



Please find below an update from the group discussing the unification of the 10:30 services.

Please note there will be an opportunity to speak to the team shaping these services **after the 10:30am / Family Church on Sunday 17th May.**

Task Force Meeting Overview

The team met again on Wednesday this week. It was a really helpful, productive, and at times challenging meeting. We reflected together on

how the process is going so far, and there was a strong sense that the honesty, healthy disagreements, and clear communication with the whole church family have all been positive aspects of the journey.

Worship Music

The music aspect of the worship service was discussed at length. It was agreed that the style would be contemporary worship, whilst still incorporating the occasional hymn.

The service will include:

- Three or four songs to open, all done together
- One song to close, with a softer ending that gives people permission to stay or leave as suits their needs

The order of service will be simple and relaxed.

It was recognised that the standard of music needs to be high, while not being exclusive or discouraging participation. A balance must be struck. There will be significant investment in the music, as this will be the main worship service of the week.

Musicians will be on the stage. This will:

- Make the role of the worship leader clear
- Help with PA and sound quality
- Enable better communication between musicians during the service

Social and Community Life

The social aspect of the service was also discussed. Tea, coffee, pastries, and conversation are seen as an essential part of the service.

While people can access teaching online through podcasts and books, they cannot find community or family in those ways. However, the team also reflected that if the church focuses too much on the social aspect and not enough on the gospel, then the purpose of the church is called into question.

Culture and Ongoing Development

The culture of the service will be informal and relational. It was acknowledged that when the service launches in September, it will not be the finished article.

There is a shared hope and prayer that the service will be continually reviewed and improved. If things do not work as intended, that will be considered a strength rather than a failure, as it shows a willingness to try, learn, and adapt.

Communication and Opportunities for Feedback

Please keep talking to the team about your thoughts and feelings. We really do not want this to be sprung upon anyone. It is essential that no one feels excluded or that their thoughts and feelings do not matter in this process.

As a result, there will be opportunities to speak to the team shaping these services:

- **After the services at 9am and 10:30am / Family Church on Sunday 17th May**

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