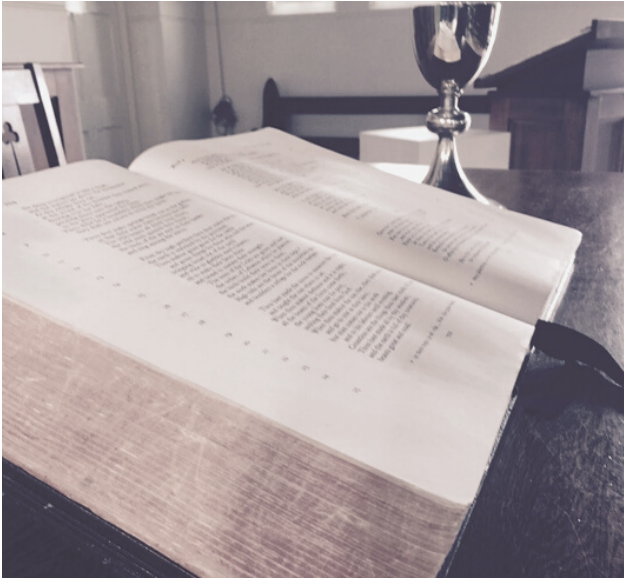


*Welcome to
your
community*

BOX HILL
BAPTIST CHURCH

Welcome to this experience we call 'worship'.



The worship service that we share together on a Sunday morning is a communal experience of God.

We may sing some songs of various styles. We'll hear some words from the Bible or other places. There may be periods of quiet prayer and reflection, & opportunities to share with each other. Perhaps some words of teaching and reflection that help us to understand and embrace the Good News that is Jesus Christ.

GOD IS LOVE. GOD OFFERS EXTRAVAGANT WELCOME. GOD CALLS US TO DO JUSTICE. GOD IS STILL SPEAKING...

Our worship services involve ideas & styles that are just as diverse as the people who make up our local community.

You will experience language & symbols that are inclusive & varied, and speak poetically, rather than dogmatically. We do our best to avoid jargon or language that excludes people.

Our worship is formed by our understanding of God rather than technology or fashion or personality, & is therefore ever changing. So we welcome you to come back next week and see what else is in store!



What do I need to know?

- Most importantly, you are welcome - just as you are. You don't have to pretend to be anything you're not or behave in a certain way just because you are at 'church'.
- The only expectation we have is that we all respect each other, our values, our experiences, and our understandings of God.
- You are welcome to engage in as much or as little of the service as you like. If you want to stand and sing with us please do, if you would rather sit quietly, listen and watch, that is absolutely ok. You won't look weird!
- Our offering will be collected during the service - it's 100% voluntary and completely up to you if you want to place any money in the collection as it comes around.
- If you need to step out at all during the service, you are welcome to - we just ask that you do so discretely and quietly.
- At the rear of the church (behind the audio/visual desk) is a 'cry room' which you are welcome to use if your children (or you!) need a break.
- You can also access the toilets from the cry room.
- We continue our worship after the service over morning tea in the building behind the church at 3 Ellingworth Parade (called 'The Barn'). We would love to see you there and get to know you a bit better.



Box Hill Baptist Church is an inclusive, affirming community dedicated to sharing the love of God with those with whom we live - both practically and spiritually, locally and globally.

To live this out we have a range of programs and ministries which we invite you to be a part of.

Small Groups - We have a number of groups which gather together for study, prayer and fellowship - and are always keen to start more! If you'd enjoy getting to know others in the community in a smaller setting these are a great place to start.

Fellowship Events - Throughout the year we offer a number of fun, relaxed events to gather, share a meal, invite our friends and have a laugh together.

Community Programs - We express our love for our local community through a range of support and wellbeing programs.

You can find out more about any of these activities at our website:

boxhillbaptist.org.au

You are also most welcome to email us at office@boxhillbaptist.org.au or give us a call on 9890 1275 or 0481 350 251.



As a Baptist Church, we are led and run by members of the church community.

We believe in freedom of conscience (so we don't all have to agree on everything!) and religious freedom for all people and faiths.

You can find out more about Baptist churches at bu.v.com.au