



Birmingham Churches Together

Playing your part in the
Commonwealth Games



6 month countdown to the Games

FEBRUARY 2022

The Birmingham 2022 Games Churches Together Group is pleased to share ways that your church and community can join in with supporting and enjoying the Games taking place *28 July-8 August*.

Apply to be a Games Chaplain:

Volunteers are already being vetted and trained to provide a listening and supportive ministry to spectators, Games volunteers and staff members. To take part in this exciting opportunity, contact [Revd John W Butcher, Multi faith Lead Chaplain, West Midlands Police](mailto:j.butcher@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk) at: j.butcher@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk

A Commonwealth Games KITBAG

The KITBAG has been created to help prepare, train, educate and empower the local grassroots church for a life of sports mission pre, during and importantly post Commonwealth Games 2022 - encouraging the local church to GO, because they can do it!

Every month from now until the games, two things will be provided, an opportunity for anyone to attend sports mission TRAINING to equip and educate individuals/churches and a gathering on the first Monday of each month to PRAY together and check in with people to support them on their journey.

All of the KITBAG information is hosted on the SCUUK web pages including Zoom meeting details etc:

www.sportschaplaincy.org.uk/commonwealthgames

Dates for your diary

**PRAYER ON
COMMONWEALTH DAY -
TUESDAY 8 MARCH 2022-
7.30PM**

A PRAYER GATHERING
WILL BE HELD AT RCCG
(REDEEMED CHRISTIAN
CHURCH OF GOD)
COVENANT RESTORATION
ASSEMBLY, 117-125, NEW
JOHN STREET, ASTON, B6
4LD.

**SUNDAY 15 MAY 2022
"NATIONAL SPORTS
SUNDAY" (NSS) IS AN
OPPORTUNITY TO USE AS
A PLATFORM TO
PROACTIVELY ENGAGE
AROUND THE GAMES.**

**COMMONWEALTH 2022
GAMES ECUMENICAL
THANKSGIVING CIVIC
SERVICE –
ST CHAD'S CATHEDRAL,
24 JULY 2022,
AFTERNOON (TIME TBC)
ST CHAD'S QUEENSWAY,
BIRMINGHAM, B4 6EU
(INVITATION ONLY).**

To keep updated, please visit:
www.birminghamchurches.org.uk/commonwealthgames/

Queen's Baton Relay:

The World Prayer Centre has introduced prayer resources for the Queens Baton Relay:

www.worldprayer.org.uk/resources/queens-baton-prayer-relay-2/

The Queen's Baton is travelling 269 days around the Commonwealth Nations and Territories arriving in Birmingham on Thursday 28 July 2022. Please pray using this wonderful resource.

GOOD NEWS for Everyone!:

Do you belong to an evangelical church who would become distribution hubs for Testaments and other resources for GOOD NEWS for Everyone! (formerly Gideons UK)? Please email:

CGSF2022@gmail.com

Burn 24/7 UK...

is facilitating two weeks of non-stop worship plus evangelism during the Games. For more info about how to get involved email:

commonwealth@theburn247.com

More ways to get involved

Anti Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery:

Where large sporting events go, unfortunately Trafficking follows. To find out how you can take positive action and join the 'It's A Penalty' campaign and the **Multi-Faith Steering Group**, please contact Fred Kratt, Faith Communities Navigator, West Midlands Violence Reduction Unit: fred.kratt@westmidlands.police.uk

'As One'

Birmingham churches are invited to take the lead locally, as part of high profile partnership campaign, 'As One'. Hosting an As One tea 'party' will help local residents to 'fill their street with friendliness', putting church members at the heart of creating new and long-term community links. Large banners also available. For more info and free Church Pack, contact Rachel at birmingham@as-one.uk.

KICK:

KICK provide values driven PE National Curriculum, Transformational Street Dance, Solutions-Focused Mentoring and Schools-based Chaplaincy within Schools. KICK's values based approach meets a number of SMSC and SIAMS criteria; and they work with over 20,000 children and young people per week in over 90 Schools.

Their CEO is a former headteacher and he would be very happy to explore working with Infant, Primary, Secondary, PRU and Special Schools in the West Midlands. Please contact Joe Lowther : joelowther@kick.org.uk

Praying for the Games

The arrival of people from the Commonwealth Nations and Territories into Birmingham, for the Commonwealth Games, presents a God-given opportunity for the Church to radiate the love of God to those from far and near.

Using the word of God in Isaiah 62:10 to lead us, let's pray into the opportunities God has given us:

'Prepare the way for the people'. Let us be a most gracious, generous and welcoming city.

'Build up the highway & remove the stones'. Pray for a safe city, and united church, honouring one another as we seek to work together, to serve and bless.

We pray God's blessing and protection over the city and Games, over all athletes, workers, volunteers, and spectators.

'Raise a banner for the nations'. Pray for the gospel of Christ to be free to flow, and for freedom to those offered Bibles, prayer, healing, counsel, support, to be able to respond to His grace. **Amen**

Prayer and Healing on the Streets

Join a growing network of churches, missional teams and individuals as we pray and develop teams to offer prayer on the streets running up to and during the Commonwealth Games. Contact:

lindaisgrove@gmail.com

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