

THE GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION

APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP

If you are committed to the Mission as your local church, we would encourage you to express this by applying formally to become a member of the church. This will help to clarify your expectations of pastoral support from the church, and our expectations of your involvement in the life of the church. Please talk with the Pastor or any of us on the leadership team if you have any questions about becoming a member.

If you decide you want to apply for membership, and you are not already a member of The Good Shepherd Mission charity, please complete the accompanying form, 'Application for Church and Charity membership.'

If you are on the register of existing members of the charity, you will need to complete the 'church membership only' form. If you are not sure which form to complete, please speak with our administrator, Mike Mitchell.

Church membership will also confer the right to vote at Annual General Meetings and other formal meetings of 'The Good Shepherd Mission' registered charity.

If your application is approved by the church leadership, you will therefore be both a member of the church fellowship and of 'The Good Shepherd Mission' charity.

THE CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM ARE:

Pastor: Vincent Buchanan; **Outreach Manager:** David Bishop; **Chairman:** Simon Martin; **Treasurer:** Andrew Wright;
Other members: Pauline Brennan, Mike Gough, Julia Moody.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

1. Walk Daily With Jesus Individually.

This involves:

- Belief in the basic truths of the Christian gospel
- Seeking to grow in spiritual maturity
- Acting with love towards others
- Living holy lives
- Sharing the gospel individually

2. Submit to his Lordship collectively.

Jesus calls those who follow him to be part of a local community of believers. Together we will focus our attention on the teaching God has given us in the Bible, and will worship God by submitting to his Lordship over our lives as a congregation.

This involves:

- Meeting together regularly
- Building accountable relationships with each other
- Praying together
- Being baptised
- Sharing in communion regularly
- Giving financially
- Serving the church
- Spiritual oversight

3. To make Jesus known locally.

Making Jesus known locally involves committing to sharing in the outreach work of the church.

This involves:

- Prayer
- Giving priority to the outreach work of the Mission

A fuller explanation of this statement is available on request

OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in:

1. The one true God who lives eternally in three persons -the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
2. The love, grace and sovereignty of God in creating, sustaining, ruling, redeeming and judging the world.
3. The divine inspiration and supreme authority of the Old and New Testament Scriptures, which are the written Word of God -fully trustworthy for faith and conduct.
4. The dignity of all people, made male and female in God's image to love, be holy and care for creation, yet corrupted by sin, which incurs divine wrath and judgement.
5. The incarnation of God's eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ -born of the virgin Mary; truly divine and truly human, yet without sin.
6. The atoning sacrifice of Christ on the cross: dying in our place, paying the price of sin and defeating evil, so reconciling us with God.
7. The bodily resurrection of Christ, the first fruits of our resurrection; his ascension to the Father, and his reign and mediation as the only Saviour of the world.
8. The justification of sinners solely by the grace of God through faith in Christ.
9. The ministry of God the Holy Spirit, who leads us to repentance, unites us with Christ through new birth, empowers our discipleship and enables our witness.
10. The Church, the body of Christ both local and universal, the priesthood of all believers -given life by the Spirit and endowed with the Spirit's gifts to worship God and proclaim the gospel, promoting justice and love.
11. The personal and visible return of Jesus Christ to fulfil the purposes of God, who will raise all people to judgement, bring eternal life to the redeemed and eternal condemnation to the lost, and establish a new heaven and new earth.

The Evangelical Alliance statement

CHARITY OBJECTIVES

The Charity's objectives as set out in the Mission's constitution are:

- The advancement, proclamation and furtherance of the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs set out in the Schedule hereto in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets and elsewhere in the United Kingdom or the world;
- The relief of persons in conditions of poverty, need or other hardship, or who are aged or sick in the said Borough or elsewhere in the United Kingdom or the world;
- The advancement of Christian public education in the said Borough or elsewhere in the United Kingdom or the world;
- The undertaking and fulfilling of such other charitable purposes for the benefit of the community in the said Borough or elsewhere in the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees shall determine.

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APPLICATION FOR CHURCH AND CHARITY MEMBERSHIP

I apply to become a member of The Good Shepherd Mission, and confirm that I subscribe to the church's Mission Statement and Statement of Faith, and the Charity's objects as set out in the membership leaflet. Should the Charity be wound up whilst I am a member, I undertake to contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £10) towards its debts.

TITLE	FULL NAME
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ADDRESS
POSTCODE

PHONE	EMAIL
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SIGNATURE	DATE
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PLEASE RETURN FORM TO:
The Administrator
The Good Shepherd Mission
17 Three Colts Lane, London, E2 6JL

DATE MEMBERSHIP APPROVED (LEAVE BLANK)
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