



Open Every
THURSDAY
12-30 pm—2-30 pm
Open to everyone

St Michael's Church Parish Centre
Hall Lane Pelsall
WS3 4JN

'Please drop in'

Places of Welcome is a growing network of hospitality run by local community groups who want to make sure that everyone in their area has a place to go for a friendly face, a cup of tea and a conversation if and when they need it. Developed out of the Birmingham Social Inclusion process 'Giving Hope Changing Lives', Places of Welcome responds to the challenge to make our cities and neighbourhoods more welcoming. Places of Welcome is a network of small community organisations, including faith communities, who offer an unconditional welcome to local people for at least a few hours a week.

Each Place of Welcome will display this sign, and although they are all slightly different from one another, each is open to everyone and offers:

- Friendship and hospitality;
- Regular opening at the same time each week;
- Free refreshments;
- Local knowledge about the neighbourhood.

The network has developed a set of guiding principles for all Places of Welcome, known as the 5P's.

Place: An accessible and hospitable building, open at the same time every week.

People: Open to everyone regardless of their circumstances or situation, and staffed by volunteers.

Presence: A place where people actively listen to one another.

Provision: Offering free refreshments (at least a cup of tea and a biscuit) and basic local information.

Participation: Recognises that every person coming to a Place of Welcome will bring talents, experiences and skills that they might be willing to share locally.