

Church Search 2011

Guidelines for Participants

Thank you for agreeing to participate in the Annual Church Search and Barbecue. The Chaplains have drawn up the following guidelines for participants to ensure that everything runs smoothly. **Please note that failure to adhere to the following may result in your invitation to participate being withdrawn, in this or future years.** We thank you for your support and co-operation.

Barbecue

1. This is your opportunity to advertise your church, but we ask that you do so in a manner which shows consideration to the students and respect to the other churches present.
2. You are welcome to hand out leaflets or free gifts from behind your stall, but we ask that you do not do so anywhere else in the hall or barbecue area.
3. Please note that, given shortages of space and the number of people involved, no more than two representatives from your church will be admitted.

Church Search

1. Please remember that the purpose of this is not to recruit students to your church, but to allow students to get to the churches of their choice, or to find a church in an unpressured environment.
2. Please be at the Meeting Point at least five minutes before the advertised time, and only at that time. Churches being present at times other than that advertised causes confusion for the students and difficulties for other churches.
3. Please make sure that you are clearly identifiable (T shirt, badge or banner might be helpful).
4. Please make sure that the mobile number with which you have provided us is operational, so students can contact you if they get lost.
5. Please do not bring fliers / free gifts to the meeting point. Students can collect literature from the barbecue or from your church when they visit.
6. Given the number of churches involved, please make sure that no more than two representatives from your church are present at the Meeting Point. Experience shows that large teams of students from a church can be overbearing for new students and upsets other churches.
7. If people ask you about another church, please refer them to the relevant representative or point them in the right direction. All participants should seek to generate goodwill and understanding between participating churches.
8. We will endeavour to ensure a chaplaincy presence at the site, but many of us are involved in leading worship on Sundays, so this is not always possible. If you encounter difficulty, please contact Cat Harland on 07597 673106 and we will respond as soon as we can.

Finally, please pray for the Church Search, for students and their families, for the Chaplaincy and for all the participating churches.