

# BacktoChurchSunday



"I was a little nervous as I hadn't been to church for 20 years. But we felt really at home. They explained everything and gave us a welcome bag to go home with. We enjoyed ourselves."

This is Julie, who came back to church in Ashton Deanery last year with her husband and daughter. Since then, she's completed an Emmaus course and been confirmed!

Maybe you know someone like Julie who used to come along to church but who got out of the habit. Maybe that person is interested to try church again. Maybe you could invite them to come along with you?

**Our parish is joining others in the diocese in signing up for Back to Church Sunday on September 24th.**

**The idea is for us regulars to go a bit out of our way to ask a friend or family member to come to church with us on that Sunday.**

To make it easier all round, there will be printed invitation cards and posters, a welcome-to-our-church pack and special prayer cards.

When the idea was first trialled in Manchester diocese last year at least 886 people came back to church across Greater Manchester. A university study showed that nine out of ten of the returnees were minded to come again. Most churches asked for the scheme to be repeated this year.

**So over to you.  
Who do you know who might like to come along with you  
this Back to Church Sunday?**