



# INDOORS

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## WE CHALLENGE YOUR CHURCH GROUP...

Whatever your hobby or creative passion is, you can use it to bring healing to the poor while having fun with others in your church.

This Challenge is ideal for home groups, choirs or worship teams, students, men's ministries, ladies groups, children's work or retired fellowships.

## HOW TO DO THE INDOOR CHALLENGE

- 1 WITH YOUR GROUP**, talk about your hobbies, creative passions and the skills you have
- 2 DREAM UP A WAY** to use one or more of these skills and passions *indoors* to raise money for Mercy Ships and awareness of the cause
- 3 SEND YOUR DONATION** – bring life-changing surgery to the poor by sending your donation to Mercy Ships, by post or online at [www.mercyships.org.uk/church](http://www.mercyships.org.uk/church)
- 4 SHARE IT** (optional) – take a photo or film a one-minute video of your group and share it on social media, remembering to mention @mercyshipsuk in your post

We will congratulate you and award you points for:

- ☆ Effort
- ☆☆ Creativity
- ☆☆☆ Funds raised



You can also nominate others... just mention them in a Facebook post and lay down your challenge!

...show you care with some flair!



## NEED INSPIRATION?

Here's some ideas to get you started...

- ⊕ Hold a breakfast or lunch at church and ask for donations towards the food
- ⊕ Spend an evening baking cakes or making jam to sell at church
- ⊕ Put on a creative exhibition, a concert or a show in your church and sell tickets
- ⊕ Get sponsored to complete a large number of paintings in one day
- ⊕ Run a make-over and pampering day for the women in your church
- ⊕ Offer a photoshoot to people in your church, for a suggested amount per person
- ⊕ Ask for donations instead of presents for your next birthday party or even your wedding

What will your church group do?



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- 2 DREAM UP A WAY** to use one or more of these skills and passions *outdoors* to raise money for Mercy Ships and awareness of the cause
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- ⊕ Organise a sponsored ramble, taking in churches or local points of interest
- ⊕ Hold a charity match, charging for admission
- ⊕ Run a local tournament and ask for donations from every participant
- ⊕ Organise a skydive and ask your church to sponsor you
- ⊕ Enjoy a progressive meal, walking to different houses for different courses and collecting as you go!
- ⊕ Hold a 'Beginners' class on your hobby (photography, bird watching, flower arranging, vintage cars, etc) in your church

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# THE FLAGSHIP CHALLENGE

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## WE CHALLENGE YOUR WHOLE CHURCH TO MAKE HISTORY

Since Mercy Ships is a surgical charity with a creative approach to healthcare, we challenge your church family to step out with creativity to bring hope and healing to the poor.

We hope this challenge will help your church to have fun, build community and grow in their love of serving others.

## HOW TO DO THE WHOLE CHURCH CHALLENGE

- 1 **THINK OF AN EVENT** or an offering idea to run as a whole church that will use the creativity and skills in your congregation
- 2 **ASK TEAMS** and small groups to organise different parts of the event
- 3 **SEND YOUR DONATION** – bring life-changing surgery to the poor as a church, by sending your donation to Mercy Ships, by post or online at [www.mercyships.org.uk/church](http://www.mercyships.org.uk/church)
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For whole church entries, we have a prize to award! The winning church will receive a VIP family guest pass and backstage tour at the Big Church Day Out where you can meet the performers and artists.

*The Big Church Day Out (BCDO) is the UK's largest annual gathering of the wider church that creates a space for all denominations and ages to gather each year for 2 exciting days of worship and celebration. Whatever your age, denomination or musical taste, everyone is welcome.*



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- ⊕ Organise a “**YOUR CHURCH NAME’s GOT TALENT**” evening, inviting people to offer a music, comedy, impressions or magic act
- ⊕ Ask families to donate the cost of one meal a week throughout Lent
- ⊕ Put on a play, and open it up to the local community
- ⊕ Put on a concert and ask your organist or music team to prepare some old favourites
- ⊕ Splash out on a Summer Fete or Picnic for children and families, with home groups volunteering to run one aspect each: a stall, water balloon fight, sport or children’s game
- ⊕ Organise a Quiz Night... and spice it up with a curry or fish and chip supper
- ⊕ Host a Cream Tea after church one Sunday, with some live music
- ⊕ Run a Movie Night in the church one Friday night and screen a nautically themed film!
- ⊕ Hold a Barn Dance or Ceilidh in the church at Harvest time.



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