	web99_office@eden-cambridge.org
Denomination:	Baptist
Service times:	10:00am & 6:00pm
Minister:	Julian Hardyman

CAMBRIDGE (CONTINUED...)

Grace Church, Cambridge	
Address:	North Cambridge Academy Arbury Road Cambridge CB4 2JF
Telephone no:	
Website:	www.gracechurchcambridge.org
E-mail:	info@gracechurch.org
Denomination:	Independent
Service times:	10:30am
Minister:	Graham Beynon

St. Andrew the Great	
Address:	St. Andrew's Street Cambridge CB2 3AX
Telephone no:	01223 518218
Website:	www.stag.org
E-mail:	church.office@stag.org
Denomination:	Church of England
Service times:	10am, 11:30am (university term only) & 5pm
Minister:	Rev. Alasdair Paine

CANTERBURY

Emmanuel Church, Canterbury	
Address:	AM: Blean Primary School Whitstable Road CT2 9ED PM: St Dunstan's Church Hall 80 London Road CT2 8LS
Telephone no:	07932 173904
Website:	www.emmanuelcanterbury.org.uk
E-mail:	richard@emmanuelcanterbury.org.uk
Denomination:	Independent (FIEC)
Service times:	10:30am
Minister:	Richard Hagan

CARDIFF

Highfields Church	
Address:	Monthermer Road Cathays Cardiff CF24 4QW
Telephone no:	029 2065 0740
Website:	www.highfieldschurch.org.uk
E-mail:	office@highfieldschurch.org.uk
Denomination:	Independent
Service times:	9:30am, 11:15am & 6:30pm
Minister:	Dave Gobbett

DERBY

St. Giles, Derby	
Address:	St. Giles' Church Village Street Normanton Derby DE23 8DE
Telephone no:	01332 776287
Website:	www.stgiles-derby.org.uk
E-mail:	
Denomination:	Church of England
Service times:	10:00am & 6:30pm
Minister:	Neil Barber

DURHAM

Christ Church Durham	
Address:	Claypath Durham DH1 1RH
Telephone no:	0191 370 9063
Website:	www.christchurchdurham.org
E-mail:	office@christchurchdurham.org
Denomination:	Church of England
Service times:	10:30am, 5pm & 7pm
Minister:	Tony Jones

EXETER

St. Leonard's Church, Exeter	
Address:	Topsham Road Exeter EX2 4NG
Telephone no:	01392 286992
Website:	www.stlens.org.uk
E-mail:	admin@stlens.org.uk
Denomination:	Church of England
Service times:	9:15am, 11am & 6:30pm
Minister:	Rev. Simon Austen

LIVERPOOL

Christchurch, Liverpool	
Address:	Archbishop Blanch School Mount Vernon Road Liverpool L7 3EA
Telephone no:	0151 703 1870
Website:	www.christchurchliverpool.org
E-mail:	office@christchurchliverpool.org
Denomination:	Independent (FIEC)
Service times:	10:30am & 6:45pm
Minister:	Andrew Evans

LONDON

All Souls, Langham Place	
Address:	2 All Souls Place London W1B 3DA
Telephone no:	020 7580 3522
Website:	www.allsouls.org
E-mail:	info@allsouls.org
Denomination:	Church of England
Service times:	8am, 9:30am, 11:30am & 6:30pm
Minister:	Rev. Hugh Palmer

Christ Church Mayfair	
Address:	Down Street London W1J 7AN
Telephone no:	020 7629 5885
Website:	www.christchurchmayfair.org
E-mail:	info@christchurchmayfair.org
Denomination:	Church of England
Service times:	10:15am, 5pm & 7pm
Minister:	Rev. Matt Fuller

Dundonald Church	
Address:	Dundonald Church The Factory 577 Kingston Road Raynes Park London SW20 8SA
Telephone no:	020 8543 4411
Website:	www.dundonald.org
E-mail:	info@dundonald.org
Denomination:	Church of England
Service times:	9am, 10:45am, 4pm & 7pm
Minister:	Richard Coekin

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Enfield Evangelical Free Church	
Address:	79 Cecil Road Enfield EN2 6TJ
Telephone no:	020 8363 3354
Website:	www.eefc.net
E-mail:	office@eefc.net
Denomination:	Independent (FIEC)
Service times:	10am & 6:30pm
Minister:	Jonny Prime

Euston	
Address:	Church of Christ the King Gordon Square (Bying Place Entrance) London WC1H 0AG
Telephone no:	
Website:	www.eustonchurch.com
E-mail:	info@eustonchurch.com
Denomination:	Church of England
Service times:	10:30am & 5pm
Minister:	Kev Murdoch

St. Helen's Bishopsgate	
Address:	St. Helens Church Great St Helen's London EC3A 6AT
Telephone no:	020 7283 2231
Website:	www.st-helens.org.uk
E-mail:	st-helens@st-helens.org.uk
Denomination:	Church of England
Service times:	10:30am, 4pm & 6pm
Minister:	Rev. William Taylor

MANCHESTER

City Church Manchester	
Address:	Main Hall Central Hall Oldham Street Manchester M1 1JQ
Telephone no:	07855 303599
Website:	citychurchmanchester.org
E-mail:	office@citychurchmanchester.org
Denomination:	Independent
Service times:	4pm (begins Sun 7 th Sept 2014)
Minister:	Ralph Cunnington

Grace Church	
Address:	Manchester Academy School Moss Lane East Moss Side M14 4PX
Telephone no:	
Website:	www.gracechurchmanchester.net
E-mail:	
Denomination:	Independent (FIEC)
Service times:	10am
Minister:	Mike Tindall

MANCHESTER (CONTINUED...)

Holy Trinity Platt	
Address:	Holy Trinity Platt Church Platt Lane Manchester M14 5NF
Telephone no:	01612 241123
Website:	plattchurch.org
E-mail:	office@plattchurch.org
Denomination:	Church of England
Service times:	9:45am, 11:30am, 6:30pm
Minister:	Rev. Steve James

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE

Jesmond Parish Church	
Address:	Eskdale Terrace Jesmond Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE2 4DJ
Telephone no:	0191 281 2139
Website:	www.church.org.uk
E-mail:	
Denomination:	Church of England
Service times:	9:30am, 11:15am & 6:30pm
Minister:	Rev. David Holloway

OXFORD

St. Ebbes Church, Oxford	
Address:	2 Roger Bacon Lane Oxford OX1 1QE
Telephone no:	01865 240438
Website:	www.stebbes.org.uk
E-mail:	office@stebbes.org.uk
Denomination:	Church of England
Service times:	9:45am, 11:45am, 4:30pm & 7pm
Minister:	Rev. Vaughan Roberts

READING

Carey Baptist	
Address:	Carey Street Reading RG1 7JS
Telephone no:	01189 590058
Website:	www.careybaptistchurch.org.uk
E-mail:	office@careybaptistchurch.org.uk
Denomination:	Independent (FIEC)
Service times:	10:30am, 6:30pm
Minister:	James Muldoon, David Magowan

SHEFFIELD

Christchurch, Fulwood	
Address:	Canterbury Avenue Sheffield S10 3RT
Telephone no:	01865 240438
Website:	www.fulwoodchurch.co.uk
E-mail:	admin@fulwoodchurch.co.uk
Denomination:	Church of England
Service times:	8am, 9:15am, 11am & 6:30pm
Minister:	Rev. Paul Williams

SOUTHAMPTON

Christ Church Southampton	
Address:	AM: Cantell School Violet Road Southampton SO16 3GJ PM: Highfield House Hotel 119 Highfield Ln Southampton SO17 1AQ
Telephone no:	02380 677672
Website:	www.christchurchsouthampton.org.uk
E-mail:	info@christchurchsouthampton.org.uk
Denomination:	Independent (FIEC)
Service times:	10:30am, 6:00pm
Minister:	Orlando Saer

