

GETTING INVOLVED

Please hand this form in at the information desk on any Sunday or alternatively you can send it to:

The King's Arms Offices, The Courtyard, 98 High Street, Bedford, MK40 1NN

Name:

Address:

Telephone Number:

E-mail address:

Area/s of serving you are interested in:

Welcome Team		RIOT		Alpha	
Production Team		Innovation		BETA	
Banking Team		Prayer Team		Healing prayer	
King's Kids		Healing Team		Leading smallgroups	
King's Kids Worship		King's Arms Project		Building team	
Worship		FNM		Men's breakfast / Emerge	
Sound Team		KA Society		Breakfast with the girls	

Other details (if appropriate):

Smallgroup leader (If you are in a smallgroup):

Serving at the King's Arms

Here's what we say to potential volunteers these days. Embrace wholeheartedly your fundamental identity as a servant of Christ. Use whatever understanding you have of your personality, passions, areas of interest, talents, and preferences to guide you in a general serving direction. Look at the needs in your church and community. Then jump in with a willing heart and open mind. Drape the servant's towel over your arm and get busy. Then you can begin to study about spiritual gifts and ask God to reveal yours to you. Don't worry about finding the perfect fit immediately. Give yourself permission to learn as you experiment.

Bill Hybels

At the King's Arms, although we don't have a set membership, we encourage those who consider themselves to be part of the church to do four things

- be part of a smallgroup
- to serve in the church
- to give financially
- pray for us as a church

One of our five core purposes at KA is equipping people for service. We believe that no-one can really grow as a Christian or truly follow Christ's servant-leadership unless they learn to serve. It's not just about filling spaces on rotas. It is about being practical in helping one another to discover our gifts and grow in character as we serve.

Remember that you will benefit by getting involved; all of our serving opportunities operate in teams and you'll meet different people (whether you're new or not!) which helps you to be part of family and community.

Some practical points for getting started

1. **Helpful questions** to ask yourself:

- What sort of things do I like doing?
- What skills do I have?
- What have I done in the past?
- What would I like to try?

2. **Remember you don't have to commit up front** – you can try out different things and see what works for you.

3. **We would encourage all to serve on a Sunday and elsewhere** – one ‘major’ area (where you are working out your primary gifts and calling) and one ‘minor’ area (involving a lesser level on commitment). All parents are asked to help out in Kings Kids on a Sunday at least once a month for two parent families or once every six weeks for single parents.
4. **Make sure you are serving healthily.** You will serve much more effectively if you are operating from a place of wholeness in this. As Bill Hybels says, ‘According to the Bible, it is the norm to be lifelong volunteers in the Kingdom of God.’
 - Allow God to refresh you and speak to you about HIS plans for you.
 - Make sure you serve from a place of belonging to church family and can draw others in.
 - Remember always that you serve God and not man!
5. **It’s easy to discount the part we play.** Bill Hybels, talking about how someone finds relationship with God, said, ‘Perhaps at some moment the words offered by one of our teachers ‘clicked’ and the hearer knew that the message of God’s grace was for him. But that message would never have been heard without the production volunteers who show up early to set up technical equipment. And the message may not have settled in the hearer’s heart without the song sung by the volunteer vocalist’ (*The Volunteer Revolution*)

Serving on Sundays

We encourage everyone who attends church on a Sunday to get involved in some way or another, either as their main area of service or as a less regular helper. Some people may not be able to offer a regular commitment but could act as ‘back ups’ who can stand in occasionally. Here are the main teams that run:

Welcome Team

Imagine walking into church for the first time EVER. Daunted? We need friendly people who are willing to talk to newcomers and make them feel at home. Full training provided.

Commitment: before and after a morning or evening service.

Speak to: Matt Peacock 07969 459210 mattspeacocks@hotmail.com

***The Volunteer Revolution* by Bill Hybels – some inspiring excerpts!**

The desire to be a world-changer is planted in the heart of every human being, and that desire comes directly from the heart of God. We are participating in God’s plan to transform the world through love – it’s the choice we make to serve. Every local churchgoer has a choice to make... a nice safe Sunday morning experience or throw himself into the adventure.

Most don’t find the perfect volunteer niche overnight. A lot served faithfully in less-than-ideal situations before they discovered what they’re really good at. Some of them didn’t have a clue where to start. But they started anyway. They experimented.

The power of the church truly is the power of everybody as men and women, young and old, offer their gifts to work out God’s redemptive plan. But Jesus chose to advance his work primarily on the shoulders of ordinary people who live in the real world of family and business and community.

The apostle Paul felt so strongly about being a volunteer that in 1 Cor 9 he reminded people that he himself was one. He supported himself by making tents on the side so that he could serve as a pastor and leader without becoming a financial drain on the church.

No-one is ‘just a volunteer’. The church would not exist without the thousands of hours given each month by fired-up volunteers. There’s not enough money in the world to pay for all the good deeds desperately needing to be done in the name of God in our churches, communities and countries.

What do you have to offer? The gifts and talents you were born with. The passions that inspire you. The skills you’ve honed at home or in the marketplace. The life experiences that have matured us. The pain that has deepened you. The love of your neighbour that spills from God’s heart into yours. Once you decide to invest even a small portion of the blessings God has given you into the lives of others, you’ll find the seed of something powerful sown in your own soul.

Healing prayer

If you want to see people free from the junk they've been carrying around then this is the team for you. We'll train you and you will be amazed as God uses you to help set others free.

Speak to: Jan Loveley 012324 342089 loveleyjan@hotmail.com

Leading smallgroups

This church cannot grow without leaders - it's our biggest challenge and biggest potential bottleneck. Come and get trained and get stuck in!

Speak to: Simon Holley 01234 306500 simon@theholleys.com

Building team

We need a building and we have a dedicated team helping us to get one!

Speak to: Roydon Loveley 01234 342089 roydon@loveley.plus.com

Men's breakfast / Emerge

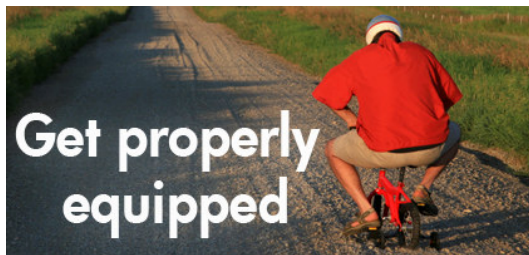
We're passionate about creating environments where those who would never step foot in a church can come try it out. If you love organising events then this is the team for you.

Speak to: Simon Holley 01234 306500 simon@theholleys.com

Breakfast with the girls

Gatherings of girls. Socialising and hanging out. If that's bliss for you and you want to be part of the team that makes the most happening event in Bedford happen then come and join us!

Speak to: Kristy Adams 01234 313919 kristyadams@ntlworld.com



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Production Team

Transforming the school into a place ready for God to do amazing things takes a dedicated team of people passionate about creating just the right environment - come and join us!

Commitment: 9am-1pm OR 5.30-9pm, once a month

Speak to: Steve Wilson 01234 306500 steve@kingsarms.org

Counting & banking of collection

How much ministry can you do with £100? £100 worth!! Join the team that makes sure every penny given to KA gets to the right place.

Commitment: 15 minutes during a service, usually once a month

Speak to: Roydon Loveley 01234 342089 roydon@loveley.plus.com

King's Kids (from birth to Year 5)

Our kids are the future of this town. We want to raise up children who are passionate for God, founded on His word and skilled at praying for the sick and bringing God's kingdom. Join us!

Commitment: 10am-1pm, usually once a month

Speak to: Nicky Stanyard 01234 306500 kingskids@kingsarms.org

King's Kids Worship

Love to see kids worship? Gifted musically? Then we need you!

Commitment: Sunday mornings every six weeks

Speak to: Nicky Stanyard 01234 306500 kingskids@kingsarms.org

Worship

We are passionate about having gifted musicians leading us each week in worship. It's a big commitment and you have to audition but if you feel called then get in touch!

Commitment: 9am-1pm OR 5pm-9pm, usually once a fortnight or once a month

Speak to: Damion Miller 01234 216118 honeymiller5@msn.com

Sound Team

A critical team to making every Sunday work. If you're good with gadgets and love things to sound right then this is the team for you. **Note:** Full training provided and lots of on the job support!

Commitment: 9am-1pm OR 5pm-9pm, usually once a month
Speak to: Linsley Green 01234 356316 linsleygreen@yahoo.com

RIOT (School Years 6-8)

God is raising up a bold and courageous generation to take His kingdom forward into these next decades! If you want to help then we need you.

Commitment: Sunday mornings and midweek
Speak to: Phil Cox kayakcox@hotmail.com or Laura Baxter lauritabaxter@hotmail.com

Innovation (School Years 9-13)

God is raising up a bold and courageous generation to take His kingdom forward into these next decades! If you want to help then we need you.

Commitment: Sunday mornings and midweek
Speak to: Wendy Mann 01234 306500 innovation@kingsarms.org

Prayer Team

Prayer is the fuel on which KA runs. We're called to pray and call down heaven to invade earth. Even if you feel clueless when it comes to prayer but you're hungry for more of God then come and join us.

Commitment: before each service 9.45am & 5.45pm
Speak to: John Strange 01234 343668 john.strange@worldvision.org.uk
or Tabo Huntley 07961 166053 tabohuntley@hotmail.com

Healing Team

Jesus said 'he who believes in me will do greater things than I've done!' That's our standard. We'll train, practice and pray until we see it happen.

Commitment: Praying for the sick after Sunday services
Speak to: Wendy Mann 01234 306500 innovation@kingsarms.org

Other opportunities

The commitment for many of these areas is open ended, depending on the individual volunteer's skills and availability, and the needs & requirements of the tasks available. They are all happy to talk more about possibilities.

King's Arms Project

God is passionate about the poor and promises that when we serve them we really are serving him. If you want to be on the cutting edge of what God is doing in Bedford then look no further! No experience required - we'll help you every step of the way.

Speak to: Joy Barham 01234 306501 (KAP office) joy@kingsarms.org

FNM (Friday Night Meeting)

This is a great opportunity for those who can't commit to the residential project houses but want to help serve the poor. You'll be challenged, encouraged and go home each time thinking 'that was amazing'!

Speak to: Ali Inwood 01234 306501 (KAP office) ali@kingsarms.org

KA Society

Our Students and 20's are the next generation of leaders. If you want to be involved helping support and raise them up then whatever age you are you can be!

Speak to: Matt Peacock 01234 306500 mattspeacocks@hotmail.com

Alpha Course

A growing number of people have had their lives totally changed on Alpha courses at the Kings Arms. New members of the Alpha Team should love building friendships with those who do not know Christ and helping to answer their questions. Alpha runs twice a year.

Speak to: Steve Wilson 07811 459564 alpha@kingsarms.org

Beta Course

The strength of any house is dependant on its foundation. Help new Christians to develop strong foundations on the Beta course.

Speak to Mike Milner 01234 306500 mike@kingsarms.org