

Welcome to Pavilion Christian Community



Someone once described evangelism as one beggar telling another where to get bread. I don't want to use this page for sermons or church words but rather just to tell you where to find bread if you're hungry. You're important and we want you to feel comfortable and welcome at your local community church.

Our History...

We're a mainstream Christian church meeting at Rowheath Pavilion on Heath Road, Bournville and managing the community centre there. We are a member of The Churches of Christ, a Christian denomination which has existed for over 300 years. We believe that God has a purpose for this world and for us as individuals and we seek to fulfil that.

We believe that God is calling us to restore the community heart in this neighbourhood and to provide a place of welcome and sanctuary, sharing God's love, forgiveness and healing in an increasingly frantic and distracted world.

What we do...

We manage Rowheath Pavilion where a large variety of community activities are available, from playgroups or jive dance to weddings, parties and big screen football. We also run the Pavilion bar, a recently refurbished, no smoking venue, where you would be very welcome to drop in for a drink. We have links with three local schools, with youth workers in mentoring roles at King's Norton Boys' and Girls' Schools and a pastoral link with St. Francis Junior and Infant School in Bournville.

When we get together...

We meet together every Sunday at 10.10am to worship God and learn more about His love for us. Our kids groups and youth church also get together during this service. In addition, "The Gathering", our youth focused service, meets every Sunday at the Pavilion at 5pm.

You are very welcome at any of our Sunday services or at our Alpha Course and if you have any questions about who we are or what we do please get in touch with me, either by 'phone on 07974 910179 or by dropping into Rowheath Pavilion to see me. Alternatively please visit our website www.the-pavilion.org or email me at paul@rowheathpavilion.co.uk.

Many Blessings,

(Rev. Paul Clarke, Pastor of Pavilion Christian Community)



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Our Sunday Service and regular events.....

“They joined with the other believers and devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, sharing in the Lord’s Supper and in prayer” Acts 2 v 42

Our **Sunday Service** is held in the main Terrace Room at Rowheath Pavilion and starts at 10.10am. We usually open with a time of worship or singing, followed by a time of prayer and a brief message or teaching slot. We share Communion together every week. Anyone who loves and honours Jesus Christ is welcome to share Communion with us.

Our Kidsrock group, for children aged up to around 8 years, meets during the Sunday service. At the same time our Disciples boy’s and girl’s groups aim to encourage and support children up to the age of 12; in the last few years of primary school and during the important transition to secondary school. Youth Church, aged 13 and up, meets from 10.30am.

The Source is an open youth hangout hosted at the Pavilion on Monday to Wednesday from 3.30 – 5.30pm during term time – drop in anytime !

Several **Small Groups**, for adults, young adults and youth, meet throughout the week in various homes. They provide a chance to get together in a relaxed setting and share what’s going on in our lives – mutual support and encouragement is assured !

The Purple Patch is an evening just for women. Around a meal, learning more about God’s plan for His daughters or in service to the community, the women’s ministry meets about 4 times a year to inspire, challenge and motivate one another, using and sharing our gifts and talents.

12 The Pavilion church’s men’s ministry, **‘12’**, get together about once a month. Getting to know one another whilst learning more about God’s purpose for men in the 21st century.

Who to contact...

Our minister, **Paul Clarke**, is based at Rowheath Pavilion and can be contacted there on 0121 433 3912, on his mobile on 07974 910179 or by email at paul@rowheathpavilion.co.uk Please feel free to call Paul if you have any queries, concerns or prayer requests.



Paul is supported by his wife Sarah and a team of five Elders, who are mature Christians responsible for overseeing the spiritual and practical life of the church.

† **Lynda Robinson** has a particular concern for prayer within the church and she can be contacted at the church office on 0121 433 3912 or on 07931 728067. lynda.robinson@togetherinmission.org



† **Mary Publicover** on 07779 773375
mary.publicover@togetherinmission.org



† **Nicci Gagel** is our creative co-ordinator and Elder with special responsibility for our youth work. You can call her on 0121 680 7784, or on 07715 357792.
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† **Martin Robinson** is responsible for teaching material within church and can be reached at the offices of Together in Mission 0121 433 3912. m.robinson5@btinternet.com



† **Alysen Merrill** Pastor, Small Groups leader 07908392494
acrossthepondministries@yahoo.com



Pete Bowen. Elder He can be reached on 0121471 2114
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Lydia Walker. Worship leader; Lydia coordinates our worship teams. She organises regular mid week practices, and auditions. If you are interested in joining the team please speak to Lydia. 07792998429
Email - lydiarwalker@aol.co.uk



Other members of the church are also involved in various areas of our ministry.

Application for Membership

Everyone is welcome to worship with us at Pavilion Christian Community. You do not need to be a formal member to be counted as a part of the family of faith here.

Membership is for those who have made a clear commitment to Jesus Christ as their Lord and, because they identify with the values and mission of Pavilion Christian Community, wish to participate more fully in the critical decision making processes of the church.

Members will want to make a positive contribution to the health and growth of the church, working harmoniously with the leaders and other members to achieve God's purposes for this fellowship.

If, after prayer and consideration, you feel you would like to become a member of Pavilion Christian Community please complete the details below. Thank you.

Name

Address

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Year of baptism as a believer

- I wish to become a member of Pavilion Christian Community
- I have committed my life to Jesus Christ and acknowledge Him as my Lord
- I affirm the values and mission of Pavilion Christian Community
- I am glad to call Pavilion Christian Community my spiritual home and want to work together with you in the spirit of unity to bring about God's purposes through and in His church.

Signed

Date

The Pavilion Christian Community

Please hand this form to Paul Clarke or one of the church Elders

Your Notes

Giving to the church...

This can be an emotive topic so let us start by saying that giving covers a wide range of possibilities and is not restricted to financial giving. We are very well aware of the costs of day to day life and we are extremely grateful for the time and practical resources given by people to support our work in this community.

All the work we do within the church is funded by donations and contributions from church members. This covers everything from the tea and coffee on a Sunday morning, to financial help given to individuals in emergencies and the salary of our full-time minister and part of the salaries of our youth workers.

You may have heard of the biblical principle of "tithing", which means giving one tenth of your income back to God for His use. This principle recognises the fact that everything we have comes from God in the first place and in giving something back we are honouring God as our provider and so giving is an act of worship to Him. There are biblical precedents for tithing. The first account is found in the very first book of the bible, in Genesis chapter 14 verses 18 to 22, when Abraham gave one tenth of his spoils to Melchizedek, the high priest of God. It is mentioned again in Leviticus chapter 27, giving one tenth of the herd and the fruit of the land to God. In Matthew 23 verse 23 Jesus tells the Pharisees to continue to practise tithing, but without neglecting also being merciful and just.

We are not prescribing that you give one tenth of your income to the church and any gift you may feel able to give will be gratefully received and spent wisely. Financial giving is a very personal matter, between you and God. There is absolutely no minimum amount or even a requirement to give to be allowed to worship at or to become a member of Pavilion Christian Community.

If, after prayerful consideration, you would like to make a regular contribution towards the work of the church, please fill in and detach the form below and put it into the weekly offering bag. A member of the church finances team will then be able to discuss giving with you in strict confidence.

Thank you very much for considering this.

I would like to talk to someone about making a regular donation to support the work of Pavilion Christian Community.

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Contact Tel. No.

Our prayer.....

Thank you for taking the time to read through our Welcome Pack. We hope that it has been useful for you and if you have any questions, worries or would simply like to talk to someone please contact me on any of the numbers listed.

When Jesus talks about the church in the New Testament He isn't referring to any one building or group of people but to all Christians across the world. Pavilion Christian Community is only one of many churches in this area and if you feel you would be more comfortable worshipping elsewhere we would also be happy to help you find the right church for you. It is our prayer that the worldwide church is united to glorify God and work, through His Son Jesus Christ, to bring healing and wholeness to all the nations and we know that this starts with the people and the communities around us everyday. I would like to end by echoing the words prayed by the apostle Paul in his letter to the Christians at the church in Ephesus.

“For this reason I kneel before the Father from whom His whole family in Heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. And to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever. Amen!”

(Ephesians Chapter 3 Verses 14 – 21. New International Version of the Bible)

May you be richly blessed,

Paul Clarke



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*...loving God,
loving people...*