

Disability Awareness Sunday

Celebrating diversity and inclusion in
God's family

Interview 1- Gill

UK Disability Facts

- 1 in 4 people in the UK have a disability (~28%)
- 70–80% of disabilities are invisible
- Nearly everyone will experience disability at some point

Source: Office for National Statistics, Scope UK

Barriers in Church

- 59% of disabled people face barriers accessing places of worship
- 76% would attend more if accessibility improved
- Common barriers: physical access, communication, and inclusion

Source: Scope UK, Evangelical Alliance

Social / Relational Barriers

- Unwelcoming greeters
- Lack of pastoral support during the week
- Prayer teams focusing only on healing
- Sunday school not accessible
- Exclusion from teams and leadership

Source: Church of England Disability Project

Interview 2- Ben

Participation & Attendance

- Adults with severe disabilities attend church less frequently
- Many feel excluded or undervalued
- Disabled children often miss out on inclusive Sunday school experiences

Source: Church Times, Evangelical Alliance

Opportunities for Inclusion

- Accessible worship, programs, and teams
- Inclusive leadership and ministry roles
- Awareness, training, and attitude changes

Source: Church Mission Society, Scope UK

Christian Voices on Inclusion

- “The church is at its best when every member of the body is valued.” – John Swinton
- “Disability is not a problem to be solved but a people to be embraced.” – Amos Yong
- “We are all one in Christ Jesus.” – Galatians 3:28