**Encounter**

Our Sunday evening Encounter service aims to create time and space for people to encounter God.  This is a much more informal service than in the morning and is aimed at adults and young people who love to linger in God’s presence and welcome the Holy Spirit.  After the service we run Encounter After-hours which is a social time for young people aged 11-18 years.

The service starts at 6.30pm and lasts 60 - 75 minutes.  It includes extended contemporary worship, a short talk and a time for response and ministry.

Since September 2022 we have grown our team, so we now have 7 adults and 3 young people involved in the planning and direction of services, and we have increased the number of services to twice a month meeting on the second and fourth Sunday.

We have had up to 50 people attending each time and up to 10 young people stay on for After-hours. Since Christmas we have been studying the gifts of the Spirit and learning how we can receive these and put them into practice. It is really exciting to see the Holy Spirit at work amongst the congregation and in developing our young people as they grow into leadership roles.

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