
Contact our Treasurer, Ross McEwan, for more details (01954 710213). If you are a taxpayer, please remember that Gift Aid enables the church to reclaim tax on your giving and increase income.

What else does becoming a member mean?

At Cambourne Church we're working together to make God's kingdom a reality in the world around us. New partners are always needed in that work and we believe that through participation we grow as Christians. God calls each of us to use our gifts and talents to serve Him and one another.

As well as committing to serve God in our homes, our workplaces and our neighbourhoods, there are many different opportunities for service through the weekly activities of Cambourne Church.

Perhaps you could:

- join our Sunday morning service rota to help with music, coffee, Bible readings, prayers, or the sound desk?
- help lead a small group, or work with our children and young people?
- assist with office administration, or join the Welcome or Pastoral Care Teams?

We are eager to help you discover your gifts and use them to witness to God's love within Cambourne and beyond.

In summary, membership of Cambourne Church is...

- a *recognition of God's leading and guiding*
- a *covenant agreement*
- a *public act of commitment*
- a *sign of our shared identity as Christians*

When could I become a member?

Membership services are normally held twice a year – in March and November. New members (re)affirm their faith in God and their calling to the local church, and are formally welcomed by the whole church at a Sunday morning service. If you are new to church and the Christian faith, you may be encouraged to go on the Alpha course, or something similar. After 5 years you will be invited to reaffirm your membership.

If membership is a step you feel ready to take in your own life, or would like to discuss further, then please speak to Matthew Trick or Lynda Taylor, or contact the Church Office so we can follow this up with you.

If you are interested in membership but haven't been baptised, then do talk to one of the ministers to explore this further.



Becoming a Member of Cambourne Church



*God,
You have gathered us
in this place at this time
to be Your church.
May all that we do and are
build Your kingdom. Amen.*

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Membership of Cambourne Church

You can share in the life of Cambourne Church without joining formally as a church member; however, by becoming a member you're making a statement of your desire and commitment to develop your Christian faith.

Membership is a way of growing in faith, discipleship and commitment to the body of Christ. This leaflet explains more about what's involved in becoming a member of Cambourne Church.

Who can become a member of Cambourne Church?

Membership of Cambourne Church is open to all baptised Christians and it doesn't matter which church denomination you were baptised in. You may have been baptised as a baby or small child; or perhaps you were baptised as a teenager or adult.

What does membership involve?

Membership involves a two-way commitment. The **church leaders** commit themselves to a care and responsibility for church members:

- we want you to know that you have been 'received' and that you are part of the family, for however long it is appropriate
- our commitment is to help you grow in God, to support you in need, to train you in your gifts and to pray for you

- if you were to move on somewhere else in the future, we would want you to feel that this was your church; we would want to send you on with our blessing and our prayers, so that you feel commissioned, missed and remembered

Members commit themselves to participate fully in the life of the community, promising to:

- worship regularly with others and pray for matters that concern us all
- agree with the vision and core values of the church and recognise the leadership
- contribute financially in a planned and prayerful way
- commit themselves to growing in discipleship, especially in accountable, loving relationships within small groups
- discover their gifts and use them to witness to God's love in the world by word and deed

Members are kept informed of church business and developments, can vote at Church Meetings and can be elected to Church Council.

A life in common

We are looking to grow disciples of Christ who will share life together. We encourage all members to participate in this shared life through our regular Sunday worship and our midweek programme of small group activities (see separate leaflet).

We recognise that faith is a journey. Together we seek to discern the leading of God's Spirit and so work out what it means to follow Christ in line with our core **GOSPEL** values: seeing the **Good News** of Jesus as the foundation for our lives; **Openness** for lifelong learning and humility; **Service** of others; **Prayer** for peace and direction; **Engagement** with God's world; and a belief that **Love** changes people and situations.

What financial commitment is involved?

Although we are a partnership of different churches (Baptist, Church of England, Methodist and URC), we are completely self-supporting financially. This means that as a local congregation we pay: the salary and expenses of our fulltime minister; the salary and expenses of our part-time Family/Children's and Youth Workers; the salaries of our part-time church administrators, caretaker and cleaner; and the running costs of the church building and church office.

Giving is part of our Christian discipleship and as Christians in Cambourne we have the responsibility as well as the privilege of financing God's work here. You can give in different ways:

- place money in the offering basket at the door on Sunday mornings
- use a weekly offering envelope
- set up a regular standing order with your bank