

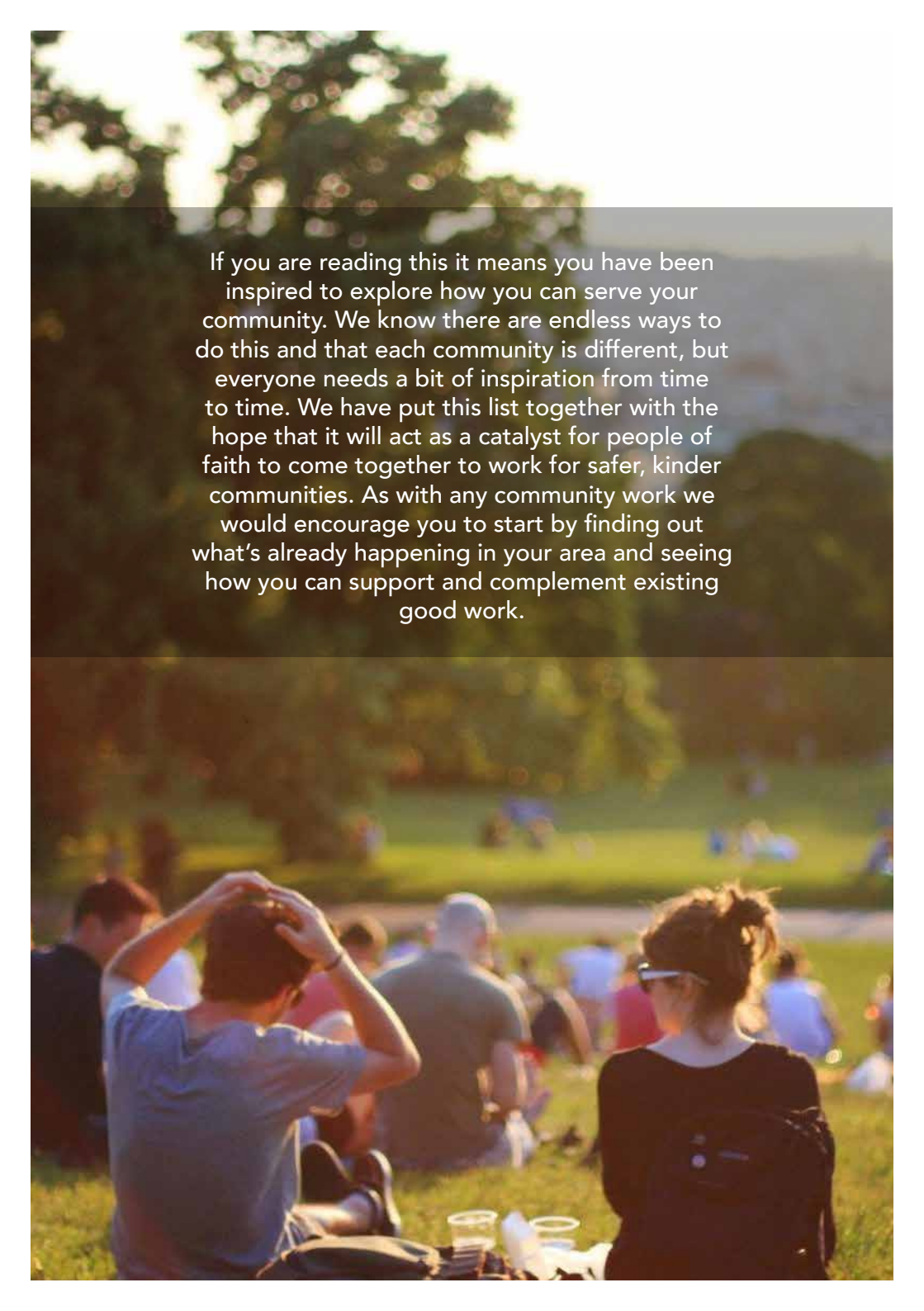
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## GREAT COMMUNITY IDEAS



Acts 2:46-47

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

A large crowd of people is sitting on a grassy field at sunset. The scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of the setting sun. In the foreground, a man in a light blue t-shirt is seen from behind, with his hands raised to his head. To his right, a woman with her hair in a bun and wearing sunglasses is also seen from behind. They are sitting on a picnic blanket with several glasses and plates. The background is filled with many other people sitting on the grass, some looking towards the horizon. The top half of the image is partially obscured by a semi-transparent dark grey box containing white text.

If you are reading this it means you have been inspired to explore how you can serve your community. We know there are endless ways to do this and that each community is different, but everyone needs a bit of inspiration from time to time. We have put this list together with the hope that it will act as a catalyst for people of faith to come together to work for safer, kinder communities. As with any community work we would encourage you to start by finding out what's already happening in your area and seeing how you can support and complement existing good work.



## Young People and Families

1. Battle of the bands
2. Run outdoor activities for youth in a local park over the summer
3. Toy exchange
4. Run a Dad & Kid's club
5. Hold a pre-school breakfast club
6. Organise an after-school homework club
7. Set up a mums and tots group
8. Host a parenting course
9. Set up training schemes for young people e.g. life skills, IT, CV, writing
10. Offer practical help to lone parents
11. Collect baby equipment/toys to donate to new parents with limited resources
12. Hold an autism-friendly youth club with opportunity for 'career coffee time'
13. Organise a free child tutor service
14. Set up an art class for children with special needs
15. Set up a detached youth team
16. Set up a help out scheme for children and young adults with disabilities
17. Set up volunteering competition for local young people

## Elderly

18. Organise a dance for elderly members of the community
19. Coffee and cake morning for the elderly
20. Sing at a local nursing home
21. Read letters and newspapers to residents at a local nursing home
22. Make phone visits with the elderly
23. Nursing home nail and beauty bar
24. Deliver meals to elderly residents
25. Become a dementia-friendly community
26. Free transport service for those unable to drive
27. Support a hospital visiting team
28. Ironing service
29. Ask a local school to write letters for elderly residents
30. Offer computer servicing and assistance
31. Offer help with social media





## Environmental and Nature

32. Clear up overgrown gardens
33. Clean up graffiti
34. Litter pick at your local park
35. Tree Planting
36. Tidy up local allotments
37. Tidy up your local park
38. Paint local fences/gates
39. Clear up alleys or stairwells
40. Paint a mural
41. Set up a recycling unit
42. Set up a community vegetable garden
43. Clear up a location in your community
44. Repair damage caused by vandalism
45. Start a "friends of" for your local park
46. Offer transport and hands in moving large items to recycling centres



## Homelessness and Poverty

47. Hand out care packages to homeless people
48. Open a soup kitchen
49. Make sandwiches for the local homeless shelter
50. Deliver essential food parcels
51. Offer breakfast, shower and laundry for homeless people
52. Speak to your local foodbank and see how you can help
53. Run a CV writing workshop to help people return to work
54. Host a Christmas dinner for the homeless

## Community Building

55. Organise a day of kindness eg. Help out in shops, giving out flowers
56. Free car wash
57. Gather local community groups to exhibit at a community fair
58. Hold a summer market stall, crafts and music
59. Host a marriage course
60. Set up a 'time bank' where people can offer services in exchange for hours back
61. Host a community BBQ
62. Hold a street party
63. Put on a street theatre production
64. Set up a community garden
65. Open a community shop eg. Second hand children's clothes
66. Produce a community newsletter
67. Set up a community radio
68. Offer to collect groceries for those unable to in the community
69. Regular community quiz night
70. Set up a book exchange
71. Knit and natter group
72. Arrange to meet in a coffee shop and get to know your neighbours
73. Create a welcome pack for new residents in the community
74. Set up a random acts of kindness group
75. Organise a community treasure hunt
76. Organise a "thank you" event for local volunteers
77. Organise a community choir
78. Create a community website or Facebook page
79. Start a neighbourhood crime watch program
80. Turn a local café into a community games room for an afternoon each week
81. Carry out a survey in your area to see where the need is
82. Create a short film about what's going on in your community
83. Set up a temporary street café offering free food
84. Provide hot drinks to morning commuters
85. Set up a free cinema club
86. Organise a basic car maintenance workshop
87. Organise a local photography exhibition for your community
88. Celebrate special days with the community eg NAIDOC week



## Health and Wellbeing

89. Arrange a weekly ramble
90. Offer a healthy eating course
91. Health awareness campaign in partnership with a local GP
92. Set up a transportation service to a local doctor's surgery
93. Provide soft or hot drinks outside nightclubs
94. Organise basic reading and writing for adults
95. Provide work placement or internship opportunities



## Seasonal

96. Wrap Christmas presents in the local shopping centre
97. Set up a collection point for a Christmas toy appeal
98. Host an Easter egg hunt for local disadvantaged children
99. Adopt a family at Christmas and buy gifts and toys for them
100. Share nativity story with the local children
101. Hold a community Christmas tree



We hope this list inspires you to find small ways to make a big difference. However, once you have started small you will be amazed how quickly you will be encouraged to go even bigger. We would love to partner with and support you in this work so please do get in touch with us at to continue the conversation.