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CHURCH SERVICE TIPS

It's a good idea to think about the impression your church atmosphere gives to those who wouldn't call themselves Christians. At Remembrance Day, Armed Forces Day and military-based services, men who wouldn't usually attend church may turn up. Think about what they would see and feel on entering the church.

SOUND

Do you have music playing? From extensive research we have found that men respond very well to uplifting music. It doesn't have to be overtly Christian, but there are very good Christian bands who don't just write worship songs. Bands/Songwriters that you may wish to use: Switchfoot, Delirious, Phatfish, Tim Hughes, Matt Redman, Graham Kendrick, Ben Cantelon, Chris Tomlin.

SIGHT

Are there members of the armed forces currently in your congregation? Why not ask if they would like to bring a regimental flag or memorabilia to place somewhere in the church as a prayer point? If you have PowerPoint or video projection, why not play an interview from the Greater Love DVD in the background?

SMELL

Saturated fat is a successful aid for evangelism to men. Do you have the capability to cook up a few bacon rolls to provide for the congregation after the day's proceedings? Maybe your local Royal British Legion could host food and drinks?

SILENCE

A time of silence to think and reflect on those affected by military life is very powerful for a service like this. Why not ask those who would like prayer to move to a specific area of the church so the congregation can pray around them? Family members of military men/women, soldiers on leave, former soldiers, etc.

SALVATION

Although we are dedicated to respecting and honouring those affected by military life, we must remain diligent in preaching the message of Jesus as well. Do you have an Alpha Course or Christianity Explored running? Why not give everyone an invitation to the course? Some members of the congregation may be unfamiliar with the whole Gospel message. It may be one of the only opportunities they may have to hear the message of Jesus.

The CVM team pray every blessing for you in your preparation and delivery. We trust that you have a great and fruitful time, as you build on the rock, graft in the vine, follow the King and fish for men.