

A place at the table

This is an imaginative activity that will last beyond just this service – until dinner time, or even for several days if you want!

Go where you normally eat your dinner, and lay the table for a meal. Add an extra place for a stranger who needs a welcome and make a place mat for them (see below).

Think about who you could welcome and how, whether by welcoming a neighbour or friend into your house (if it's safe to do so), or supporting someone with a welcome to our country, city or neighbourhood in another way.

Perhaps give some of your time or the price of a meal (or a week's meals) to a charity like [Trumpington Food Hub](#), [Cambridge Food Bank](#), the [Cambridge Refugee Resettlement Campaign](#), [CamCrag](#), the [Cambridge Church Homelessness Project](#), [Cambridge Women's Aid](#) or another organisation working to welcome people.

You will need:

Several sheets of paper or card of any size, of various colours.

Pencils, pens, crayons or another way of making a message or picture.

Scissors.

Paper glue (ideally a glue stick).

How to make your place mat

Take one sheet of paper or card as your base.

Use your art skills to add the word 'welcome' on a sheet of card/paper. You could write, draw or paint, or cut out pieces of coloured paper and stick them on (collage). Be as imaginative as you like!

As we look towards Christmas next week, you might also want to include a message like 'Merry Christmas'.

Be ready to share your place mat towards the close of the service.

