

**Community of the Tree of Life**

Application Form

September 2021 – June 2022

SECTION A

1. Introduction

Before you start, please tell us how you heard about us.

Click here to enter your answer

1. Personal details

Title Title

First Name First Name

Other/Middle Name(s) Other Names

Last Name Last Name

Preferred Name Preferred Name

Gender Gender

Date of Birth Date of Birth

Country of Origin Country of Origin

Do you currently have permission to live and work in the UK, which does not expire before July 2022?

 [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

1. Contact details

House Number/Name House No

Street Name Street

Address Line 2 Address Line 2

City City

County County

Postcode Postcode

Country Country

Landline telephone Landline

Mobile telephone Mobile

Email Address Email

1. Education and Employment

What is your highest level of education?

Level of Education

What is your current occupation?

Occupation

1. Personal Circumstances

All communication within the Community is using the English Language.

Is English one of your first languages?

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

If ‘No’, what is your mother tongue?

Language

We choose to invest time and energy in cultivating relationships of depth. We ask resident members to refrain from entering into romantic, co-dependent or exclusive friendships with other residents during their residency.

We ask resident members who are already in a romantic relationship with someone from outside of the residential community, to be open and honest with the Prior about this relationship. We will establish agreed boundaries around the time and effect this relationship may have on personal formation and community as a whole.

Which of these apply to you?

[ ]  Single and not in a romantic relationship

[ ]  Single and in a committed romantic relationship

[ ]  Engaged

[ ]  Married

[ ]  Married but separated

[ ]  Civilly partnered

[ ]  Divorced

[ ]  Widowed

Other (please specify)

Other

1. Health

Are you affected by any disabilities?

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

Please briefly describe your situation and needs

Click here to enter your answer

Please provide details of any medical conditions (physical or mental) for which you are currently receiving treatment or support or have received treatment or support in the past.

Click here to enter your answer

1. Safeguarding

Community Members will be working with vulnerable members of the public during the service aspect of the year and so the Community is required to run adequate Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS, formerly CRB) checks for all Community Members prior to the start of the programme. Please indicate your status regarding these checks.

Do you have a current DBS Certificate?

[ ]  Yes …

Have you subscribed to use the DBS Update Service in the past 6 months?

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

[ ]  No …

Are you willing to undertake a DBS check?

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

SECTION B

# Introduction

In this part of the form we are inviting you to reflect on and respond to the invitation to community life.

The Community of the Tree of Life has two modes of membership.

First, there is a local dispersed group called **Companions** who have chosen to journey together, made a Community Promise and are shaping their lives around the Community Rule of Life. This group of people gives the Community continuity from one year to the next; they love the emerging vision for prayer and formation lived out in a new monastic lifestyle, they also love sharing their lives and offering support to the community living in the house.

The second mode of membership is **Resident Members**; who join for 10 months and live together in the Community House. This looks wonderfully different every year as God pulls together a new bunch of people and invites us to create community together.

We have learned that the invitation to community life with other Christians is full of potential and that it works best when people:

* Receive the INVITATION to participate and start dreaming together
* Choose to INVEST themselves, offering their gifts and vulnerabilities
* INTENTIONALLY ‘choose in’ to an agreed set of community building practices

# Invitation

The Community’s vision is prayer and formation, becoming more rooted, flourishing and fruitful in Christ.

## What excites you about this vision? What possibilities do you see?

Click here to enter your answer

We are praying for a diverse community of people to join us in the coming year.

## What excites you about the possibility of living in a diverse community?

Click here to enter your answer

## What experience do you have of people from different cultures, backgrounds, churches and beliefs from your own?

Click here to enter your answer

# Investment

From the Community Rule of Life:

Jesus says, “Love one another as I have loved you”. He calls us to a joyful life of belonging, forgiving and celebrating with one another.

## What do you think are the challenges in creating this kind of community?

Click here to enter your answer

## What are your gifts and how do you see then being used in community life?

Click here to enter your answer

## What aspect of living in community with others do you think will be most difficult for you?

Click here to enter your answer

# Intentionality

A healthy community does not rest so much on how much we like each other, but rather on the commitments we choose to make to each other. Our weekly community building practices are:

 LISTENING – weekly Community Meeting and Listening Groups

 SHARING FOOD – weeknight meals together and shared food budget

 HOUSE WORSHIP – weekly act of worship, honouring God at the centre of our life together

 WORK – care for our house and garden, care for each other, cooking serving, etc.

## What previous experience do you have of living with other people and what have you learnt about living together well?

Click here to enter your answer

## In your opinion, what makes sharing food, listening, worship and work, good community building practices?

Click here to enter your answer

## What questions do you have?

Click here to enter your answer

# Declaration

I agree to my details being stored electronically for the purpose of this application.
(All such records will be destroyed either upon the unsuccessful completion of this application,
or within 2 years of having completed the programme.)

Name: Name