

# Love One Another: Happier in Christian Community

READ: John 13.31-38

**“Love one another as I have loved you”**

We are already committed to being a welcoming, open and accepting place to belong.



**By 2020, GBC will be a place where everyone can be involved and is affirmed for who they are and for what they do and where contributions are valued and appreciated.**

## **What are the priorities?**

What would help you to grow in a sense of Christian community?

What things have given you the feeling of being excluded from a church or other Christian community and what can be done to mitigate against that? What things do you see at GBC which might exclude others (at the least think about issues of age, wealth, background, and ethnicity)?

How might GBC become a great place of safety, faithfulness, godliness, love, and compassion?

How might mentoring help build community?

If we became committed to creating better rhythm into our church programmes and especially periods of rest into our community life, what might that look like? What would we do less often? More often? What would be the positives and negatives in your approach?

In what ways does the imprecise use of the term “church” (the body of Christ, the Christian community, the organisation, the building, the charity, the leadership) hinder our understanding of being happier in Christian community? What would you do to improve the situation?

## **What`s the path from here to there.**

How might your small group be a better place to find belonging and have diversity in it?

How could your group mutate into a mission community focussed on reaching others?

Why do we find it so hard to give and receive encouragement and affirmation in our volunteer roles?

What will be the best way for you to find a better balance between the various demands upon your life?

We will continue to use the Church Weekend as a way of building and deepening relationship across congregations.