

precedence on Sunday mornings. But it is no shame to decide that you will come to church, even if they do not come too. Or maybe you are able to attend a mid-week service instead of Sunday, and still participate with them in their weekend activities.

Why not just watch a church service on TV?

This is another instance of connecting Communion and Community. It isn't the same thing to worship alone, without the friendship and support of others like yourself. Church offers not just a place for prayer and worship, but a place to make friends who will treat you as members of the "parish family." This is a real blessing for those of us whose biological families are scattered, so we cannot see them very often. But if you are sick, or cannot attend church physically, the TV service can be a valuable alternative.

People say that Christians are unfriendly or intolerant, and that church services are boring.

It would be nice to think that this is never true, but sometimes you are right. We hope that you will find the people at St George's to be friendly and welcoming, and that our services add to your spiritual life in a meaningful way. Whether or not you choose to make St George's your spiritual home, we wish you every joy in your Christian life wherever you may find it.

Come and see

The Bible tells us that one of Jesus' first disciples, a man named Philip, wanted to tell his friend Nathanael about Jesus. Nathanael was skeptical about the idea. Philip didn't try to argue with him and tell him a thousand reasons why he was wrong. He just said, "Come and see."

We invite you
to worship with us

Sunday 9.30 am,

Learn about Jesus and your role in His
world.

Children's Program

Refreshments (hot coffee) before and
after the service

Chance to make new friendships



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Why go to Church ?



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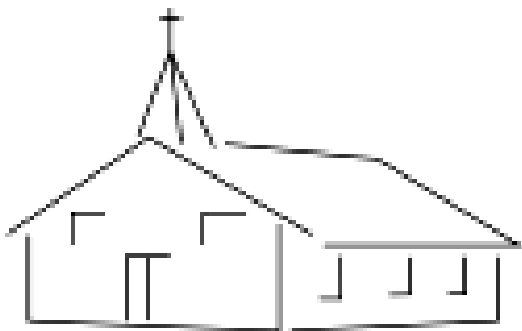
Why would I want to go to church?

It's a serious question. These days, we all lead busy lives. It often seems that there aren't enough hours in the day to do everything we have to, so why would I want to take on yet another commitment? What would be the benefit of going to church?

One answer is that we need to find balance in our lives. In the midst of all our hectic activities, we need a chance to be still, to recharge our batteries. We need to nourish our spiritual side, just as we nourish our bodies. We need to find spiritual and emotional refreshment, in a world where we are all too often weary or worried. And there's plenty to worry about these days – employment (how secure is my job?); finances (how am I going to pay all my bills?); family (is my marriage secure? are my children growing up the way I would like?); health issues; aging parents ... the list seems endless.

Jesus says, "Come to me all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will refresh you."

Sometimes, it just helps to be able to ask God for guidance about life's struggles, or comfort in life's difficulties. Church is one place where you can step inside the door and leave the worries of the world behind for a while.



Here are some of the reasons that people at St George's Church have given as to why they think it is worth going to church.

It grounds me for the week ahead

It gives my life purpose

I have so much to thank God for

The people are so loving and supporting

Great music

It is fun

I've always gone to church

My kids make me come—they love it

I feel good

The people really care about me

I love the baseball team (Go Knights!)

Going to church reminds me that I need to think of others as well as myself

I love to sing

The Grandkids love Sunday School

I love the refreshments

I learn so much about myself and God

The Church is active in the community

Jesus' message is relevant to our world today

Tell me more about your service

We meet each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Refreshments, including hot coffee, are available both before and after the service. We have made up a separate leaflet that explains what happens at an Anglican church service to help newcomers feel comfortable at one of our services. The heart of our Sunday celebration is the



Eucharist – also called Holy Communion, or sometimes the Lord's Supper.



We believe that the communion table is where we meet Jesus present in our community – for Communion and Community are almost the same word. St. George's is a community – a place where you will find other people who are wrestling with busy lives and day-to-day problems, and finding a place that is like an oasis in the desert to refresh their souls.

Children's ministry

Children are an important part of our church family. Children of all ages are welcome to remain in Church with their parents or to take part in their own program of songs, stories and crafts in a safe and loving environment.

In these days where Schools no longer teach religious values, we take seriously our call to introduce the love of God to the young ones among us and to give them a foundation for a Christian life.

I'd like to come to church, but my family won't come with me.

In an ideal world, our family members would like to participate with us in all our activities. But the world isn't ideal. Members of your family may be non-believers, or they may have other activities that in their minds take