

Community Stars – Baking Bread

Our daily bread

Walk down Bold Street in Central Liverpool on a Tuesday or Thursday lunchtime and if you're lucky you might catch the aroma of freshly baked bread. Twice a week, the Bread Church meets to bake bread, worship and offer companionship, right in the heart of Liverpool.



The Bread Church meets in a flat above a shop, and anyone is invited. The church has played host to everyone from Big Issue sellers to Bishops, from asylum seekers to Archdeacons and from the powerless to Presidents of Conference.

Baking bread enables people to relax, chat, tell stories and simply be together. Everyone is given time to speak, and people can participate as much or as little as they want to.

It's an idea that's certainly catching on. The church is regularly full, and

is now on the look out for new premises. The idea has taken hold internationally too, and there are now Bread Churches in both Stockholm and in Soweto.

“ We were a fresh expression before Fresh Expression, the original messy church before Messy Church! ”

Andrew Lovelady
Treasurer, the Bread Church

Church details

- Somewhere Else, Liverpool
- Liverpool City Centre Circuit, Liverpool District
- Average congregation: 65

What you'll need

“We always say don't copy us, come and see whether baking bread is right for you. It may be that art or writing are better suited for your community.”

Andrew Lovelady

Bread by numbers

- 18 years of baking bread
- 30,000 people have taken part
- 25 to 30 people baking at every session
- Just 6 ingredients for each loaf



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