

Pastoral Care at Godmanchester Baptist Church



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We care about each and every one of our church family, and our aim is that **everyone** is cared for and supported, and also that everyone **knows** that they are cared for and supported.

We are all called to look after each other, to pray for each other and support and encourage each other. Having lots of people around doesn't always make it easier to grow good friendships, and sometimes, especially in a big church, it can be easy to feel a bit lost.

There are many ways for people to be involved in church, including being part of one of our congregations, taking part in Toolbox Groups, Prayer Groups, other weekly activities and, of course, serving each other in various ways.

Care & Connect is a system we developed at GBC at the start of the Covid pandemic, to try to help with caring for each other, and we are continuing to aim that everyone at GBC has a named contact.

There are over 30 people within GBC who are "Care & Connect Leaders" (C&CLs). Some, but not all, lead various groups at GBC and some, but not all, are in leadership positions within GBC. They are all ordinary, mature Christians with a heart to support others. They are committed to maintain contact, build relationship, offer to pray for, encourage personal discipleship, and help co-ordinate support when needed/appropriate for their group of people. This doesn't mean they "do" everything, and also doesn't mean others don't offer contact, friendship, prayer, support and encouragement!

Confidentiality is really important within our church family, and as a Pastoral Care Team we ask that only appropriate information is shared with us (for instance, if extra support is needed), and that that is with your consent. Safeguarding is also taken very seriously at GBC. Our Safeguarding Policy is in accordance with the latest advice from our safeguarding agency and current legislation (for more information please see the GBC website).

Whatever congregation or group you attend, if you are part of our GBC family, our aim is that you will have a C&CL.

If you have any questions for the Pastoral Care Team, please don't hesitate to contact us directly, or via the Church Office Tel: 01480 458565; email: office@godmanchesterbaptist.org