

Handout 8

The church — what a great body!

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The Church is not a building but a body. We are all part of the Church — part of the Body of Christ.



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What's the point?

What is the Church for? What do you like most about your church?

Is there anything you dislike?

In the box, write down what *you* think are the *three most important things* a Church should be.



In my opinion Church should be:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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Design-a-Church

Church isn't a place you go to, it's people.

The first church building didn't appear until about 200 years after Jesus. Before that Christians just met in each other's homes for prayer and worship.

This is what Luke said the early Church was like:

All the Lord's followers often met together, and they shared everything they had. They would sell their property and possessions and give the money to whoever needed it ... They broke bread together in different homes and shared their food happily and freely, while praising God.

Acts 2.44-7 CEV

What would you change to make your church more like the early Church?



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Body parts

The Church is the Body of Christ.

Bodies are made up of different parts working together as one unit.

Belonging to the Church is like being part of a body – a living, organic, growing body.

Just as all the parts of a body are needed for a body to function healthily, so each person makes a contribution to the whole Church.

What do you feel is your own special talent or gift?

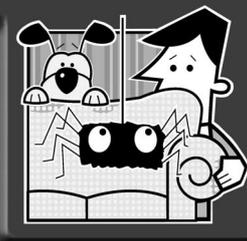
Make a note of the body part you drew and why.



interfacing

Like all families we don't always find getting along together easy.

Pray for other people in your church – especially those you don't like very much. Ask God to help you appreciate them.



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What would a visiting stranger think of your church?



do something about it

Use your talent this week to help others.



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Next week:
Holy Communion
– bread of life.

