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***Why Ministry?***

Jesus said that He would be the One who would build His Church. He gave us the job of making disciples in His name. Sometimes we get it the other way around. The Kingdom of God is about Jesus’ rule being extended to the ends of the earth and His glory being revealed until all of creation comes under His Lordship. That is the assignment of the Church and the reason we do what we do…the good news is that we all have a part to play in seeing this happen! In Hope Church we state it like this:

***We want to see people moving Towards Jesus: ourselves*** *(in maturity),* ***our church*** *(in ministry)* ***and our world*** *(through mission).*

All of us can contribute, even in a small way, to what God is doing through His Body, the Church (see 1 Corinthians chapter 12). I am personally inviting you to join this great Kingdom adventure...if you haven’t already, I encourage you to find a way to serve God and serve others by using the unique mix of gifts, talents, personality and experiences He has given you.

This booklet isn’t exhaustive – there are many other areas of church life where you can serve (both in designated roles and spontaneous, informal ways). This booklet simply provides an opportunity to highlight some of the areas where there are currently opportunities to serve in teams or new positions that are being created. So please read prayerfully and ask God whether any of these roles might be for you.

Together in His service,



Damian Carr

(Pastor, Hope Church)

# *Basic Discipleship*

**Vision:**

To follow up new Christians, allowing the word of God to establish a firm foundation in their people’s lives, deepen their relationships with other Christians, and direct them on to the next step of their journey.

**Ministry Areas:**

* Small group discipleship

**Passions:**

* Seeing believers mature
* Discipleship

**Useful spiritual gifts:**

* Teaching
* Shepherding
* Leadership
* Encouragement

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# *Connect Team*

**Vision:**

To care for those on the periphery of church life, to help everybody feel cared for and to help people to become connected with others in a meaningful way, especially those new to the church.

**Ministry areas:**

* **Draw** alongside those who are feeling disconnected
* **During the week** – write cards, make phone calls, make hospital visits, home visits or offer practical assistance

**Passions:**

* Connecting people
* The hospitalised
* Fellowship

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# *Catering*

**Vision:**

To meet catering needs at church events; breakfasts, zone leader meetings, forums, parties, courses.

**Passions:**

* Hospitality
* Connecting people
* Fellowship

Essential: Must hold a food hygiene certificate.

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# *Communion*

Jesus’ last meal took place during Passover. He gave them bread and according to Matthew 26:26-28 it says (NKJV)

***26****And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed[*[*a*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+26%3A26-28&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-24081a)*] and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.”****27****Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you.****28****For this is My blood of the new[*[*b*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+26%3A26-28&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-24083b)*] covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.*

Once a month, we do this in remembrance of Him. This is an important part of the practice of Hope Church.

***Ministry Areas (expectations)***

We need someone or a small team to be responsible for preparing the communion on the first Sunday of the month.

***Time Commitment***

To arrive at 9.45 and fill the communion cups and bread baskets.

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*Adam Boud*

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# *Corby Foodbank*

***Vision:***

Are you caring? Are you helpful? Can you make a great cup of tea? If you have answered yes to these questions you could be just who we're looking for!

The foodbank is an outreach run by Hope church and, along with giving food to people in a crisis, we aim to give them hope, encouragement and share the love of God with them. We believe that what we do has the power to make an impact for the kingdom and be a strong witness for Christ in our town.

***Ministry Areas (Expectations):***

* Help set up the room.
* Be happy to help out in a practical way.
* Be on the lookout for ways to make people feel welcome.
* Friendly, smiling, hope-filled people needed.

***Time Commitment (one of the following):***

Monday 1.15-3pm Food bank session

Monday 10.30-12.30pm food sorting

Wednesday 10.30-12pm Foodbank session

Thursday 1.15-3pm Foodbank session

Friday 11.15-1.15pm foodbank session.

We ask that volunteers can commit to 1 session or more per week or per fortnight. Thankyou.

***Contact:***

*Louise Taylor (Foodbank Co-ordinator) Email info@corby.foodbank.org.uk, Tel: 01536 737588*

# *Family Life*

**Vision:**

Nurture - We want you to feel welcome and accepted. We will provide encouragement and guidance wherever you are on the journey of family life.

Disciple - We will provide opportunities for you to share life with others by spending time with one another, sharing experiences and showing acceptance to all.

Empower - Our aim is to give you the tools you need to face the good and the bad times. We want you to be equipped for the next challenge and to know that you are not alone.

Reach - We want to get to know you! Perhaps you have never been to a church before and so our aim is to connect you with others who are going through similar experiences.

**Ministry areas (expectations):**

* Parenting, marriage and faith in the family events and courses;
  + Group leader/facilitator
  + Set-up/set-down
  + Refreshments, catering and hospitality
  + Welcome/hosting
  + Administration
* Tiny Treasures (weekly group);
  + Set-up/Set-down
  + Refreshments
  + Welcome
  + Administration
  + Getting to know families/relationship building
* Special events such as Messy Church, holiday club, social events.

**Expected time commitment:**

Tiny Treasures – Every Monday 8:45am – 11am. Term time only.

Courses and events – at various times throughout the year. Monday evenings.

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# *Hope Kids*

**Vision:**

**Nurture** – we want every child to feel safe and valued. Relationships are at the heart of everything we do and our desire is for every child to have a deep sense of belonging to the Hope church family.

**Disciple** – we want every child to come to know God, to experience the love of Jesus and to be led and equipped by the Holy Spirit. We will provide solid Biblical teaching that will equip children for life.

**Empower** – we want every child to know their identity in Christ, to discover their God-given gifts and to feel comfortable asking questions and challenging faith.

**Reach** – we want every child to feel welcome and accepted. We will provide a fun environment and age-appropriate groups that children can easily engage with and enjoy.

**Ministry areas (expectations**):

* Hope Kids (Sunday) – group leaders and helpers
  + Tiny Treasures – Pre-school children (1 leader, 1/2 helpers)
  + Little Creations – Reception and Year 1 (1 leader, 2 helpers)
  + Firecrackers – Years 2, 3 and 4 (1 leader, 1 helper)
  + Transformers – Years 5 and 6 (1 leader, 1 helper)
* Special events such as Messy Church, holiday club, social events.
* Administration - Hope Kids Sunday registration team (team of 3)
* Set-up/set-down.

**Expected time commitment:**

Group leaders and helpers – arrive at 9:50am for set-up and prayer before the service. Leave the service for groups at 11.20am. Set-down after the service and finish by 1pm.

Registration team – begin registration at 10am and finish at 10.50am.

Minimum commitment of 1 Sunday per month.

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# *Life Group Leaders*

**Vision:**

To provide a small-group environment where people can experience genuine community and real spiritual growth

**Ministry Areas:**

* Leading/Hosting a Life Group

**Passions:**

* Discipleship
* Connecting people
* Relational harmony
* Fellowship

***Contact:***

*Damian Carr (Life Group Co-ordinator)*

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# *Media*

***Vision:***

**Providing a good quality media output that effectively supports and enhances Hope church services.**

Do you like working with IT and have a flair for media? We use a bespoke presentation software package to project the worship slides and other media on a Sunday. We also use software to record the sermon on a Sunday.  Using the software and handling the laptop is relatively simple. if you are interested in joining the team, full training will be given on how to set-up and "drive" the software. Another member of the team will sit with you on a Sunday until you felt comfortable to go solo.

**Ministry Areas (expectations)**

* Prepare worship slides and other media presentations prior to services;
* Set-up laptop, projector connection and cabling;
* Recording sermons;
* Set-down equipment post service.

**Expected Time Commitment:**

* Approximately one hour on either Friday or Saturday to upload worship lyrics to laptop. Format slides and import videos etc.
* Arrive at 10am on Sunday morning to set-up, test and be ready for the start of the service.
* "Drive" the worship slides and other media items during Sunday service.
* Power down systems, save audio files and set-down after the service
* Other occasions may be needed for media presentation or audio recording such as baptisms, conferences etc.

***Contact:***

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# *Stewards*

***Vision:***

To be an expression of the love of our Lord Jesus Christ as we welcome people to church and enable them to feel comfortable and in tune to worship God in Spirit and truth.

***Ministry Areas (expectations)***

* Support with ensuring everyone gets a comfortable seat.
* making allowance for families with young children and buggies
* making allowance for people with disabilities, wheelchairs and mobility equipment
* Awareness of health and safety, ensuring fire exits are not blocked.
* Support with welcoming newcomers
* Support with collecting the offering.
* Supporting the pastoral team and elders with any task, as required, to ensure a smooth church service.

***Expected time/commitment***

Arrive at 10am and finish after church offering is collected and occasionally when there is an additional task (such as helping to pass handouts or booklets)

Commit to two Services per month with the intention that this will reduce to once a month, as the team grows.

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# *Prayer Ministry*

***Vision:***

To minister to people in partnership with the Holy Spirit in the context of prayer

***Ministry areas***

* **Sunday prayer ministry** – praying as a pair with people during or after a service
* **Midweek prayer ministry** – praying as a pair with people in their homes
* **PrayerNet Team** – forwarding prayer requests as they come in to a small group of people
* **PrayerNet Members**- praying for needs as requests come through

***Passions:***

* Crisis intervention
* Helping hurting adults
* Reaching unbelievers

***Useful spiritual gifts:***

* Intercession
* Encouragement
* Faith
* Evangelism
* Word of knowledge
* Word of wisdom
* Healing
* Miracles
* Mercy
* Prophecy

***Contact:***

*Lynn Bower (PrayerNet Co-ordinator)*

*Rachel Small (Midweek prayer ministry co-ordinator)*

*David and Sheilagh Smith (Prayer Ministry Leaders)*

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# *Refreshments and Hospitality*

***Vision:***

* To facilitate serving others by being a hospitable and committed team member, making others feel welcomed and valued after a Sunday morning service and occasional hours at other events as able.

**Ministry Areas (expectations);**

* Serving beverages and snacks to members & visitors of Hope Church
* Clearing away afterwards

**Expected Time Commitment;**

Arrive 12:15pm in the restaurant (15mins prior to the end of service) for 1 and half hours on a 4 weekly team rota basis each month.

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# *Set-up/Set-down*

***Vision:***

To help create the best possible worship environment for our Sunday gatherings.

**Ministry areas (expectations):**

**Set-up**

* Arriving at 9am to unload the storage cupboard
* Setting-up pull-up banners and outdoor signs/flags
* Delivering boxes, worship flags and offering baskets to designated places
* Moving tables – setting up the restaurant area and kids registration desk
* Ensuring small details are noticed – curtains around hall are neat, door stops are holding doors open, rows of chairs are straight

**Set-down**

* Packing away pull-up banners, outdoor signs/flags, boxes etc. and returning them back to the storage cupboard
* Putting tables back in place
* Ensuring storage cupboard is neat and tidy for midweek users

**Useful spiritual gifts**

* Helps
* Hospitality

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# *Street Pastors*

***Vision:***

**Street Pastors** is to be a light in the darkness for the night time community in Corby. Not through preaching at people, but by demonstrating God’s love through practical means, Caring, Listening and Helping those we meet. We aim to build relationships through working alongside local agencies, such as the Northamptonshire Police and Corby Borough Council, and to gain the trust of local businesses. Together we can meet the Christian and social needs of our community. We want to see the Church as One Family, with its many varied backgrounds and denominations, working together as one, to impact the community and make a difference for both young and old.

***Ministry areas (expectations):***

* Handing out space blankets to those cold, flip flops to clubbers, unable to walk home in their high-heeled foot wear and to giving out water and lollies for energy, to vulnerable persons.
* Street Pastors remove bottles and other potential weapons from the streets, in order to discourage violence and vandalism.

Street Pastors currently focus on the “night time economy” – young people (and not so young ones!) who are out on the streets having left pubs and clubs, often very much the worse for wear. It is important to remember that “The role of Street Pastors is not about preaching heaven or hell, but one of Caring, Listening and Helping…”.

**Street Pastors undergo extensive training**; are committed members of a Christian fellowship/church; are recommended by their Church Leader; undergo a DBS check; are over 18. There is no upper age limit!

**Street Pastors will complete 8 training sessions** spread over a year, covering subjects including The Good News, Local Area Familiarization, Drugs and Alcohol, Youth Culture, Conflict Management, Counselling and Basic First-aid training..

**Currently meeting at Saint John Church, in Corby Old Village, Corby** Street Pastors commit to one to two Saturdays per month of their time. Teams are made up of a minimum of three members, meet for prayer and fellowship, before going out onto the streets of Corby and Corby Old Village. The shifts are ideally set to cover the “night-time economy” hours of 11pm to 3am.

**Street Pastors are also supported by 'Prayer Partners'**, who do not patrol but who provide support to street pastors by praying for them and sometimes keep in touch with them by mobile phone.

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# *Sound*

***Vision:***

To work closely with the Worship team and Media team to provide audio support on Sundays and other events

***Ministry Areas (expectations):***

* Set up sound desk and cabling prior to gatherings
* Live audio mixing during services and events

***Useful spiritual gifts:***

* Helps

***Contact:***

*No leader at present*

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# *Tech Team*

***Vision:***

Passionate about enabling people to hear the good news of Jesus via technology.

Are you interested in being involved in one of the newest areas of church outreach?

***Ministry areas (expectations):***

* We need people to help live stream the Sunday Service
* To record and create content for the Facebook page
* And to explore the endless opportunities the 21st Century has.

***Useful spiritual gifts***

* Helps
* Hospitality

*There is no leader at present, if this is something you would be willing to lead, or be a part of, please contact us.*

***Contact:***

*Adam Boud*

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# *Welcome*

***Vision:***

To ensure that everyone who walks into a Hope Church gathering at either location is given a warm welcome

***Passions:***

* Being friendly
* Making people feel welcome

***Useful spiritual gifts:***

* Encouragement
* Hospitality
* Mercy

***Ministry areas (expectations)***

* As a team member you will be committing to serving once a month (more if you wish) before church on a Sunday.

***Expected time commitment***

Half an hour on a Sunday.

Please note that you will need to be at church by 10.00am on the Sundays that you are serving.

***Contact:***

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# *Worship*

***Vision:***

To point the church towards Jesus through sung worship.

***Ministry Areas (expectations)***

* Available to be on the worship team for the Sunday services and willing to sign up for other worship events during both weekends and weekdays as and when needed.
* Compulsory attendance to the first Thursday of every month 'Team Practice' and to attend other Thursday practices when on the team the following Sunday.

***Expected time commitment:***

Thursday Practice times - 8pm - 10pm

Sunday set up and sound check 9.30am - 10.15am when on the team

Sunday service - 10.30am - end of service pack down

Monthly Encounter evenings (3rd Sunday each month)  - when on team - 7.30 - 9.30pm

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# *Youth*

***Vision:***

In Hope-4-Youth we aim to encourage young people to **HONOUR** God with their lives and encounter Him in a life transforming way. We encourage them to **CONNECT** with each other and we aim to **EQUIP** them to step out in serving God and the church. We challenge them to **A WALK** with God that is radical and faithful and to **REACH** out to the World around them as a revival generation.

***Ministry areas:***

* Hope-4-Youth (Sundays)
* Impact Youth Life Group (Wednesdays)
* Sleep-overs
* Soul Survivor (camping)
* Outreach events
* Chill-out café (Wednesday non-school term)
* Perspective Trust (Christian schools work)

***Passions:***

* Young people

***Useful spiritual gifts:***

* **For youth** – any!
* **Group leaders** – Leadership, Shepherding, Teaching, Encouragement, Discernment, Faith, Creative communication
* **Group helpers** – Encouragement, Helps, Creative communication

Team members do not have to help in all these areas. Helping on a Sunday is a good place to start and all team members are required to go through an application process including DBS check by Hope Church. Team members do not necessarily have to teach up front.

***Contact:***

*Faye Harris (Ministry leader)*

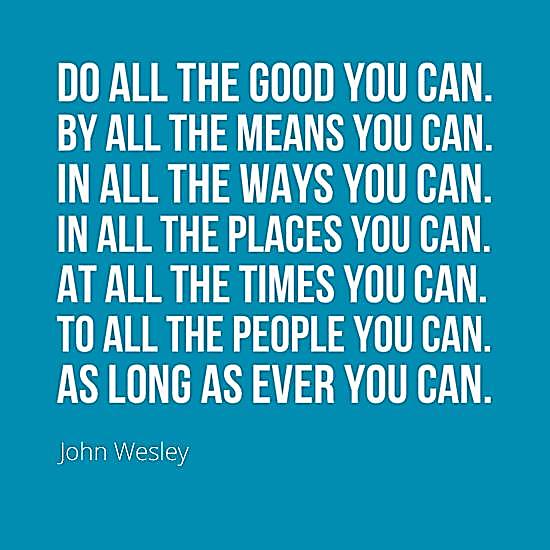
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A word from your Pastor

Not all spiritual gifts are best expressed through being part of one of our ministry teams. Some gifts (such as apostleship, healing, tongues, interpretation of tongues, miracles, words of knowledge, words of wisdom etc.) may have more general applications. If you would like to know how some of these gifts can best be expressed in the life of Hope Church, please speak to your Life Group pastor or a member of the Eldership.

If you have a combination of gifts, passions and personal styles that are not expressed through the above teams we would love you to discuss with us how you can best express who God made you to be. If there are ministries that are not already represented in Hope Church, but that you are passionate about, we would be interested to hear your ideas. Of course, it is important to seek God’s will and timing in setting-up new ministries, so it won’t always be possible to accommodate every suggestion.

We would welcome any suggestions of how we could better serve one-another and reach out beyond the church family in Jesus’ name.





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