



**serving2022**



**CHATSWOOD  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters

As we approach the end of the year, we are asking you to consider how you might serve God and his people at Chatswood Presbyterian in the twelve months ahead. Serving is one of the primary ways that we share life together in our church community, along with regular attendance at a Sunday church service and participating in a Bible study group.

**serving2022** is just a first step to help us identify those areas of ministry in which you might serve. At this stage, we are not looking for an absolute commitment, just an expression of your desire to be involved.

We are asking that you would do two things:

1. Think, pray and discuss with those close to you about how you might serve our great God and his people – on Sundays and beyond. To help you work out which area might be right for you, we're including in this booklet a brief description of each of the ministries for which you can volunteer. There are a number of other ways to serve that are not included here (e.g. Bible study leading, leading prayer in church services, etc.) If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to the ministry team.
2. Let us know by Monday, 1 November in which area of ministry you would like to serve. You can do this by responding via the electronic form ([click here to launch](#)).

Please respond, even if you would like to continue to serve in 2022 in the same way you did this year. If we don't hear from you, we'll assume that this is the case.

In the coming weeks, our leaders will be in touch to discuss how you might serve in those areas of ministry in which you have expressed interest. For many of our ministries, we will run training events in the first term of next year. We'll be in touch as these get closer.

Be sure to note that certain prerequisites are prescribed for all our ministries. This is to ensure that our volunteers are well cared for, and to protect the integrity of each ministry. The NSW Government's Working With Children Check (WWCC) can be applied for online. Breaking the Silence (BTS) is our denomination's training in relation to safe ministry and abuse matters, and is offered on a regular basis at church (the next being Sunday, 28 November), or online at any time.

Ministries with a particular need for volunteers have been marked with an asterisk (\*).

Brothers and sisters, thank you for your continuing partnership in the ministry of the gospel of the Lord Jesus. It is an absolute joy to serve alongside you for another year.

Love,  
Jeff, Warren and the ministry team

# Ministry Descriptions

## Sunday Services

### *Welcoming\**

It's important that everyone, visitor or regular, receives a warm welcome to church. Members of the welcoming team arrive early, help set up, greet people as they arrive, and help them to feel comfortable as they settle in.

**Prerequisites:** regular Sunday church attendance, regular Bible study attendance, training, WWCC, BTS.

### *Music*

This ministry is for singers or musicians who want to serve by being part of one of the Sunday service bands. Each of our Sunday morning service bands leads the singing at both morning services for two weeks on, then four weeks off. Each of our evening service bands plays two weeks on and then two weeks off. Our contemporary style of singing means that we're looking for skilled singers, drummers, bass players, guitarists and keyboard players.

**Prerequisites:** regular Sunday church attendance, regular Bible study attendance, initial audition, training, WWCC, BTS.

### *Bible reading*

Our Bible readers, through prayerful preparation, help focus our attention on God's word.

**Prerequisites:** regular Sunday church attendance, regular Bible study attendance, training.

### *Sound desk\**

Our sound desk operators ensure that all elements of our Sunday services can be clearly heard. They attend rehearsals along with the music team. This role will suit those who enjoy listening to music and have some technical ability. Full training is provided.

**Prerequisites:** regular Sunday church attendance, training.

### *Computer*

Computer operators manage the on-screen display during our services, enabling everyone to follow along. Full training is provided.

**Prerequisites:** regular Sunday church attendance, training.

### *Post-service clean up\**

This team packs away church Bibles and tidies the church before the next service.

**Prerequisites:** regular Sunday church attendance, training.

### *Morning tea\* / supper\**

People on the morning tea and supper rosters serve food and drinks to facilitate fellowship after the service.

**Prerequisites:** regular Sunday church attendance

### *Newcomers' tea\**

These friendly people have a heart to see newcomers welcomed into our community. They set up and provide a special morning tea for our newcomers every 2-3 months.

**Prerequisites:** regular Sunday church attendance, regular Bible study attendance, training, WWCC, BTS.

### *10.45 service lunch team*

This is for those who would like to help set up for and pack up after occasional "pot luck" lunches following the 10.45 service. There are three per year, and it's a great way to help build community.

**Prerequisites:** regular Sunday church attendance.

## **Kids' Ministry**

### *Child minding for special events*

These people provide child minding (2-3 hours) on occasional Sunday afternoons on the church property so that parents are freed up to attend ministry training, *CPC Explored* (for newcomers), or our evangelistic course *Exploring Christianity*.

**Prerequisites:** regular Sunday church attendance, regular Bible study attendance, training, WWCC, BTS.

### *Wednesday Connect Women's crèche*

Our Connect Women group meets every Wednesday morning of the school term to learn together from God's word. A crèche is provided to help these women learn without distraction and to provide the children with their own Bible teaching. Whilst regular group members take turns serving in the crèche under the direction of our permanent crèche co-ordinator, we occasionally need volunteers from outside Connect Women to help out for a week or two, when available. We're also looking for a crèche assistant to fill a weekly paid role, and further details can be provided if you are interested in this.

**Prerequisites:** regular Sunday church attendance, regular Bible study attendance, training, WWCC, BTS.

### *Connect Kids' program*

During our morning services we provide a kids' program for all children up to Year 5. Our team of faithful, dedicated leaders serves the families of our church during school terms.

**Prerequisites:** regular Sunday church attendance, regular Bible study attendance, training, WWCC, BTS.

### *Sunday crèche*

As part of our Connect Kids' program, we run a crèche for children aged 0-3 years during our morning services. A group of dedicated volunteers looks after and teaches the children during school terms, enabling parents to listen to God's word undistracted.

**Prerequisites:** regular Sunday church attendance, regular Bible study attendance, training, WWCC, BTS.

### *Kids' holiday program – crèche & Connect Kids\**

Volunteers help run a scaled-down kids' program during the school holidays. Help is needed for both the Sunday crèche and Connect Kids. This holiday program provides a rest for those who serve in these ways throughout the school terms. Parents of Connect Kids children are already considered part of this ministry and do not need to volunteer here.

**Prerequisites:** regular Sunday church attendance, regular Bible study attendance, training, WWCC, BTS.

## Evangelism

### *Easy English Bible Study helper*

Easy English Bible lessons run on Thursday mornings are an outreach to our ethnically diverse community. The helpers work alongside our Easy English teachers as they help students learn about Jesus – and life in Australia – while practising English. The helpers will also assist with set-up, pack-up, greeting and registering students.

**Prerequisites:** regular Sunday church attendance, regular Bible study attendance, training, WWCC, BTS.

### *Easy English Bible Study crèche assistant*

We are looking for a crèche assistant to fill a weekly paid role on Thursday mornings (working alongside our crèche leader, Grace Han). Further details can be provided if you are interested.

**Prerequisites:** regular Sunday church attendance, regular Bible study attendance, WWCC, BTS.

### *MissionFest planning*

This is for people who love to see others grow in their awareness and prayerfulness for God's mission around the world. It involves attending three planning meetings and helping with MissionFest on Saturday, 4 June.

**Prerequisites:** regular Sunday church attendance, regular Bible study attendance, WWCC, BTS.

## Hospitality and Care

### *Hosting newcomers for meals*

Inviting newcomers into our home for a meal is a great way to help them feel a part of our church family. These friendly people will occasionally be approached by Marty Cole (our Welcoming & Integration Pastor) when hosting opportunities arise.

**Prerequisites:** regular Sunday church attendance, regular Bible study attendance, training, WWCC, BTS.

### *Visitation*

This team cares for people who can no longer attend our services (e.g. due to old age) through occasional visits or phone calls.

**Prerequisites:** regular Sunday church attendance, regular Bible study attendance, training, WWCC, BTS.

### *Special meals*

This is for those who can help set up, pack up or offer a meal as part of a course at church (e.g. CPC Explored and Exploring Christianity). It's a great way to help people connect as they eat together. In addition, we also seek to show Christ's love by offering meals to people in times of need. Whilst these meals are generally organised within a person's Bible study group, occasionally we ask volunteers from the wider church family to help out.

**Prerequisites:** regular Sunday church attendance.

## **Key Support Ministries**

### *Grounds presentation for Sundays\**

We're looking for volunteers who can blow, rake or sweep leaves away, and generally keep the site looking neat and tidy for Sundays. All equipment is provided and the role requires about 1-1.5 hours work, once a month, on either a Friday or Saturday. It can be a fun family activity, too!

**Prerequisites:** regular Sunday church attendance.

### *Property maintenance and repairs*

This is for people who are available occasionally to help maintain and repair our church property.

**Prerequisites:** regular Sunday church attendance.

### *Grounds care*

This is for those who enjoy gardening and like to see the property looking its best.

**Prerequisites:** regular Sunday church attendance.

### *Toilet presentation\**

Unfortunately, the floors of our toilet block can look a little messy after each of the morning services – especially on wet days. This servant-hearted team inspects the toilets after their morning service and, when needed, dry mops the floors and/or clears rubbish left behind.

**Prerequisites:** regular Sunday church attendance.