

Wonderfully Made

ADDITIONAL NEEDS MINISTRY AT OAKHALL CHURCH



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AN INTRODUCTION

At Oakhall we believe that Jesus' invitation is **inclusive**. No person is disqualified because of pre - existing conditions, mental illness or unexpected behaviour. The call is not limited to children who will sit quietly at his feet and listen, colour between the lines, raise their hands and wait to be asked or who work at the 'right' level.

Psalm 139 tells us that we are fearfully and wonderfully made – that's all of us.

It's clear looking at the life of Jesus that he went out of his way to spend time and help, heal, and love those who faced a range of challenges. At Oakhall we desire to reflect Jesus' character in the way that we support everyone who attends our services and a wide range of events during the week.

At Oakhall we believe that understanding additional needs as an expected reality in our broken, post-fall world helps us build a theology of disability that values all human life as made in God's image. Every member of Christ's body is needed to fulfil the mission of his church, the body of Christ. Some body parts are weaker than others, but they are still worthy of great honour (**1 Corinthians 12:12–27**). Even more, "if one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together" (**1 Corinthians 12:26**).

In every activity, from Sunday morning worship to small groups; from fellowship meals to weekends away, we aim to make each event accessible to as many as possible. If you would like to speak to someone about your, or your child's, additional needs and the ways in which we can support you, please do contact our Additional Needs Lead using the details below.

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