



Membership Course

River Church

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Welcome!

Thank you for coming to our Membership Course at River Church.

We believe that every Christian should be planted in a local Church where they will grow, flourish and be fruitful (Psalm 92:12-15). We should be involved in a local Church where we can encourage one another (Hebrews 10:24-25).

The purpose of our Membership Course is to enable you to make the right choice as you consider if River Church is where God wants to plant you. We will be talking about our vision, values, vehicles and volunteers.

The best is yet to come!
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Vision

We want to be a Church where people are born again, grow in relationship with God and are equipped to influence others for Jesus Christ.

For God. For each other. For the Nations. (Matthew 22:37-40, Matthew 28:18-20.)

Values

River Church in our Basis of Faith. We are a member of the Evangelical Alliance and have adopted their Basis of Faith. You can read this on the last page of these notes.

River Church has 4 core beliefs:

- Jesus Christ is the only mediator between God and man. The only way we can relate to God is through Jesus Christ. John 14:6, Acts 4:12, 1 Timothy 2:5.
- The Bible is the inspired Word of God. It is the final authority on doctrine, faith and life. We believe in the Bible plus nothing and the Bible minus nothing. 2 Timothy 3:16-17.
- Salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. We can't earn or achieve salvation by our own good deeds or by keeping the law. Salvation is a gift from God. Ephesians 2:8-9.
- The Church is on earth to fulfil the Great Commission. This is preaching the good news, teaching God's Word and making disciples. Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8.

Vehicles

First, let us look at our Leadership at River Church.

- Jesus Christ.
- Elders.
- Trustees.

Second, let us talk about our Meetings, Courses and Events.

- We meet Online and In-Person
- We meet in Large Gatherings and in Small Groups
- The next generation are important to us!

Third, let us talk about a few others things.

- Safeguarding.
- Data Protection.

Fourth, let us talk about our partnerships.

- River Church is a member of the Evangelical Alliance and we relate to Harvest Network.
- River Church are sponsoring 10 children in Guatemala, Peru, Ghana, Ecuador, Bangladesh and Burkina Faso through our partnership with Compassion UK.

Volunteers

How can we get involved at River Church?

- Pray.
- Serve.
- Give.

What next?

- Complete the Response Form at www.riverchurchstneots.co.uk/membership-course
- Have a chat with a member of our Eldership Team to discuss next steps.

Financial Support

There are 3 ways you can give at a River Church:

You can give in our Sunday Services. Please make cheques payable to "River Church".
You can give by Standing Order. Please contact us for our bank details for this purpose.
You can give online on our website at www.riverchurchstneots.co.uk

Gift Aid and Data Protection

River Church (St Neots) Ltd is a Registered Charity. You can register for Gift Aid with River Church. Please contact us for a Gift Aid Declaration.

Your privacy is important to us. We will never disclose your information to anyone outside River Church without your permission. You can view our Privacy Statement on our website at www.riverchurchstneots.co.uk

Basis of Faith

Adopted from the Evangelical Alliance.

We believe in...

- The one true God who lives eternally in three persons—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- The love, grace and sovereignty of God in creating, sustaining, ruling, redeeming and judging the world.
- The divine inspiration and supreme authority of the Old and New Testament Scriptures, which are the written Word of God—fully trustworthy for faith and conduct.
- The dignity of all people, made male and female in God's image to love, be holy and care for creation, yet corrupted by sin, which incurs divine wrath and judgement.
- The incarnation of God's eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ—born of the virgin Mary, truly divine and truly human, yet without sin.
- The atoning sacrifice of Christ on the cross: dying in our place, paying the price of sin and defeating evil, so reconciling us with God.
- The bodily resurrection of Christ, the first fruit of our resurrection; his ascension to the Father, and his reign and mediation as the only Saviour of the world.
- The justification of sinners solely by the grace of God through faith in Christ.
- The ministry of God the Holy Spirit, who leads us to repentance, unites us with Christ through new birth, empowers our discipleship and enables our witness.
- The Church, the body of Christ both local and universal, the priesthood of all believers - given life by the Spirit and endowed with the Spirit's gifts to worship God and proclaim the gospel, promoting justice and love.
- The personal and visible return of Jesus Christ to fulfil the purposes of God, who will raise all people to judgement, bring eternal life to the redeemed and eternal condemnation to the lost, and establish a new heaven and new earth.