

CHURCH GUIDE

2023-2024



INFORMATION ON ALL THE CU RECOMMENDED
CHURCHES IN THE AREA TO HELP YOU CHOOSE
THE CHURCH THAT IS RIGHT FOR YOU!



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WHY IS CHURCH IMPORTANT?

THE CHRISTIAN UNION IS NOT A CHURCH

- The Christian Union is a missional community that exists to give every student on campus the opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ. The CU cannot provide the pastoral care that you require for spiritual growth.
- The CU's beliefs are based upon the UCCF Doctrinal Basis and all teaching is focused on evangelism to non-Christians. We do not give teaching on all aspects of living a Christian life.
- Meeting with other Christians and being taught God's word is how we grow spiritually. We are best equipped for reaching non-Christians with the gospel when we are rooted in church community.
- Church community provides us with wisdom, guidance and accountability from older, more mature Christians, which the CU cannot offer as a body of students.
- The spiritual disciplines that comes with regular church attendance at university are a good indication of those you will keep in later life.

We believe that it is more important that you join a local church than the CU. We'd love you to be a part of both, but if you can only be a part of one, please choose church.

USING OUR CHURCH GUIDE

Read through this booklet

Look online at some of the churches that interest you

Choose around three from the church guide you are interested in.

Do this in community (family/home church/committee members)

Contact the church reps

Visit them over the first few weeks of term.

Decide on a church to grow and serve in as soon as you can

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF WHEN TRYING OUT A CHURCH

- Is the church faithful to the gospel of Jesus Christ and does it teach the Bible? (Titus 1:9)
- Do the church leaders submit themselves to God's word? (Titus 1:7-9)
- Is there genuine concern among believers to spur one another on in their faith? (Hebrews 10:24-25)
- Is the church obviously a Christian community where people love one another? (1 John 3:11-18)
- Can I imagine feeling at home here and getting involved with the life of the church?
- Is it somewhere I could bring a friend?

CHURCH REPS

Church	Name	Contact
Anchor	Robyn Oleshko Joel Halliwell	07903355859 07399914289
Christ Church Selly Park	Sam Haynes	07946505635
Christ Church Summerfield	Bethan Callow	07731673277
Church Central	Josh Emsley Anna Rogozha	07941564416 07568627484
City Church	Kat Hodson Seb Harris	07584670930 07548798930
Ebenezer Baptist Chapel	Anna Chan	07541264774
Encounter	Anna de Borde Sophie Wood	07949565894 07930911583
Gas Street	Naomi Thornhill Emily Shaw	07719646579 07425589541
Grace Church, Stirchley	Grace Nuth Molly Sampson	07950993686 07767155815
Hope Chapel	Aletheia Mather Antonio Chan	07849322786 07907873356
Kings Church	Luke Boughton Zoe Green	07477860367 07981270526
Monyhull Church	Bekah Mills	07957240758
St John's Harborne	Emily Johnson Naomi Waters	07758174745 07484190686
St Stephen's St Wulstan's	Stroma Thomas Hannah Flint	07743461302 07472145250
Birmingham Chinese Evangelical Church	Sam Yap	07828777747
Birmingham Sarang Korean Church	Hangyeore Na (Gyeore)	07984480792
New Hope Tamil Church	Keerthana (attends BCU)	07466368759



ANCHOR CHURCH



Anchor Church is a 3 year-old church plant, meeting in Selly Park, and serving across the city. Headline info below, but come and meet us on a Sunday to find out more.

SUNDAYS

Charismatic worship, in-depth teaching, prayer ministry, and awesome (ethical) coffee every Sunday. **3.30pm @ Christ Church, Selly Park B29 7PS.**



TABLE

Belonging in smaller communities across the city, meeting once a week around abundantly full meal tables.

OUTREACH

Various outreach to Birmingham and beyond, including work with asylum seekers and overseas mission connections.



DISCIPLE

Deep teaching, prayer ministry, accountable community, spiritual practices, and home to the His:Story course

@anchorchurchuk | anchorchurch.uk/connect



Anchoring the city in the story of God



Christ Church

SELLY
PARK

making | growing | sending | **disciples of Jesus**

We are a community of all ages, seeking to follow Jesus every day of the week. This is our mission:



making *new* disciples

sharing the good news of forgiveness and new life



growing *as* disciples

learning to live and love as God's holy people



sending *out* disciples

going wherever God leads us in love and sacrifice

Sunday services 10.30am every week
shared lunch twice a month

Bible study with meal 6pm every other Sunday
for students and young adults

Opportunities to serve children and youth
local community and older people

Life groups of mixed ages

christchurchb29.org





THERE'S ROOM FOR YOU



SUNDAYS
10:30






THURSDAYS
7PM



SOCIALS, TEAMS,
DISCIPLING AND MORE

*Join us to see North Edgbaston living
lives of hope in Jesus' name*

-  christchurchsummerfield.com
-  [@christchurchsummerfield](https://www.instagram.com/christchurchsummerfield)
-  Gillott Road, B16 9EZ






Welcome to the
best city in the world.
We're glad you're here.

We're a church family of around 200 members, and we'd love you to get involved and join the family. We want to welcome you and help you walk with Jesus in your Uni days. We have a longing to see Jesus the most talked-about person in this part of the city and as you adapt to life here, we want to release you to play your part in that on campus.

Join us. We gather on Sundays just down the road from the Guild.

 **Sunday Venue:** King Edward VI Girls School, just along from the Guild of Students (B15 2UB).

 **Time:** 10.30am, Sunday mornings.

 **Website:** www.churchcentral.org.uk/south |  **Email:** hello@churchcentral.org.uk



The part you can play

We encourage students to get stuck in and help make Churchcentral South all it can be. Students are on loads of our teams, helping with welcoming, leading worship and our youth, kids and tots work. Come and grow by mucking in.

Students & 20s

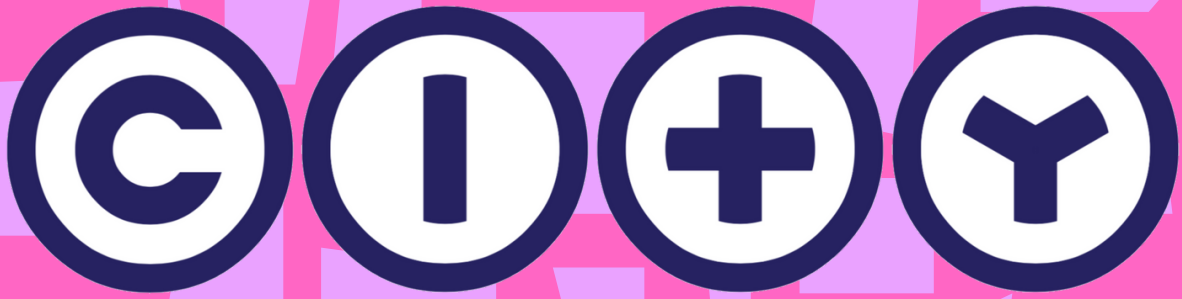
Stuff for you

Be a part of our Sunday mornings, smaller Community Groups, welcome lunches, Adopt-A-Student/mentoring, the Students & 20s Weekend Away and our specific Students & 20s meetings and socials, to help you connect deeply with God and others during your student years.

Stuff for your mates

Your Uni years are some of the best moments for authentically living out your faith alongside people who don't know Jesus. We want to help you make the most of that!

Our services and our Community Groups regularly integrate people who are 'just looking'.



CHURCH BIRMINGHAM

We're a friendly family-based church that just loves students. We believe the student years are hugely formative, and we would love you to make your home with us while you're in Birmingham. Here's our vision:

1

Jesus

To be captivated by Jesus, because knowing him is the best thing that life has to offer!



2

Community

To grow together, sharing life and the gospel in a genuine church family



3

Mission

To equip one another to 'go' with the gospel, glorifying God in all of life



What's on for students?

- **Sunday Services** at 10.30AM and 6PM at Edgbaston High School - easily accessible by foot or by bus
- **Student meal** after the 6PM service each week
- **Discipleship** through small groups and 1-2-1s where we get into God's life-changing word and live for Him
- **Hospitality** with church family of all ages and stages
- **Getaways** twice a year to deepen relationships

We'd love to connect with you!

- Follow us on **instagram**
- Join us on **Sunday**
- Fill in our **contact form** online to say hello
- **Contact David or Ellie** through our website - we'd love to grab a coffee!



@students_at_city



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city-church.org.uk/students





Students, welcome!

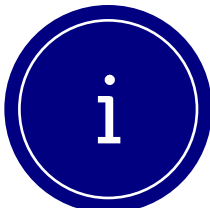
Come and join us this Sunday

We look forward to welcoming you ...



Sunday Services - 10.30 am + 6pm

Midweek Bible study - Wednesdays @ 7.30pm



Student rep: Anna Chan - 07541 264774

axc1282@student.bham.ac.uk



≈ 15 min by car - Station Road, Old Hill B64 6PA

Lifts available - please get in touch



We also host the following ministries:

Prayer Meetings

Community outreach

Church in the Park

Book club

Students + young people



EBENEZER BAPTIST CHAPEL



[/ebenezeroldhill](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)



ebenezeroldhill.org.uk

ENCOUNTER CHURCH

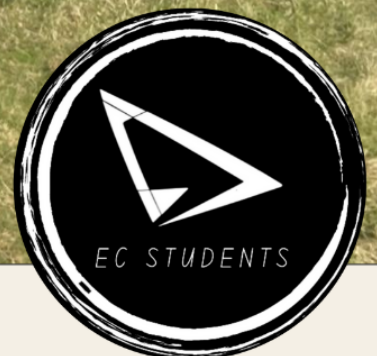
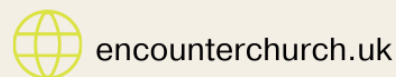
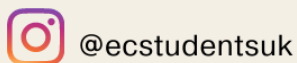
STUDENTS MINISTRY

Encounter Church exists to help people to Encounter Jesus, to Raise Disciples, and to Release Missionaries.

We welcome students to be part of the multigenerational life of the church: from student nights, to weekly social events, come and join us! We want to help disciple and equip our students for everyday living and see them share Jesus with their friends. You are invited to make Encounter Church your home away from home.

We meet every Sunday @11am

Church contact; Isaac, iwilliams@encounterchurch.uk



Exeter Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, B29 6EU



GAS STREET CHURCH



OUR HEART IS TO SEE EVERY CAMPUS
ENCOUNTER THE LOVE OF JESUS.

WE LOVE HIM. IT'S ALL ABOUT HIM.

COME GATHER WITH US AS WE WORSHIP HIM
EVERY SUNDAY 6PM

THERE'S FREE FOOD AND HANGS AFTERWARDS!

GAS STREET CHURCH
41 GAS STREET, BIRMINGHAM, B1 2JT

[GASSTREET.CHURCH/STUDENTS](https://gasstreet.church/students)

[@GASSTREETSTUDENTS](https://www.instagram.com/gasstreetstudents)



**Grace
Church**
Stirchley

   @gracestirchley
Visit us Sunday 10.30am



*What's it
like to be
a student
at Grace
Church?*



We're all
about
helping
people
love
Jesus
more
and more

Student Lunches

Get to know church family by enjoying food together as we host lunches for all students after our services.

Brunch-ology

Knowing God better leads to greater love for him and others. Join us for monthly brunch and a deep dive into theology.

Mentoring

Be encouraged and supported by older Christians who will pray with and for you during your time at university.

Contact students@gracestirchley.org for more info

Reddings Road, Moseley. B13 8JR

Hope Chapel

FREE Bible, text BIBLE and address to 07779034886

hope-chapel.com

Hope Chapel is a small but growing independent gathering of born-again believers, seeking to grow in Christ, obey His Word & share the Gospel with others.

"Don't ask - what can I get from church?
Ask - what can I give to Christ?"

Sunday

10AM - Breaking of Bread
12:00 - Bible Study Groups
1st of month - Fellowship Lunch
6PM - Gospel Meeting

Wednesday

7:45 - Prayer and Bible Study
(Currently Studying John's Gospel)

1st & 3rd Fridays

8PM - Apologetics Bible Class
(‘How to ...’ the Christian Life)

Transport can be arranged

For more info:

Contact Andy Mullan

07779034886

wmgospel@yahoo.co.uk



Opportunities
to Serve

FREE
Student Lunch
Saturday 7th October
from 12-2pm
Then Every Last Saturday of the Month

"The Word of the LORD endures forever"
This is the word which by the Gospel is preached



Who we are

At King's Church we want to give everyone the opportunity to get to know God for themselves, find true freedom and purpose in their lives and make a difference in the world. We would love to meet you and show you what it's like to be part of the King's Church family!

What we do for students

For our students it's all about pursuing God's call together and we do that by being:

- **Family** - We're called to be a family of believers, and our students are a valuable part of the whole church family, getting involved through Sunday meetings, weekly life groups, and church wide events.
- **Disciples** – We want students to continue learning what it means to be a son or daughter of God, and to chase after Him and His purposes for you. We do this through regular student events and discipleship.
- **Missional** – We love doing outreach on campus and students having the opportunity to work with the social action organisations that we partner with at King's Church.

Contacts, where and when

We meet at Harborne Academy every Sunday at 10:30am, come and join us! We spend time worshipping and hearing from God together. After the meeting, we enjoy catching up with family and we would love to get to know you!

We'll be running student events especially for you, so come along and hear more about them, or contact Sam or Lucy.

You can also check out our social media pages for all our updates and events.



Here is our student workers Sam & Lucy who would love to meet you! If you have any questions, please get in touch on 07722847776 or sam.lucas09@hotmail.co.uk

Website

www.kingschurchbirmingham.org

Instagram

[@kingschurchbirmingham](https://www.instagram.com/kingschurchbirmingham)





We are an FIEC affiliated evangelical church of around 200 people, serving God in South Birmingham

Supporting Students

Our aim is to support and encourage you for the duration of your studies, and to do all we can to equip you for university life and beyond.

The church family provide student Sunday lunches (some of the meals are the stuff of legend), lifts to services and midweek meetings. You will be known, loved and cared for by the whole church family as you live out university life.

Welcome to our wonderful City! We hope you have an amazing time as you seek to serve Jesus at University.

We are a community of ordinary people whose lives have been changed by the good news of Jesus Christ. Our greatest desire is to glorify God and share this message with people of all ages and backgrounds.

SUNDAYS
11am Service & 6pm Service

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS
8pm on Wednesdays at various locations across the city. These are our weekly midweek Bible and Prayer groups; a chance to get to know people better.

Involving Students

Whilst we don't have a student specific program, we encourage all students to play a full role in the life of the church family and to get involved in a Fellowship Group. You will get to know all kinds of people with opportunities to serve and be served.

MONYHULLCHURCH.ORG/STUDENTS
PHILSWEETING@MONYHULLCHURCH.ORG



Monyhull Church
St. Frances Drive, Kings Norton, B30 3PS

ST JOHNS HARBORNE

Students

Welcome to Birmingham!

St John's is an evangelical Anglican church that is multigenerational and passionate about students!

We are committed to providing students with opportunities to become part of the church family, learn together and be supported.

When?

Sunday gatherings at 10.00 & 18.00.

There are student welcome events with food are after our evening service every Sunday from 24 Sep - 15 Oct!

Our students are integrated into the church family and have great opportunities to join a home group and serve on a variety of teams!

Where?

St John's Harborne, High Street,
Harborne, B17 0ED

**stjohnsharborne.org/students
students@stjohnsharborne.org
[instagram.com/stjohnsharborne](https://www.instagram.com/stjohnsharborne)**



Our student ministry is headed up by two young adults from our church family: Adam Best and Sarah Holbrook - look out for them at the 18.00 gathering!



St Stephen's and St Wulstan's
knowing Jesus + making Jesus known

Rooted for Students

Our passion is to see students knowing Jesus better and joyfully living for Him, as we open the Bible together on a Sunday and also at student group in the week.



Tuesdays, 7-9pm @ St Wulstan's, Alton Road, B29 7DU

We meet together for food, a short talk, Bible study and prayer.

There's loads more we do too - meals, one to ones, weekends away - we want to equip you to live for Jesus in all of life. We'd love to meet you!

Connect with us online:

Website: www.sssw.org.uk/students/

Instagram: @ssswchurch

Join us on Sunday!

[youtube.com/ssswchurch](https://www.youtube.com/ssswchurch)

10am @ St Stephen's, B29 7HU

6pm @ St Wulstan's, B29 7DU



Ben Wells (Associate Minister):

ben.wells@sssw.org.uk



**Scan here to fill in a
welcome card**



THE BCEC

TO LOVE GOD & LOVE OUR NEIGHBOUR

14 Upper Gough Street, Birmingham, B1 1JG

The BCEC is a Chinese-heritage church that has been in Birmingham for 30 years. Our church has three language congregations, with a great mixture of families, undergraduate and post-graduate students and young-working adults.

It's a place where many students have been able to make deeper connections, grow in their personal relationship with God, and be challenged to see the world with fresh perspective. Our church is welcoming to all - and has British-Born-Chinese, people from Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong, China, Taiwan and other parts of the world!

Sunday Services:

ENGLISH

09:30am / 6:30pm

We have a range of families, young working adults, university students and youth as part of our English-speaking Ministry. Our 9:30am service hosts Explorers, our children's ministry, whilst our 6:30pm service hosts a more relaxed vibe.

CORE, our university student ministry, meet on a ***Wednesday evening 6:30PM***. You can find out more on their instagram ***@core_thebcec***.

CANTONESE

11:30am / 1:30pm

Our 11:30am service hosts a Cantonese children's ministry and with a real growth in Hong Kong immigrants joining our services, there is a second service at 1:30pm. It is a welcome place, especially for those adjusting to life in the UK or for those who find it more comfortable worshipping in Cantonese.

MANDARIN

3:30pm

Our 3:30pm Mandarin service has a combination of families and students from China. It is a great place for those who prefer worshipping in Mandarin or for students who've come over from China or Taiwan.



버밍엄사랑의교회

Birmingham Sa-Rang Korean Church

"We welcome you in the LORD!"

<https://www.birminghamsarangkoreanchurch.com>



birminghamsarangkoreanchurch

TO *Welcome* NEW HOPE TAMIL & ENGLISH CHURCH

We are a warm and caring community willing to serve our congregation and community regardless of colour, culture, and creed. We are happy to serve you and support, pray and stand with you in every way possible. Once again, we extend our very hearty and warm welcome to you.

**SCAN FOR
DETAILS &
TIMINGS
ABOUT
CHURCH
SERVICES &
OTHER
MEETINGS!**



**Christ centered worship, Cross centered
preaching and Truth centered fellowship**

It is our conviction that being a Christian is not only about going to Church on a Sunday or getting to heaven. Rather, it is every day surrendering ourselves wholeheartedly to experience a personal, emotional, and spiritual transformation to becoming more like Christ here and now.

**CONTACT FOR
MORE INFO!**

**REV. JOSEPH
CHINNAIYAN
07929 611927
CHURCH REP
KEERTHANA
07466 368759**

JOIN US ON ALL OUR PLATFORMS



@newhopechristiancentre



SCAN FOR
LOCATION



OUR WEBSITE: WWW.NHTC.ORG.UK

Other Churches We Know

This booklet includes all of the churches that current members of the CU attend. However, we are blessed in Birmingham to have many more churches that we would recommend having a look at, we just don't have anyone currently attending those churches!

Here is a short list of a few other churches that historically CU members have attended and we can recommend, with a link to their website:

- Edgbaston Old Church - <https://www.edgbaston.church/>
- Gate Church - <https://www.thegatechurch.co.uk/>
- Oasis Church - <https://theoasischurch.com/>
- Second City Church - <https://www.secondcity.org.uk/>
- Birmingham Vineyard <https://www.birminghamvineyard.com/>

If you would like to talk to anyone from the CU about a church you're considering, any member of the CU committee would love to chat with you, either catch us at Equip (our whole CU meetings on Thursday Evenings), or you can contact Sam Haynes (ubcu.vicechair@gmail.com, 07946505635).

A Final Note From Us

Before you arrive

- Consider what you are looking for in your university church, chat to your family, your church leaders and get some advice from them!
- Start researching the churches that interest you! Have a look at their websites, contact a church rep and chat with them, listen to a few sermons from the churches so you can get a feel for the teaching style

When you arrive

- Be active in searching out churches as soon as you arrive - make it a priority!
- Remember that no church is perfect, but consider whether you feel like you could enjoy growing and serving as a part of that church community
- Do your best to choose and settle as quickly as possible at a church, don't spend your whole time at university trying different churches!
- Get stuck in! All local churches will have different ways for you to get involved and serve, whether you are used to serving or not, have a chat with a church leader and see how you can get involved!

We hope and pray that you find this guide helpful in finding a church in which you can feel at home, grow in and serve in.

If you have any further questions, please do contact Sam Haynes

(ubcu.vicechair@gmail.com, 07946505635) or talk to any other committee member.

We would love to support you in finding the right university church for you!