



1. What is Back to Church Sunday?

On September 12th 2010 thousands of people across Australia will be inviting someone special back to church with them. People lose touch with church for all sorts of reasons but millions would come back with an invitation.

Back to Church Sunday began in one Anglican diocese in the United Kingdom in 2005 and since then has spread to all 44 UK Anglican Dioceses and also across denominations. On Back to Church Sunday in the UK in 2008, people in 3,000 Anglican Churches invited and welcomed back 37,000 friends.

On Sunday 12th September it is BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY in Australia. You are all invited to participate.....



Back to Church Sunday was trialled in Australia 2008 at St Paul's Anglican Church in Chatswood in the Anglican Diocese of Sydney.

All over Australia, many Churches will be looking forward to welcoming many people back to church on 12th September and in the process encouraging church members to become more invitational and assisting churches to become more welcoming.



"People who haven't been
involved in churches
for a very long time
have trusted their friends,
they have responded to the invitations
and they have joined in
the celebrations,
it has gone brilliantly."

Bishop Stuart Robinson,
previously of St Paul's Chatswood, Sydney

Back to Church Sunday is all about a friend inviting a friend along to church.

SUNDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2010

For more info see your local Priest or see
www.backtochurch.co.uk or
www.backtochurchsunday.com.au



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Philip found Jesus and saw he was the Messiah, the one the Jews were waiting for. He went and told Nathanael. Nathanael was sceptical. Philip replied by saying "come and see." (John 1:43-51)

Nathanael went and saw and believed.

Back to Church is about calling people to come and see and to believe.

IT IS THE HOPE OF BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY
THAT EVERYONE ON SUNDAY 12th SEPTEMBER
MIGHT FIND THEMSELVES IN A CHURCH
WORSHIPING GOD AND FINDING PEACE
AND SALVATION FOR THEIR SOUL.

"I came because you personally invited me"

"Back to Church Sunday has also provided us with opportunities to tell our stories about why we started coming and what has kept us, which has really been valuable in itself. "

Paul Crabb, Team Vicar Holy Trinity Batley Carr, Dewsbury - Wakefield UK

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SUNDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2010

8am Anglican Parish of Christ Church, Essendon
9.30am Anglican Parish of Christ Church, Essendon

**IF EVERYONE INVITED AND BROUGHT ALONG ONE FRIEND —
WHAT A GREAT CELEBRATION WE COULD HAVE...**

Back to Church Sunday Prayer

Gracious God, thank you for today.
Thank you for making us and loving us.
Thank you for inviting us to know you.
Help us to invite (Your friend's name here) to come to church
so they can know you too.
Please bless Back to Church Sunday and bless everyone in our church.
Help us all to know you better.
We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen

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