



# Singing at Church

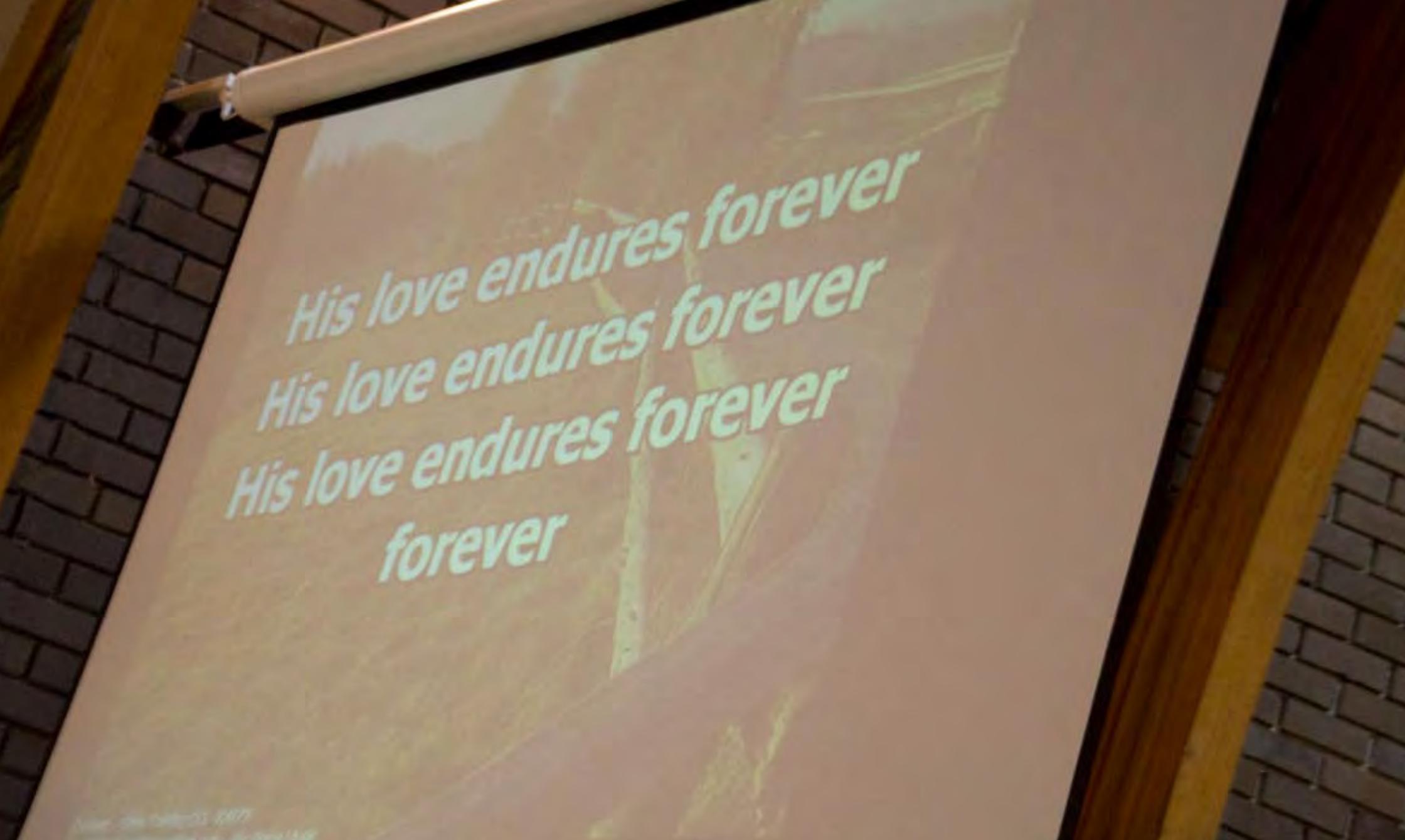
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Music is often played at church.  
Singing to the music can help people give praise to God.



*His love endures forever*  
*His love endures forever*  
*His love endures forever*  
*forever*

The words of songs can be shown in different ways.  
Many churches show songs on an overhead screen.



Other churches show their songs in hymn books.  
These songs have numbers on them.



Numbers from the hymn book might be shown on a board at the front of the church. These help people to know what hymns are being sung and to find the song in the hymn book.



If I wish to, I can join in with the singing.



Otherwise, I can listen quietly to the words and the music.



Some churches have a choir that dress in gowns and lead the singing. The music is usually slow and calm.



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Some churches have a band that may lead the singing.  
The music may be loud. Many instruments may be used.



At some churches, people stand and perhaps clap or lift up their hands to praise God while they sing.



Sometimes, people might sit while singing.



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Some churches play many songs. Other churches play only a few songs. Occasionally, there may be no music at all.



There may be many ways of playing music at church.  
But music is always used to praise God.

# 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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