

# Central Church

## All In Membership



Then Jesus came to them and said: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20



### **We are a church in the heart of Edinburgh with a vision to love the city, be family together and follow Jesus.**

Edinburgh is our home and we want to love and serve the people that live in this city. We believe that God's love can transform lives and communities, and we want to see that happening in the places that we live.

We are family together – we are different kinds of people from different places who share our lives generously with each other.

We are following Jesus. We call ourselves disciples because the most important thing in our lives is to learn how to do what Jesus said to do.

### **Why do we have 'All In'?**

As disciples of Jesus we want to be encouraged and challenged to imitate Him so that we serve and love one another as part of the family. We desire to be a family who collectively own and lead the vision and strategy and live out the values. We all have God-given gifts, talents and resources and grow as we use these and see the wider family blessed as we contribute our particular offering. Membership is asking what you can give to serve the vision of the church.

As a Baptist Church we ask that individuals who see Central as their church family would become members. Members attend quarterly members meetings and vote on key decisions such as our annual budget. On an annual basis we want newcomers to consider being a member, and existing members to reconsider the blessing and the sacrifice that comes with being a member at Central.

### **What do we value as an 'All In' Member'?**

Who we are is far more important than what we do. We desire to value and pursue the following culture within our church:

#### **We love our city**

- We are disciples on mission
- We expect God to meet individuals supernaturally
- We choose courage over comfort

#### **We disciple one another**

- We intentionally invest in a few individuals
- We desire to love others as Jesus has loved us

#### **We are choosing to follow Jesus**

- We are kind, generous & sacrificial
- We have humility and servant hearts
- We are people of integrity



## What is expected of someone who is 'All In' at Central?



### Pray

We wholeheartedly think that praying for our vision, our leadership, our family and those in our city and beyond is the most important thing we can do.



### Participate

We ask that you are committed to one Community, attend one Gathering, and serve on one Team.

- One community: We want to grow as disciples and spur one another on to imitate Jesus and live out our faith in smaller community. We also want God's love to be shared in and through communities across this city.
- One gathering: Worshipping together on a Sunday is of importance to allow God to shape and envision us as one body. It also helps strengthen our family as we share, learn and grow together.
- One team: Everyone has God-given gifts and a call to serve others in the body. We grow through leading and serving and encourage each other to be part of a team at the church.



### Give

We dream of being a church marked by radical and extravagant generosity. We want to partner with Jesus to serve our city and live open-handed with our finances.

We ask that you commit to:

- Give cheerfully - What a radical rethink of giving for us; to give joyfully and with freedom whether we have a little or a lot.
- Give regularly - Setting up a regular (e.g. monthly) financial gift to our Church enables us to plan and best steward our resources

## What can you expect from the Leadership Team (Elders & SLT) of this church?

### Prayer

The leadership are devoted to praying for you individually, our wider church and our city, nation and world. They are also committed to prayerfully discerning God's heart for the church going forward.

### Godly character

The leadership will not always get it right, but will endeavour to lead with Godly character, integrity, humility and generosity.

### Embodiment of the vision

The leaders will endeavour to model the vision and values of the church.

### Accessibility

The leadership are eager to listen well to your encouragement and also your feedback, as to how we continue to follow God's lead individually and collectively. We will make regular opportunities across the year for any members of the church who are keen to work through being an 'All In' member.

## How do I become 'All In'?

Prioritise and come along to our Gatherings throughout January 2021. There will be opportunity to commit or re-commit to membership during the gathering on 31 January.

[centralchurch.co.uk/all-in](http://centralchurch.co.uk/all-in)

**Loving Edinburgh**

**Being Family**

**Following Jesus**

