

## TOGETHER WITH GOD Building authentic, praying community

## **SMALL GROUPS & CLUSTERS update Jan 2024**

As part of our vision for 2024, we will be offering a variety of small groups at Holy Trinity. Our hope is that everyone in our church family will find a group where they can belong, pray with others and build authentic relationships. We encourage you to prayerfully consider which of these groups would suit you best to belong and contribute to. Then complete the accompanying form on paper or online.

Group Type	Brief Description	Leadership Model	Size	Frequency	Location
Cluster	<ul> <li>First point of access for smaller sized community</li> <li>Larger group that enables being part of 'smaller church' to do life together and easily invite others in</li> <li>Potential to be made up of the amalgamation of smaller groups</li> <li>Informal monthly meet up e.g; shared lunch, picnic &amp; walk, volunteering for community clean up as a group etc</li> <li>Opportunity to share prayer requests/answers, requests for practical help and celebrate with others on a smaller scale with church family via group messages and in person</li> </ul>	1/2 Cluster leaders set up group messaging and coordinate monthly meet ups	Up to 30	Monthly	At venues suitable for the activity that is planned

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'Classic' Small Group	<ul> <li>Current, familiar small group model</li> <li>Centred around the "6 W's" of Welcome, Worship, Word, Witness, Welfare &amp; Multiplication</li> <li>All group members encouraged to actively participate &amp; develop their gifts</li> <li>As a group grows it is expected to divide to promote growth</li> </ul>	1/2 leaders oversee the group & encourage members to take the lead in different areas	Up to 10	Weekly or fortnightly	Homes or other suitable premises, e.g; St Matthews, coffee shops etc
Bible Study Group	<ul> <li>A group with a predominant interest in studying the Bible</li> <li>It is to be expected that the study is more detailed than in the "Classic small group"</li> </ul>	1/2 leaders oversee the group & encourage members to take the lead in different areas	Up to 10	Weekly or fortnightly	Homes or other suitable premises
Shared Interest Small Group	<ul> <li>A newer concept where people create a group around a common interest, including or followed by intentional deeper conversation &amp; praying for each other</li> <li>Examples could be walking, sports, craft, knitting, painting, car maintenance, DIY projects etc</li> <li>People are invited to propose interest groups</li> <li>Good missional opportunities</li> </ul>	Shared responsibility of the group with 1 person as contact person/ coordinator	Up to 10	Weekly or fortnightly	Varied, as appropriate to the interest
Book Group	<ul> <li>A group focused on reading (predominantly "spiritual books")</li> <li>Essential idea is to read a chapter and share what has been learned</li> </ul>	Shared responsibility of the group with 1 person as a facilitator/ coordinator	Up to 10	Weekly or fortnightly	At homes, coffee shop or other suitable location
Discipleship Group	<ul> <li>One-to-one or one-to-two meetings</li> <li>Suitable for mentor/mentee or mutual accountability type of relationships</li> <li>Could also follow a smaller scale shared interest group/book group model</li> </ul>	Shared responsibility of the group, with 1 person as contact person	2-3	Weekly or fortnightly	At homes, coffee shop or other suitable location