

Single Friendly

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Becoming a
Single Friendly
Church

5 STEPS TO BECOMING A SINGLE FRIENDLY CHURCH



**1. KNOW YOUR
COMMUNITY**



2. MESSAGING



**3. WELCOME &
BELONGING**



4. TEACHING



5. LEADERSHIP





3. WELCOME & BELONGING

Welcome

- sf. Look out for people arriving alone
- sf. Include a moment in the service to greet someone you don't know.
- sf. If you share the Peace, turn to someone outside of your household or friendship group first.



Welcome

- sf. Have a social opportunity after the service

Pre- or post-service coffee

Informal lunch or pub outing

Empower others to lead

- sf. Be creative in ensuring people mix at social events and ask for feedback



Celebrating life events

Retirement

New jobs

Important birthdays

Achievements

Moving away





5. LEADERSHIP

Single people in leadership

- sf. It's important to have single people in leadership at all levels
e.g. service leading, worship, prayers, preaching, small groups, staff team.
- sf. Single people want to see leaders like them.
 - single leaders normalise singleness, act as role models
- sf. 40% of UK adults are single – is your leadership representative of this?

Do you have single people in leadership?

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When we needed new home group leaders, we used to only think of couples (sadly). But now we think much wider and include two people working together to lead. They can be single or married.

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Volunteering and leadership

- sf. Consider the barriers single people might face to getting involved
- sf. Identifying church needs vs identifying the gifts and passions of single members
- sf. Listen and support



Breakout rooms

- sf. How can churches foster friendship and belonging in churches and not just have a good welcome? (Step 3)
- sf. How can you encourage single friendliness to be embedded into church culture rather than dealt with as a separate issue? (Step 5)



Coming up

Single Friendly Church Podcast



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Single Friendly Church Week

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