**Introducing the Christadelphians**

Welcome to this Christadelphian meeting.

The Christadelphians are a community of people who are dedicated to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the word of God as revealed in the Bible. We study the Bible, discuss its meaning with one another, proclaim the Gospel and meet together to remember the death and resurrection of Jesus. You are welcome to come to our meeting, study the Bible with us and join in our hymns, prayers and readings from the Bible.

We usually stand up to sing hymns and to pray. At breaking of bread meetings some Christadelphian congregations choose to sit down for the prayers before the bread and before the cup.

If this is a breaking of bread meeting and you have not been baptised in a Christadelphian meeting, we would ask you not to take the bread and the cup. Please talk to one of the Christadelphians here if you would like a further explanation of this.

The name Christadelphian goes back to the middle of the 19th century, but the community has roots which go back much earlier than this. They can be traced right back to the Apostles in the first century AD. There are Christadelphian meetings in most of the countries in the world and there are about 300 congregations in the United Kingdom.

The teachings of the Christadelphians go back to the time of the Apostles, and can all be found in the Bible.

Our belief begins with the fact that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. This tells us that Jesus was a great person to be trusted and followed. It also tells us that Jesus has been appointed by God as the judge of the world. Because of his death and resurrection our sins can be forgiven and we can have eternal life when Jesus returns at the day of judgement.

We believe the Bible to be the word of God, revealed through prophets and Apostles over a period of one and a half thousand years. It contains records of the main times when God has acted in the world and teachings that come directly from God. The Bible explains itself both by giving the context in which the various teachings in it were given and through places where one passage in the Bible explains others. One of the main activities of the Christadelphians is to help people – both Christadelphian and non-Christadelphian – to understand the Bible.

We believe in one God, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We hope that you will enjoy your meeting with us and will come back to meet with us, or with other Christadelphians many times. If you are moving to another area, please ask one of the Christadelphians in this meeting where you can find a Christadelphian meeting near to the place where you are going.