

Dear parent / carer,

As you will be aware your son / daughter has been or will be coming along to Christ Church young people's events – Cell Life, and we are writing for your consent for them to be involved. This letter should explain a bit of what we do. Each young person (between 11 and 18) that wants to come along is part of a small group, we call this a cell and these cells provide all our young people with fantastic opportunities to get to know other people, be open with each other as the cell puts into practice our six cell values and seek to live these out. We hope to help young people learn a bit more about who God is, what we believe and how this might work in their own lives. Each small group has an adult (we call these cell pastors) who looks after the young people in the group of the group. All the cell pastors are Christians. This strongly influences what we do but there are always times for questions and discussion and opportunities to learn from each other.

Cells will meet most weeks in homes. These meetings may be social, prayer times or discussions but a normal cell meeting is based on what we call the 4 Ws and would include a time to chat and relax together (Welcome), a time of worship (Worship), time to read the Bible and think about what God is saying to us (Word) and then prayer and thinking about how we and others we know can know God more (Witness). Once a month we have a celebration which is a time when all the cell groups get together in the Church Centre where we have a café and worship time. We also do regular socials all together which might be round at someone's house for a BBQ, sports evening or another activity as well as link up with our adoptive K groups for various activities.

In order to do all we can to ensure the safety and well being of all our young people all adults in the house where young people are meeting in must be CRB checked, there will always be a responsible over 18 in the house whilst they are meeting and the cell pastor will be on call whilst a cell is meeting if peer leadership is taking place. We would like to have your consent for your son or daughter to attend the range of activities of Cell Life – prayer meetings, small group meetings, celebrations, socials and meeting up with cell pastors. Additional social activities and trips that take place outside of Ware will require a separate consent form.

We would like to know that you are happy for your child to be involved, so please could you sign the attached form giving your consent to your child being part of Cell Life. We need to update this information annually so please do fill in this form even if you have filled one in before! Please return the form to Louise or your child's cell pastor at the latest by the end of September. If you have any questions, then please don't hesitate to get in touch with Louise Douglas on 01920 413877.

Thank you very much, we hope to hear from you soon,

The Young People's Ministry Team



Cell Life Consent Form

Please complete and return to your child's cell pastor or Louise Douglas

Son / Daughter's Name:.....

Date of Birth:.....

Name of Parent / Carer:.....

Address:.....

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Contact telephone number:

Emergency contact number e.g. mobile:.....

Please provide details of any regular medication, medical problem (e.g. Asthma, diabetes, allergies) or disability which may affect involvement within cell or might be useful for us to know.

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There are occasions when photographs are taken at Cell events and then displayed in the Church magazine or in Church. If you are not happy for this to happen, please talk to Louise as soon as possible.

I give permission for to be part of the young people's ministry at Christchurch. I give my consent to any medical treatment that may be necessary in the event of an emergency.

Signed: **Date:**.....

Please feel free to contact any of the young people's ministry team at any point if you have any questions or would like to get to know them more. Thank you.