

You are cordially invited..... Back to Church!

On Sunday September 26th 2010, St. Paul's Church is once again taking part in **Back to Church Sunday**. All over the country, thousands of people will be inviting someone special to come to church with them.

Back to Church Sunday (BTCS) is now the largest single local-church invitational initiative in the world. It is based on the simplest and shortest step in evangelism - that we should invite someone we already know to something we love; invite our friend to our church. The initial focus was to invite 'back' those who used to attend, but we want to ensure that anyone who doesn't currently attend can be guaranteed an especially warm welcome.

BTCS has grown beyond all expectations since the first one in Greater Manchester in 2004. St. Paul's has been taking part in this initiative for several years now, and every year at least one person has become a new member of our church family.

Some Facts

The first Back to Church Sunday was in Greater Manchester in 2004. 160 churches united around one 'Missing You' message on one single Sunday, the last in September. On that Sunday, BBC Radio 4 news bulletins carried the story of one day when more than 1000 people came back to church again.

The last Sunday in September was chosen because it tied in well with the idea of a new year, a new start and chimed with 'back to school'. It also lent itself to Harvest festivals and the beginning of Christian enquiry events.

What can you do?

In this magazine is an invitation for you to give to whoever you would like to invite to come along to church with you. Or if you yourself do not come regularly to St. Paul's, why not give it a try?

The main Back To Church Sunday Service will be on Sunday 26th September 2010 at 10.30am. The service will be very welcoming, have a simple format and well-known hymns. A junior church and crèche will also be available for children if required.

For more information on Back To Church Sunday see this website

<http://www.backtochurch.co.uk>

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