

"Be consistent—people join a rota to do things such as take us to church, and then drop out. Be there for the long haul."

"Accept us as people...and share love, friendship and companionship with us in safety, allowing us to encounter all that is wonderful about our faith."

"My church are good at 'crisis intervention' but I want them to be there for me all the time, through thick and thin."

"Help me to develop genuine relationships in the church, not just Sunday acquaintances."

"My child gets support in Sunday School but no one ever invites her home for a play date."

Disabled people can be great friends to have, too:



"I have a deeper understanding of people, I'm very discerning; I see more through my awareness of people because I don't see with my eyes."

"They tend to just write me off and say 'God can't use me. Not true. Be a friend.'"

"I don't get invited to social events."

"They could include us not just on Sundays."

"I wish churches knew that keeping contact with church members should be a priority. We can miss a whole month of Sunday services and no-one contacts either of us. Except to send me articles for the parish magazine..."

The theme of Disability Sunday this year is friendship. We are focusing on this because disabled people have told us this is a problem area for them within churches. Here are some of the replies received in Through the Roof's recent survey of disabled people's experience of church:

Introduction to Disability Sunday 2015

Disability Sunday

5th July 2015

Be a friend!

A day of focus on disability for churches and fellowships