

# Serving response form

Name:

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In what areas do you **currently serve**?

- Audiovisual
- Platform
- Setup & packup
- Kids & Youth
- Music
- Hosting & hospitality

Are there any changes you would like to make to your current areas of service?

Is there an area where you'd like to **think about getting involved**?

Sunday Areas:

- Audiovisual
- Platform
- Setup & packup
- Kids & Youth
- Music
- Hosting & hospitality

Other Areas:

- Catering Team
- Mission Team
- Providing Meals

What specifically would you like to do? Or are you just keen to help out where needed? Let us know...

## Serving at Trinity Church Brighton

We aim to see God's people joyfully and sacrificially serving to build up the body of Christ. This is a chance to consider how you might serve as part of our church.



In the book of Ephesians, we read about how God has been kind to adopt us into his family and involve us in his eternal purposes (1:4-6). But he doesn't simply make us onlookers. Instead he gives us the remarkable privilege of being fellow-workers in his wonderful project of building up his church in both number and in maturity (4:15-16). Ultimately it is God's love for us in Christ that shapes our desire to play our part in building up the church.

For this reason, Trinity Church Brighton has always been a church that encourages people to be joyfully and sacrificially serving to build up the body of Christ. We want to encourage everyone to, as you are able, take up this privilege of participating in what Christ is doing amongst us. We think serving in a church is a great way to grow in maturity, to be encouraged, and to encourage others. We also need the help as we try and grow our church and reach out to those around us for the sake of Christ's name.

Each year, about this time we therefore encourage everyone to think about how you're serving as part of our church. It may be that you've been serving hard for a long time, or that you've never formally served at church. It may be that you're newer and haven't thought about this yet, or it may be that you've been with us for a long time, but that this is a good chance to think about trying something new. Or it could be that you're happy with how you're serving currently and this is a chance to recommit to continue serving in the way that you are. Whatever the case, we'd love everyone at our church to take a few moments to reflect, and to fill out the form on the back, even if you're not making any changes.

Inside you'll find details on how serving works, and what opportunities and needs there currently are for serving formally on a team, both on Sundays and through the week.



## Our six Sunday Serving Teams

### 1. Audiovisual

Our AV team, made up of our sound techs and proclaim slide operators, has a key role in helping us see and hear what we need to each Sunday. Sound people need to arrive at church by 8:15am to help setup sound with the band. Proclaim operators arrive by 9:30am to check and run through the morning's slides.

**Current Need:** We could use one or two who are willing to fill in from time to time, and always interested to hear from those willing to get involved.

### 2. Hosting and hospitality

Our hosting and hospitality teams help people feel welcome at church, and look after us with things like coffee, morning tea and serving communion. Exactly what's required varies from area to area, but training and instructions are available.

**Current Need:** We'd love a few more in some of our Hosting teams and could use one or two more in the other areas here too.



### 3. Kids and youth

Trinity Kids leaders play a special role in caring for and teaching our primary school aged children and below on Sunday mornings. Each week we need leaders and helpers across Creche (0-3yrs), Minis (4yrs - reception), and Mixers (Yr 1 and above). Being a leader requires some preparation during the week, and the team arrives at 9:15am on Sundays to setup. Youth involves serving at Youth Group on Friday nights or with our Youth Discussion on Sundays.

**Current Need:** Our Trinity Kids programs are growing fast and so we'll need to have a few more leaders and helpers come on board soon. We'd love to hear from you if you're interested.



## Other Serving Needs

We also have a number of opportunities to serve outside of our Sunday gatherings. Being the church is of course about more than Sunday mornings!

We're currently looking for people who'd be interested in serving as part of a **catering team** for the various events and outreach programs that we organise. If you like cooking we also have a list of people who **help to provide meals** for people in our church family who need particular help for a season. We're also currently building a **mission team**, helping us think about how we can best be sharing the gospel with our community.

## How Serving Works

Most of our teams work on a monthly rotation, where you'll serve regularly on the same Sunday of each month. Depending on capacity, some of our members serve on a couple of teams, and might say, be on a band on the first Sunday of the month, and then be part of a Hosting team on the third Sunday (for example).

Every three months all our team members receive an email with an opportunity to let us know dates where they're not available and from there we will arrange any swaps and send out a roster for your reference. This all lives within an online system, Planning Centre Online, which can be used to do things like check when you're rostered on and also to find contact details for other members of your team. It's not essential to use this program, however.

There's also ways to let us know and arrange swaps if plans change or you become unavailable at short notice.

### 4. Music

Our bands help us lift our hearts to the Lord through music each week. A basic level of competency is necessary as well as a preparedness to practice and work together with a band. Music is made available in advance for necessary practice time, with band rehearsal taking place at 8:15am on Sunday mornings.

**Current Need:** We'd especially love a couple more instrumentalists to help fill out some of our bands, and we're always happy to hear from those interested in singing too.



### 5. Platform

Our platform teams lead our congregation in things like prayers, reading the Bible, service leading and kids talks. These tasks often involve a level of preparation during the week and depending on the area most people serve once every 2-3 months. It's good to arrive by 9:45am to touch base and pray before church.

**Current Need:** We'd love to hear from people keen to get involved, especially if you'd like to give Kids Talks or Service Leading a go.



### 6. Setup and packup

Our setup and packup team is a critical component of making Sundays happen, setting up chairs and tables, signs, and all the key things we need for our service. Our teams arrive at 8am to setup and are normally finished with packup by about 12:30pm.

**Current Need:** We have 2-3 gaps in our teams at the moment and would love people to get involved. This is one of our bigger needs at present.