

# Welcome to Catford Community Church

*whether you're a regular or a visitor, you're very welcome*

*His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known - Eph 3:10*

## Mission and Worship

Welcome to our Sunday morning service at Catford Community Church, which today is led by Phil Wood with Ian Butcher leading worship. We'll be pausing our exploration of Ephesians this Sunday, as we're really pleased to have Paul from iNet coming to share with us about mission and worship.

We'll also be gathering to pray after the service - our prayer times have become an exciting expression of our life and faith as the body of Christ. Do grab a cup of something and stay for this - and we'll be done by 1pm!



## What is iNet?

iNet is a small missions agency with big difference: we believe that world mission is a primary responsibility of the local church, so their vision statement is: "supporting local churches in global mission". They don't send people in global mission; they facilitate it, working relationally with churches to train, equip, and support them in cross-cultural mission.

iNet currently works alongside multiple churches supporting over 40 people living and working all around the globe. Their cross-cultural workers are involved in a great variety of activities; from evangelism, church planting, and Bible translation, to relief aid, development, business training, foster care, medical work, music therapy and care for refugees and sex trafficked victims.

iNet sending churches and cross-cultural workers are all a part of the iNet family. The value of family permeates everything iNet does, from weekly member care to our annual conference week where workers get time to reflect and share with one another.

All of us at CCC are, as an iNet member church, a part of a sending team. iNet create opportunities throughout the year to connect with cross-cultural workers, not only seeing what they are a part of, but to see what you are a part of! You can get involved by attending events, weekends, prayer gatherings and by giving financially. So stay updated by subscribing to our newsletter and following iNet on social media.

## Diary Dates

### Monday 13 January

PlayPoint @ The Point @ 1:15pm

### Tuesday 14 January

Pins @ The Point @ 8pm

### Thursday 16 January

ConnectionPoint @ The Point @ 10-12am

### Saturday 18 January

Men's Breakfast @ Selco Builder's Cafe @ 8:30am

Craft Morning from 10.30am @ The Point

### Sunday 19 January

Church Lunch @ Martyn & Maureen's @ 1:00pm

### Tuesday 28 January

Pins @ The Point @ 8pm

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Transforming. Community. Life.

Services are very informal and all ages are welcome. At the end of the service please do stay and chat over tea or coffee.

Our Leadership Team are:

Ian Butcher, Maureen Biddiscombe,  
Margaret George, Kim Knappett,  
Simon Trodd and Phil Wood.

### 3P Ministries

Do you hide your Bible at night?

Alter your route to church every week?

Answer your phone with different names?



3P Ministries supports those who have to. They train and equip indigenous believers to plant and grow churches in some of the world's toughest situations. They in turn go on to inspire and equip many more, allowing indigenous church planting movements to emerge.

For over 25 years 3P Ministries and their national partners have been working together to bring transformation to people and communities through God's love, expressed through local people and healthy reproducing churches.

The 3 'P's stand for: Church **P**lanting and **P**rayers among the **P**ersecuted. 3P train, coach and equip national leaders who seek to show others the love of God, even when this proves difficult or dangerous.

They work closely with over 150 local partners in 10 nations where we are developing and training leaders to plant and grow churches in towns and villages where there are none. These remarkable men and women are those 3P call 'Hebrews 11 Heroes' – people prepared to risk their personal safety to reach out to others. They do this with the support from people who share the same conviction – we need to stand with indigenous believers to help them shape their nations for the Gospel.

The 10 nations span 3 distinct regions – The Arab World, Persian World and Turkic World.



In each nation believers are suffering for their faith in Christ. This ranges from family rejection, loss of employment, through to imprisonment, physical violence and emotional torment. We live in exciting times and at CCC we are delighted to be part of God's mission to His world through 3P.

### SUNDAY ROTA

#### Refreshments

12 Jan - Sue A & Sue H

19 Jan - Pat & Charlotte

26 Jan - Martyn & Maureen

2 Feb - Joe & Elizabeth

#### Welcoming

12 Jan - Malcolm

19 Jan - Priscilla

26 Jan - Carol

2 Feb - Mabel

Please let Joe know about any changes or swaps

### How Do You Define Evangelism?

*Evangelism at its simplest is the telling of the gospel. But evangelism includes not just the telling.*

First, let's see what evangelism isn't. Evangelism is not the same as mission. Mission refers to God's larger plan of redemption and our role as a sent people, and as such includes not only the verbal proclamation of Christ, but also such things as learning the culture and language of an area, caring for physical and emotional needs, and being salt in an area even as we shine the light of the gospel message.

As his followers join him on his mission, we both show and share his love with others. Part of the problem comes when people confuse the overarching mission with the task of evangelism. The mission involves both gospel demonstration and gospel proclamation. A vital part of the mission is gospel proclamation, which is what evangelism is.

When I do good deeds so that the world might be more like Jesus would want it to be, I'm aligned with Jesus' commission in John 20:21, where he says, "As the father has sent me, so send I you."

I'm also aligned with what Jesus had in mind from Luke 4:18-20, where he says, "The Spirit of Lord is upon me. He has anointed me to preach the good news"; he then goes on to talk about marginalized people and serving the hurting. In his public ministry Jesus loved and served the broken.

Serving the hurting is part of Jesus' mission, but it's not evangelism.

That's important to note because of what happens historically. About every 50 years or so in the church—in the early part of the 1900s, again in the middle of the 1900s, and it's very much the mood of evangelicalism today—this happens: The church starts saying, "We're doing evangelism with our deeds, not our words."

They use the famous quote from St. Francis of Assisi, "Preach the gospel at all times. If necessary, use words." This quote has two problems with it. Number one, St. Francis never said it. Second, it's really bad theology. You can't preach the gospel without words any more than you can breathe without air.

You can, by your life, demonstrate what it means to live out the implications of the gospel, but the gospel is a message we proclaim.

I define evangelism as the verbal articulation of the bad news of lostness and the good news of Jesus' work on our behalf with the intent that the recipient might hear it and, by grace and through faith respond to it.

I think evangelism at its simplest is the telling of the gospel. But I think evangelism includes not just the telling. There's also a desired response and typically some sort of invitation to that response.

I like this definition because you can't do evangelism without communication. You can't do missiology without cross-cultural communication. Yet you could try to understand the people without communicating to them. You can be on mission by sharing and by showing the love of Jesus to them, but evangelism requires women and men who will proclaim the gospel.

When we try to make everything evangelism, it tends to make nothing evangelism. Evangelism is telling people about Jesus and inviting them ultimately to respond. It's both a responsibility and an honor all believers in all places at all times share.

Ed Stetzer

[christianitytoday.com/edstetzer/2019/december/how-do-you-define-evangelism.html](http://christianitytoday.com/edstetzer/2019/december/how-do-you-define-evangelism.html)