

# explore CAMBRAY



## Hello

I am delighted that you have worshipped with us at Cambray. I know it's often daunting going to a church for the first time, trying to decide whether you feel at home, finding your place within a new church family and working out whether we're a good fit for each other!

These pages are designed to help you explore what we're about and to point you in the right direction to get fully involved in the vibrant life of our church. If you'd like to talk to me or Tim, our other Pastor, please don't hesitate to get in touch and we'd be happy to chat over a cup of coffee - our contact details are below.



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Our leadership team is made up of Elders and Deacons - see [www.cambray.org/new-here/who-is-who/](http://www.cambray.org/new-here/who-is-who/) for more details.

## We believe ...

Foundations are important and we, as a church family, seek to stand on God's in our teaching, vision and direction.

Cambray exists to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and our only Saviour - in our lives, our speech, and all that we do. We are Jesus ruled, elder led, living under the teaching of God's word, the Bible. We sum up our mission in three simple words - love, grow, go.

The greatest commandment is to LOVE God with all our heart, mind and strength and we can only do this if we know him. So we are gather together to hear his Word and to respond.

Together we are called to GROW in Christ-likeness so we aim to equip each believer to be a disciple-making disciple.

God clearly commands us to GO to make disciples of all nations wherever the Lord scatters us during the week and so we encourage every member to speak clearly and boldly of Jesus to those around them.

In common with many evangelical churches we have a reformed theological position. Our church Statement of Faith is available on our website at [www.cambray.org/new-here/what-we-believe/](http://www.cambray.org/new-here/what-we-believe/). We hold to these Biblical truths as of primary importance. Other issues on which believers may disagree we agree to not divide over, "keeping the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace".

If you want to learn more about our Statement of Faith or find out more about our beliefs please don't hesitate to contact one of our Pastors (see opposite).

## What happens on a Sunday?

We take God's call to love Him with all our heart, mind and strength seriously and so, at the centre of our gathered worship, is God's word. We work through the Bible, learning together and seeking to apply His word into our daily lives.

We currently hold a service every Sunday at 10.30am and occasional evening services at 6.00pm. On the first Sunday of every month, at 9am, we also hold *Gateway* for adults with learning difficulties.

During most Sunday morning services children aged 3-16 leave part-way through to join their own groups (see page 6). There is also a crèche for the under 3s and a room where parents can take babies if they are unsettled (whilst still listening to the service).

Our morning service typically last for an hour and a half and consists of a time of praise and worship led by a band, Bible reading, prayer and a talk. Our sung worship is contemporary whilst seeking to use the best of godly songwriters across the years.

After the morning service, tea and coffee is served in the main church - if it's lovely weather, we sometimes gather outside in the forecourt.





## What happens during the week?

We take God's call to make disciples seriously and so we invest strongly in small groups of many kinds where we learn more about God, get to know each other better and invite others to join with us.

### **Small groups**

Throughout the week we have many groups meeting together for fellowship and study. Some share food together, some focus on studying the Bible, others gain strength from praying for each other - many do all of the above! We

encourage everyone to be part of a small group as this is where we can care for each other most effectively. For more info, email [smallgroups@cambray.org](mailto:smallgroups@cambray.org).



### **Fun & friendship**

Walking, badminton, football - groups for all these things take place during the week. We also have a programme of social events for ladies - brunches, quizzes - and activities for men are organised too. And if you're from overseas we have an

International Friendship group. For more information on any activities, email [office@cambray.org](mailto:office@cambray.org).



### **Discipleship & Training**

Throughout the year, we run mid-week Training Nights and we also run a variety of courses such as *Christianity Explored* and *Freedom in Christ*.

## What's available for children?

At Cambray we have a thriving children's ministry, providing Bible-centred, fun, safe, life-relevant and age-appropriate groups for each young person to grow in their walk with God.

### *On Sundays...*

Children are invited to leave part-way through the morning service and join our **Lighthouse**

### **Kids Ministry:**

*Crèche for babies*

*Fireflies for 3-5s*

*Sparklers for 6-8s*

*Spotlight for 9-11s*

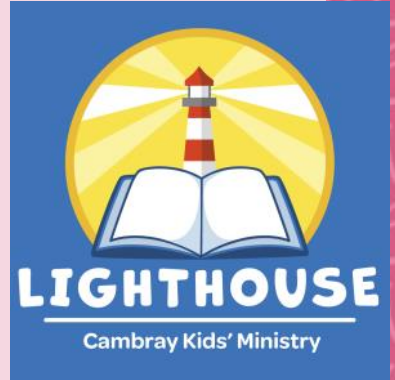
### *During the week:...*

*B.L.A.S.T, Fridays, 6-7.30pm*

Our weekly, term-time kids' club for children in school years 1 to 6 restarts on 24 June. Come and learn more about Jesus as we open up the Bible through fun activities, games, craft, songs, quizzes and more. It's free and there's no need to book.

### *Throughout the year...*

We organise a variety of events for children and families, including a Holiday Bible Club.



## What's available for teenagers?

There's lots going on for teenagers too - we aim to disciple our young people to become mature, faith-filled Christians, impacting positively on the world around them.

### *On Sundays...*

Sunday Youth takes place during the Sunday morning service and is for all those in school years 7 to 11. Sessions are varied and dynamic involving drama, games, discussions and powerful prayer times.

### *During the week ....*

#### *Mondays: 7.30-9.00pm*

A discipleship group for older teenagers (14 to 18 year olds) which meets in the Upper room.

#### *Fridays: 7.30-9.00pm*

A social time of games, fun and chat for everyone in school years 7 to 9 and 10 to 13.

### *Throughout the Year*

We also run a Youth Camp, socials and encourage our young people to get involved in summer camps and youth conferences.



## Getting Involved

Cambray is a big church and one of the best ways to feel at home and to meet people is to get involved. This could be by attending one of the activities going on throughout the week (see page 5) or by volunteering to help.

God has given each one of us talents to use to glorify him and we encourage everyone to use their gifts here at Cambray. Whether it's behind the scenes or more visibly up-front, each one of us has something that we can offer. So, please don't be shy in coming forward to offer help!

*Let us know where you'd like to help...*

On the back page of this booklet, is a form for you to let us know which areas you'd like to get involved in. Please prayerfully consider into which areas God is calling you to help.



*Cooking for Tuesday Lunches*



*Helping at monthly maintenance days*



*Organising events*



## Keeping up-to-date with what's going on

At Cambray, we use a database called Churchbuilder to securely store contact information and to keep details about what's happening all in one place. Once you've decided to make Cambray your home church, you can be given access to Churchbuilder - email [office@cambray.org](mailto:office@cambray.org) for a form.

Once registered, you'll be able to:

- ◆ Find contact information for different people
- ◆ View the calendar to check when & where an event is happening
- ◆ .... and much more!

## How to give

Giving is an important part of Christian discipleship and, whilst we don't want to put pressure on visitors to give, we do want all regular attenders to see financial stewardship as a key spiritual discipline. There are various ways in which you can give. The three simplest are:

**Standing Order** - this is the easiest way to regularly give. Please complete a Standing Order form (copies by the Giving Boxes on the wall) or set-up via your own online banking.

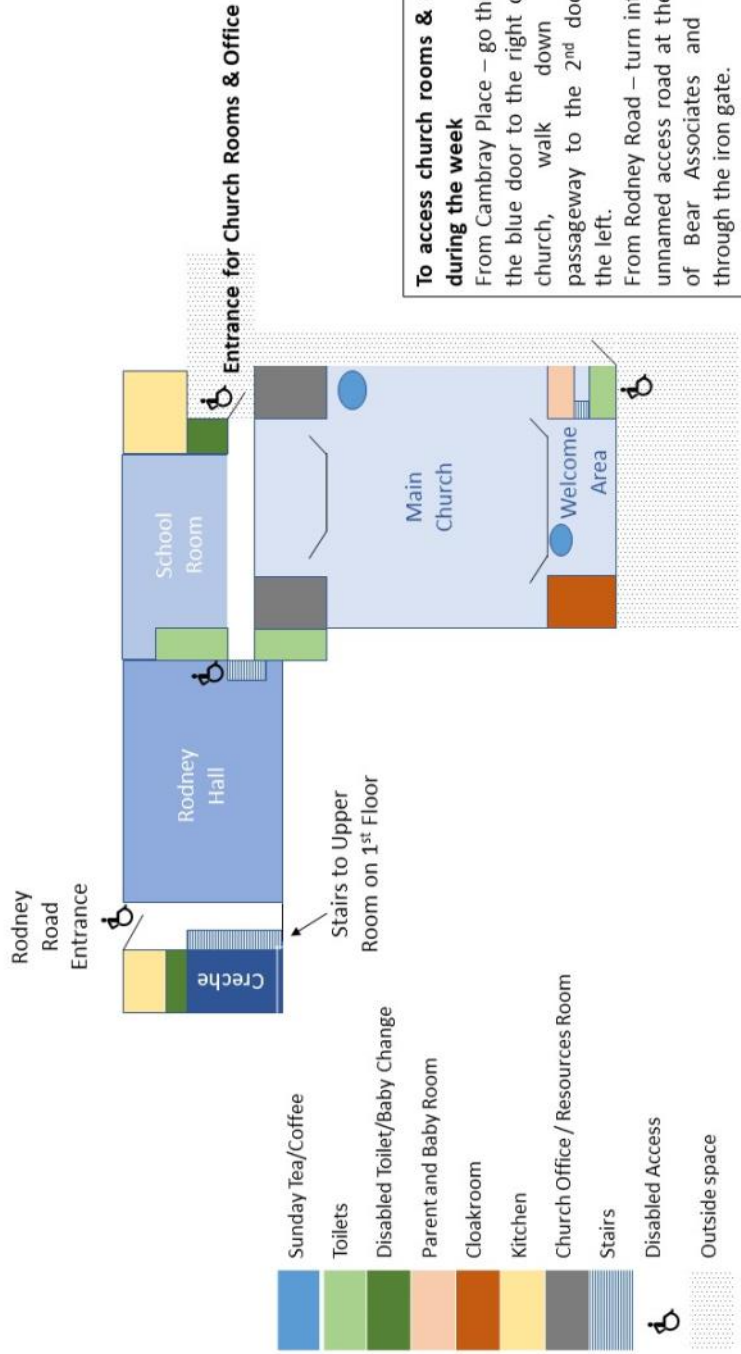
**Contactless** - use the contactless card reader on the Welcome Desk.

**Via PayPal** - use the button on our website at [www.cambray.org/new-here/giving/](http://www.cambray.org/new-here/giving/)

**By cash/cheque** - please make cheques payable to Cambray Baptist Church. Cheques or cash can be put directly into the Giving Boxes. We also accept CAF and Stewardship vouchers.

To **Gift Aid** donations, please complete a Gift Aid declaration (available from the Giving Boxes on the wall). For more information on giving, pick up a *An Introduction to Giving to the Lord's Work at Cambray*. Both documents are in the Welcome Area.

# Finding your way around



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**LOVE + GROW + GO**

## I'd like to get involved

We'd love everyone to be actively involved in the life of the church. Please prayerfully consider which areas God is calling you to be involved in and indicate below what skills and interests you have that you could use to contribute to the life of the church.

<b>I could possibly use my skills/interests/time to help with the following at Cambray:</b>			
Serving Sunday Morning Coffee		Office administration	
Welcoming people at the door on a Sunday		Website design/content/updating	
Playing or Singing in Music/Worship Band		Publicity & marketing	
Operating Audio/Visual desk (training given)		Photography	
Reading the Bible passage in a service		IT systems	
Helping prepare/serve/clear-up Communion		Catering/Hospitality	
Helping at Sunday Children's Groups		Maintenance / Care of our Building	
Helping at Friday Children's Groups		Evangelism/Outreach	
Helping at Sunday Youth Groups		Prayer	
Helping at mid-week Youth Groups		Medical/First aid	
Other (please tell us more)			

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Return this form to the Church Office or hand it in to the Welcome Desk on a Sunday.