



# Celebrants at Church

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**Celebrants at Church**



Churches usually have celebrants to lead the service.





A celebrant may be called a priest, minister or pastor, depending on the church I am in.



Some celebrants wear vestments when leading a church service.





Some celebrants wear everyday clothing when leading a service.



Celebrants may be men or women.





Some churches may have just one celebrant.





Other churches may have more than one celebrant.  
They might take it in turns to lead the service.



Although celebrants may be different,  
they all have the same special job of leading a church service.



# Notes for parents



**This resource has been created** to assist people with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs) and their peers in understanding the social situation of attending church services. This booklet focusses upon abstract religious concepts (such as prayer) and the structure of church routines. The underlying theme is that while churches may conduct their services in many ways, they exist for a single purpose: to 'know, love and serve God'.

This resource is suitable for preparing a person with an ASD to confidently attend a church service.

# About the author/designer



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The series *What Happens in Church* has been created by Daniel Giles – an honours student at La Trobe University (Bendigo) and an individual living with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

This project has been inspired by his various passions of: graphic design, photography, assisting other people with ASDs and most importantly, living out his faith in God.

Daniel is pictured above with another project he created for people with ASDs titled *Facing Our Feelings*.



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