

## **Brigadier Free Church Profile**

**Christ-centred, Bible-based, Spirit-led**

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As part of God's family, we are a worshipping, learning, growing community of Christians - serving the wider community around us in north Enfield.

We aim to be biblically faithful and culturally relevant, celebrating diversity while promoting unity in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our worship is contemporary and participatory - we share the spiritual gifts God has given us as we submit to God's word taught from the Scriptures.

We meet in home groups in the week and regularly gather together to pray.

We love to share our life in Christ with others. We make our facilities available to the local community - and indeed have a dedicated community building next door to the church called No 36. We have a paid children's worker and have a number of parents/carers and children's meetings and clubs in the week. We would like, eventually, to make specific staffing provision for other young people. As an independent church, we are funded by the freewill gifts of our church members. For all who are interested to find out more about Christianity, we run regular *Christianity Explored* or *Alpha* courses. We have a wide range of social events, practical courses and fun activities for people of all ages. (Visit our web site for some examples). We have made links with many local schools through our annual Bible Exhibition.

We are committed to the central truths of Christianity expressed in the Evangelical Alliance basis of faith. We are pleased to express our oneness in the Body of Christ through membership of the Evangelical Alliance, Partnership and participation in the New Wine network.

We are a leader-led church - with a sense of vision and purpose which we keep under review. We have a membership of about 100 adults and 50 children and teenagers. Church membership is open to Christians who have been worshipping with us for at least three months. We practice baptism for believers, normally by full immersion. We encourage members' initiatives as we seek to involve everyone in service, working in teams according to the gifts God has given to each one. We have a couple of business meetings each year, but meet at other times to share vision and discuss issues while we eat together. The core leadership team - currently two men and two women - meets regularly and co-ordinates the life of the church; members of a bigger team (currently 8) each provide leadership in specific areas of service. The leaders meet together for prayer.

This is how members of the Church describe Brigadier Free Church:

"A loving, caring, friendly, family church that seeks to serve our local community in many ways and is dedicated to God's purposes. A church that is accepting of different ways of worshipping, serving and giving. A bible based church providing a fine environment for new Christians."

We are thankful for all that God has given us in Christ. We are eager to receive all he wants to give us through the Holy Spirit. And what we have we want to share with others for the glory of God.