

WHAT IS THE HOPE TEAM?

Acts 2:42-45 gives us a breath-taking picture of the power of the local church. Those first believers were devoted to the apostles' teaching, breaking of bread, prayer and fellowship. But it wasn't just the "spiritual" stuff, it was the mundane, the every-day too. They made sure there was no need amongst them.

At The Gateway Church, we believe a church full of the Spirit and full of compassion is a powerful agent for changing the lives of local people. The early church demonstrates this, as do church movements throughout history.

We'd love you to be involved in the Hope Team - a loose collective of people who are part of The Gateway Church and want to make a difference in the lives of those around them.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

We'd like you to do the following:

Pledge - On the other side of this leaflet is a response sheet. We'd like you to ask yourself this: "what can I do to help others?" This might be something as practical as cooking a meal for family going through illness or something as simple as going round to a person's house when they're feeling lonely. Or you might have a specialist area of expertise that could benefit the church - counselling skills, help with disability forms, DIY skills and so on. Whatever your gifts are, we want to use them.

Participate - We'll collate this information and form groups of people who can visit others, provide meals, pray, and so on. You'll receive emails every so often asking for help when there is a need - please participate if you're able.

Pray - We can't do any of this without God's help. So please pray for those you are helping, pray for others around you, and let's see what God can do through us.

WHAT ABOUT THE FUTURE?

We'd love to expand the Hope Team so that the church makes a big impact in the community around us. We are surrounded by people who are hurting, in one form or another - once we are used to ministering to each other in this way, we'll look at how we can best serve King's Lynn, full of God's grace and compassion.

Thank you for being part of this exciting team!

RESPONSE SHEET

NAME: _____
EMAIL: _____
TEL: _____

I am interested in helping others in the church in the following way(s):

Care / Hospitality parcels: for example, items towards a welcome pack for a new arrival to Kings Lynn

Financial help: money towards essential items for people in need

Meals: cooking an evening meal for someone

Household / DIY help: garden clearance, painting, decorating

Help with day-to-day tasks: shopping, getting out and about

Babysitting: for someone with children

Daytime
Evening

Prayer: for someone who is unwell or in need

Remotely
In person

Visiting: someone who is lonely, unwell or feeling down

Daytime
Evening

Giving lifts: to church, hospital, appointments

Church
Elsewhere

Anything else: please use this space to tell us about any specialist skills or gifts you have that might help others.