



## House of Prayer Team Member

We are looking for House of Prayer team members to join our residential Christian community in Leicester, from Sept 2021 – July 2022. We have a vision to resource people to ENGAGE with God in prayer.

Do you want to help people ENTER in to a place of prayer?

Do you want to ENLARGE your experience of prayer?

Do you want to develop EVERYDAY prayer habits?

*Eat, pray, laugh, play, worship and explore a shared Rule of Life with a diverse community of young Christians. Build deep-spirited friendships and allow difference to enrich your relationships and transform your worldview. Invest in yourself with a course of study, exercise your God-given gifts and grow in leadership as a member of our House of Prayer team.*

Join our residential Community in Leicester for a year of formation. Our year has three bespoke building blocks:

1. Intentional Christian Community
2. Study (1 day a week)
3. House of Prayer Placement (20-25 hours a week)

## **ONE // Intentional Christian Community:**

Commitment to community building practices. These include shared weeknight meals, shared food budget, weekly act of worship, weekly community forum and a share of cooking and cleaning.

Commitment to join our rhythms of prayer. We pray together in the chapel three times each day, at 8:30am, 12:30pm & 21:30pm. We also host a monthly prayer event, where we pray nonstop for 24 hours.

There is an invitation to explore a shared Rule of Life based on our nine spiritual practices. (Prayer, Scripture and Solitude. Worship, Reconciliation & Sabbath. Justice, work & Blessing). There will be opportunity to develop a personal rhythm and the invitation to take a community promise.

## **TWO // Study:**

We will work with you to find a suitable programme of study or vocational training. Options may include New Wine Discipleship Year, leadership training with 24-7 Prayer, Church of England Ministry Experience Scheme or 1<sup>st</sup> year theology audit at St Mellitus, East Midlands.

## **THREE // House of Prayer Placement:**

We believe part of our emerging charism is to resource people, particularly in the Diocese of Leicester, to [engage] with God in prayer. Join our HOP team; shape and deliver this vision.

We want to help people to [ENTER] in to prayer.

Becoming present to Gods presence through practices of slowing, breathing and letting go. Learning to see ourselves, others and, the world, with Gods eyes.

We want to [ENLARGE] people's experience of prayer.

Tapping into Christian tradition and personal creativity to unlock ancient-future forms of prayer. Learning to encounter God in different ways.

We want to encourage people to develop [EVERYDAY] prayer habits.

Finding rhythms of retreat and return. Learning Gods language in structured and spontaneous acts of prayer.

# Role Description

We want HOP team members to be able to exercise their God-given gifts through serving the life of the Community and the HOP vision. This role will consider gifting, capacity and personal interests, and will involve some (but not all) of the elements listed in the role description.

## **HOP Team Member** *(Accountable to the Prior)*

- Weekly HOP team meeting
- Monthly supervision with Prior
- Daily, weekly, monthly rhythms of prayer
- Building relationships with other HOP's

## **Prayer** *(working with the Sub Prior)*

- Coordinate intercessions – global, national, local, Community
- Organise monthly 24hr prayer event
- Create digital prayer resources & curate physical prayer spaces
- Develop the basement and chapel spaces for creative worship

## **Community** *(working with the Prior)*

- Coordinate daily office, community days and special events
- Facilitate listening groups
- Facilitate community conversations
- Coordinate weekly house Worship

## **Hospitality** *(working with the House Manager)*

- Event organisation and logistics
- Community diary and rotas
- Creating welcoming and safe spaces
- Food preparation

## **Communications** *(working with the Sub Prior)*

- Social Media & website
- Capture the community story via image, film and word
- Develop alumni network
- Develop the Members area of the website

## **Other**

- Freedom to explore external missional opportunities and passions, such as interfaith dialogue, student work, social justice issues, Citizens UK, media and creative arts.
- Freedom to explore part-time work in Leicester

### **Cost:**

It costs £8,500 per residential member. Residents typically access funding from student finance, Church funding, personal support and/or personal giving. We ask you to give sacrificially and maximise your contribution towards this cost.

We do not want a lack of funding to be a barrier to anybody applying. We will help you to identify sources of financial support and do not expect every member to be able to make the same financial contribution. We also have a Support Fund.

What does this cost cover?

Accommodation (private bedroom), all food, council tax, utilities, study programme and small monthly allowance

It may be possible to combine this role with paid part-time work. We will work with each individual to find an agreement balancing personal contribution and Community contribution for food and accommodation.

If you have any questions please get in touch:

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