

The Community of Hopeweavers



Purpose, Values, Statement of Faith & Charism

Purpose

To advance the Christian Faith for the public benefit, in accordance with the doctrines of the Church of England mainly but not exclusively by:

- Providing sanctuary and creative space using Christian based resources for individuals, families and groups, of any faith or none, to engage in the ancient practice of stillness and silence.
- Providing a dispersed community, united through a common rhythm of life, which Christians from any denominations can join, should they want to include contemplative, monastic Christian practices as part of their Christian faith

Values

Christian love and acceptance of others, hospitality, simplicity, compassion, listening, sharing, sanctuary, creativity and encouragement

Statement of Faith

Made in the image of God, the Community Members are called to follow Jesus and live in the grace of the Holy Spirit. Members of the Community are taught, guided and inspired by the historic creeds and formularies of their own Christian traditions, seeking to be Christ centred disciples, living in the light of Scripture and the wisdom of the wider Christian Church.

Hopeweavers rhythm

The rhythm of the Community includes:

- the modelling of a commitment to a Rule of Life;
- the discipline of daily prayer based upon stillness and silence;
- both individually and corporately, the use of the Hopeweavers Daily Office and other appropriate forms of Daily Prayer; and
- involvement in Hopeweaver meetings and events.

Charism – Stillness, silence and creativity

- Jesus Christ is at the centre of the Community
- The Community values Christian traditions of prayer, discipline and obedience.
- We offer hospitality to those who come as guests on Quiet Days, retreats and other events.
- We encourage and value creativity as a way of responding to God.
- Some are called to support Hopeweavers through membership of the Community and commit to offer a range of gifts and together seek to offer sanctuary space accessible to all, which aims to weave hope into everyday lives.
- The Community strives through the ministry of Members to be a Community of missionary disciples.
- The Community holds a tradition of 'come and see' John 1:39 – all are welcome regardless of starting points and allegiances. Space is offered for folks to come to experience God themselves in stillness, and/ or to witness the experience of God within

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others with whom the space is shared. Many who come may say that they do not have a named faith or an involvement in a church.

- Some choose to make a commitment to be Members. This dispersed membership is supported by regular local or online group meetings which are led by a member.
- The Community models a way that encourages faith development, missional involvement both locally and nationally, and participation in a church or other worshipping community across a broad range of provision.
- Members minister in many places as clergy, pastors, artists, visitors to the sick, diocesan officers, nurses, teachers, doctors, or administrators and in many other roles to which they are guided by the Holy Spirit.