



## What to expect when you come to church

If you have not been to Salway before you might like to know what a regular Sunday morning service is like.

### What should I wear?

We don't have a set dress code, so you will find that most people come casually dressed. Some of the guys will even wear shorts in summer!

### What happens in the service?

A service will begin with one or two songs, led by our music group. Don't worry if you don't know the songs; you can read the words as they appear on the screen and think about what they are saying.

There will sometimes be a short talk aimed at the children (but with adults in mind, too) before they go to the classes we arrange for their age group. If you come with children and would like them to go to these classes one of our teachers will take them. If you arrive before the beginning of the service it may be possible to introduce you to the teachers so you know where they are situated in the building.

We always have a reading from the Bible, so we supply Bibles for your use if you don't come with one. The service leader will usually announce the page number to make it easier for you to find, and we usually project the reading onto the screen.

There will also be a message from the Bible. We believe the Bible is God's Word to us, so it is important that we take time to understand it and think how to put its teaching into action in our lives. We usually produce an outline of the message to make it easier to follow and remember. We aim for this part of the service to be about 25 minutes.

And at various times during the service there will be prayers – God tells us that we may come to him through the Lord Jesus at any time and he will hear us. If you would like someone to pray with you at the end of the service, just ask the service leader and they will arrange this.

Once a month we celebrate what we call "communion." This is the occasion we remember that Jesus died on the cross to bring us back to God: we eat bread to remember the suffering of Jesus for us, and drink the wine (which is not alcoholic) to recall his death. Anyone who loves and trusts the Lord Jesus may take part. If you are not sure about this, then you are welcome to stay without taking the bread and wine. We won't be offended.

### Do I have to give money?

We take a collection in the service once a month, but there is no obligation to give. We have offering boxes near the doors, where you can put something in anonymously if you wish.

### What happens after the service?

The morning service runs from 11.00 to about 12.15. After this you can collect your children from their classes (if you have brought any!), and we serve refreshments in the back hall.

That will give you opportunity to get to know some of our regulars and perhaps some of the leaders, too.

**How do I get in touch with the leaders or find out more about the church?**

If you come to a service you will receive a notice sheet with details of the week's events and principal contact details. The Pastor's details will be there, as will those of the church's Family and Community Worker, to enable you to e-mail, phone or text them.

We would like to meet you for longer than the rush on a Sunday morning allows, so if you give us your details we will contact you and arrange to meet up at a convenient time and place. And we assure that we will not pass on your details to others without your consent.