



THE COMMUNITY OF THE
TREE OF LIFE



Inspiring a rising generation to pray



Rooted • Flourishing • Fruitful

A new monastic community for the
Diocese of Leicester

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Diocese of
Leicester
Shaped by God

Way of Life

A Way of Life is the set of practices that a community chooses to build its life together.

FRUITFUL LIFE

Generous in Giving

Compassion & Justice

Witness

Teaching &
Modelling Prayer

Intercession

FLOURISHING LIFE

Committed in Community

Rhythm of Life

Reconciliation

Simplicity

ROOTED LIFE

Abiding in Christ

Silence & solitude

Contemplative prayer

Study & Bible immersion



Vision

Our diocesan vision Shaped by God is finding new expression in the founding of a new monastic community for young adults.

Just as the mustard tree has become the emblem of our vision to see:

- growth in the depth of discipleship,
- the number of disciples of Jesus,
- and loving service to the world,

so the biblical image of the Tree of Life has been chosen for the new community to echo this picture and express the same shared calling.

The Community has three aims:

Learning to live a life which is rooted, flourishing and fruitful

(Spiritual formation through monastic practices)

Inspiring a rising generation to pray

(Modelling a balance of contemplation and action)

Working with the Bishops of the Diocese to discern the activity of God across the county

(Listening, intercession and Kingdom announcement)



Purpose

Christians aged 20-35 are invited to spend a year together living in community, sharing in a daily rhythm of prayer, service, study, celebration and mission.



We are providing a unique opportunity for deepening discipleship through a formative year of living the spiritual disciplines together in Community. We pray that this transformative experience will equip our novices to be sent into the world to bring transformation to others.

The Community House stands on the site that 500 years ago was home to the Franciscan Grey Friars. They are remembered for burying Richard III, but they also had a ministry of prayer for the city and service to the poor. We pray that our new monastic community will build on this rich spiritual inheritance and become a house of prayer and hospitality for the whole Diocese.



Life Together

The Community will live in a newly purchased Georgian building situated in Cathedral Gardens. There will be a resident leadership team and up to 16 members.

Each week the Community members will be involved in social action projects in the city and will be sent out into the Diocese to work with partner churches in mission. The Community will be linked with the Cathedral and Launde Abbey.

Our novices will take prayer onto the streets of Leicester. They will work with schools and youth groups to inspire a rising generation to pray; exploring creative and engaging prayer practices. They will develop a pattern of intercession for the Diocese and invite young adults to join them in intercession nights in the basement prayer room of the Community House.

Each year we will seek to build a Community with a rich diversity of cultures, backgrounds and church traditions. Our novices will experience the challenge of living together under a set of Promises to a shared Way of Life and the opportunity to learn with people who may be very different to themselves.

Who is it for?

Single, committed Christians aged 20-35 who are hungry to learn and grow as disciples of Jesus. More information about the application process can be found on our website www.leicestertreeoflife.org

Support Us

There are a number of ways that you can support the Community of the Tree of Life.

FOLLOW & PRAY

View our website: www.leicestertreeoflife.org and follow us on Social Media.

Sign up to receive our e-newsletter, which will keep you updated and let you know our prayer requests.

GIVE

Please consider making a regular donation to support the life and work of the Community in our Diocese. Gifts to our general fund will help us with the day-to-day costs of running the Community House and providing leadership.

Could you give £10, £20 or £30 a month to help us establish and finance the Community?

Alternatively, you can designate your gift to our Bursary Scheme that assists young adults who might otherwise not be able to join the Community.

For example, in a church, 10 people each giving £50 a month could fund a whole bursary place.

Regular donations can be made through the Parish Giving Scheme. Please contact us on info@leicestertreeoflife.org and we will send you an information pack

PARTNER CHURCH

We are looking for up to eight partner churches each year where we may send a pair of Community novices for a day a week and Sunday worship. They will come to pray, serve and share in the mission of the church. We hope that they will be able to work with children and young people as part of our vision to inspire a rising generation to pray. Contact us to express an interest.

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