

Below is a brief lo-down of what we are looking for in each instrument and what to do if you are interested...

What are we looking for in each instrument?

Guitar

- Excellent sense of rhythm
- Able to play a broad range of chords and make good use of a capo
- Able to finger pick and play melodic motifs

Electric Guitar

- Pays attention to tone, good use of delay and overdrive
- Able to stick to either lead or rhythm throughout each song
- Ability to pick out lead lines from original recording

Vocals

- Sing in tune and in time (accompany yourself or backing track for audition)
- Demonstrate you are happy to sing at least an octave (8 notes) in range.
- Ability to harmonize (recommended, not essential)

Keyboard

- Comfortable to use sounds other than piano (e.g., pad, organ, Rhodes, etc.)
- Avoids overplaying, especially with the left hand. Think simple.
- Happy to learn parts from songs, rather than just chording

Drums

- Excellent sense of rhythm. Can play in time.
- Experience of playing with click tracks (recommended, not essential)

Bass

- Ability to 'lock in' with the drummer, paying attention to kick-snare pattern
- If auditioning without a drummer, demonstrate you know these patterns

Solo Instruments

- Able to play as part of the band
- Comfortable to use chord charts instead of song scores
- Happy to improvise or incorporate solo lines from song recordings

Other Pointers...

- We play from chord charts, rarely from scored music
- We are looking to know that you can learn your part from listening to a recording
- Don't overplay – we don't need you to shred, drum solo, or slap bass
- Be able to receive direction/criticism, even if you don't agree with the suggestion
- Can play creatively and sensitively, and improvise
- The song you choose should be one you enjoy playing/singing and worshipping God with

What to do if you are interested?

- Talk to one of the Core Worship Team (CWT) to register interest (Pete, Gwen, Chris, Toby, Katie, Stuart)
- Come along to some Worship 'Team' nights to meet the team. Speak to CWT for details.
- Then, if you'd like to audition, send a 2 minute video/audio of yourself playing/singing
- CWT will watch the video / listen to audio and contact you to establish next steps
 - Responses may include the following....
 - It's a no. Encouraged to get involved in another serving team at JCC.
 - It's a not yet. Encouraged to practice and re-audition in future.
 - It's a yes. Encouraged to join band practices ready for Sundays.