



On the next few pages are some case studies from around the diocese of churches that are trying out different ways of being an Intergenerational church.

WEEKLY INTERGENERATIONAL WORSHIP

When: 10:30am on a Sunday

What: Family Church, an Intergenerational Worship Service which takes place at the same time as a more traditional service.

How: Family Church started after Covid -19 as a way of families being able to safely attend church.

Instead of children going out to kids groups, families sat together, ate breakfast and participated in worship together at the same time as a service took place in the church. Once restrictions were lifted they decided to carry on with Family Church due to lack of volunteers to help with the children and youth work.

Over time the congregation has grown and now includes people of all ages.

The service has a similar feel each week with sung worship, bible reading, prayer activities and a message. All ages are encouraged to participate and all ages are encouraged to serve in different ways from being part of the worship band, through to doing the tech.



WHAT MAKES IT INTERGENERATIONAL?

- All ages participate in the worship together and learn from each other
- All ages are encouraged to serve in a variety of different ways.
- Opportunities to learn from each other, regardless of age.

WEEKLY INTERGENERATIONAL MEAL

When: 5pm on a Monday

What: Warm Welcome - a space that provides games, activities, a place to talk and a hot meal for everyone that attends

How: Warm Welcome started back in 2022 as a response to the cost of living crisis. The church knew that there were many in the community who were finding things difficult and some who were struggling with loneliness.

It was initially meant to run throughout the winter and was attended by a small number of people at first. As word spread, however, numbers grew and included families with young children as well as older people and young adults.

The space offers a chance for people to get together, to talk together, do activities or crafts together and to share a meal together.

Through Warm Welcome the church has been able to signpost people in the direction of services which might be able to help them and is attended by the local councilors as well as local PCSO's

Warm Welcome has given the local community a place to meet and to build connections with each other. From this several people have attended a Start course and some have started to attend Sunday services or events that take place throughout the year.



WHAT MAKES IT INTERGENERATIONAL?

- All ages are encouraged to talk and do the activities together
- An intentional space was created for this to happen
- Opportunities for all ages to serve when it came to the meal

MONTHLY INTERGENERATIONAL WORSHIP



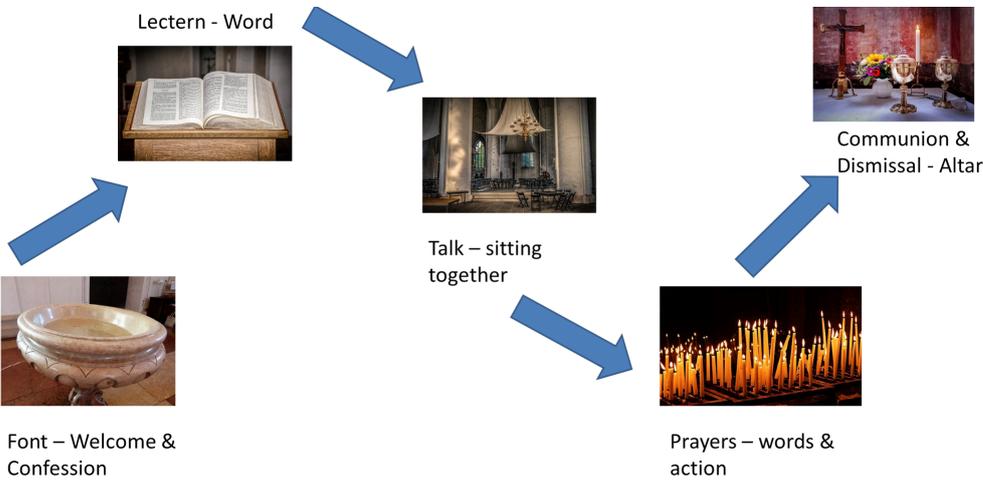
When: Sunday afternoon
What: An informal Service that took place on a Sunday afternoon, once a month without communion
How: This informal service took place once a month and followed the same structure each time. It included movement around the church building:

Font for welcome and confession
Lectern for a bible reading
Sitting together to listen to a short, interactive talk
Then a time of prayer which would often be interactive or might include lighting a candle
Finally, moving to the Altar for communion and dismissal.

People of all ages came to the service

WHAT MAKES IT INTERGENERATIONAL?

- All ages are encouraged to participate in the service
- An intentional space was created for this to happen



MONTHLY OUTDOOR WORSHIP

When: Sunday Morning

What: An outdoor monthly service.

How: Outdoor Church is a service which takes place once a month no matter what the weather.

It starts with some musical worship and is followed by a bible reading and short talk.

There is then a time of outdoor worship which might include prayer stations, activities to explore creation and an active activity (such as weeding or planting)

There is then a time to regather together before drinks are served.

People of all ages come along to the service and interact with each other.



WHAT MAKES IT INTERGENERATIONAL?

- All ages are encouraged to participate in the service
- An intentional space was created for this to happen
- There is time over drinks to connect more.

WEEKLY COMMUNION INTERGENERATIONAL WORSHIP

When: 10:30am every Sunday

What: The Relaxed One - Contemporary worship songs, relaxed atmosphere, communion and a space to connect with others.

How: The Relaxed One started as a response to the fact the church did not have enough volunteers to help run the kids work.

The service takes place at 10:30am, after a more traditional 9am service, and includes contemporary worship songs, bible readings, a message and prayer activities.

There is also a space set up for children and adults to engage with activities during the service which link to the theme for the day.

All ages are encouraged to help with serving no matter what their age.



WHAT MAKES IT INTERGENERATIONAL?

- All ages participate in the worship together and learn from each other
- All ages are encouraged to serve in a variety of different ways.