

Thinking about pastoral care...

We'd love you to volunteer to support the pastoral care of Seven Saints, even if it's just once or accompanying someone else.

Fill in your details below and hand it to one of our Church Leaders or Wardens and our Pastoral Coordinator will contact you to shortly to discuss your availability.

Your details:

Name: _____ Church: _____

Phone: _____ DOB: _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Home address: _____

Number of visits interested in doing per year:

only 1 up to 6 up to 12 (Please circle)

Skills you already have (tick boxes):

Listening

Praying (or reading a prayer off a prayer card)

Signposting (finding out where expert help can be found)

Have my own transport (if not, we might be able to offer you transport)

Other skills: _____

Tick here if you would be interested in the Pastoral Training Session (detailed below)

Tick here if you would prefer to accompany someone when doing a pastoral visit

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If you would appreciate care or know someone who would, contact one of our Church Leaders or Wardens and our Pastoral Coordinator or Clergy will be in touch.

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Pastoral Care at Seven Saints

As part of being a family, the Seven Saints Team is committed to supporting pastoral care in our parish to those who attend our churches and also reaching out into our community.

Pastoral care is about caring for the whole person. The Bible talks about “shalom wellbeing” health in all its fulness -physical, mental, social and spiritual.

As we grow up in a family, caring for each other is something we not only appreciate receiving, but something we learn to give.



What pastoral care is available?

Need a home or hospital/care-home visit?

If someone is unwell, on their own or struggling with mental and emotional health, debt, poverty, family issues

Want to be added to the prayer chain at Church?

In confidence or for the Church Prayer Chain to be praying for you and your situation

Need help finding some expert advice?

Care for the elderly, Debt advice, Relationship advice, Bereavement, Unemployment, Benefits advice, Poverty assistance, Faith advice

Check our “What’s On” section of our website to see details of groups like Friendly Hour senior citizens group.

How can I support pastoral care?

Can you give some time to offer a helping hand?

Doing even just one visit to someone in our church who is isolated due to health can make a huge difference.

Often our own life experiences can be really helpful when we are listening to others. It’s an amazing feeling when we see we’ve made a difference for someone too.

Can you offer practical help?

Giving a pastoral visitor a lift (who doesn’t have transport) to and from a home can enable them to care for others and be involved in ministry.

There are lots of other practical jobs from cutting grass to coordinating volunteers which might be a way to use your gifts in the wider pastoral care ministry at Seven Saints.

Jesus said... ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’ Matthew 25:45

Training session in basic pastoral care

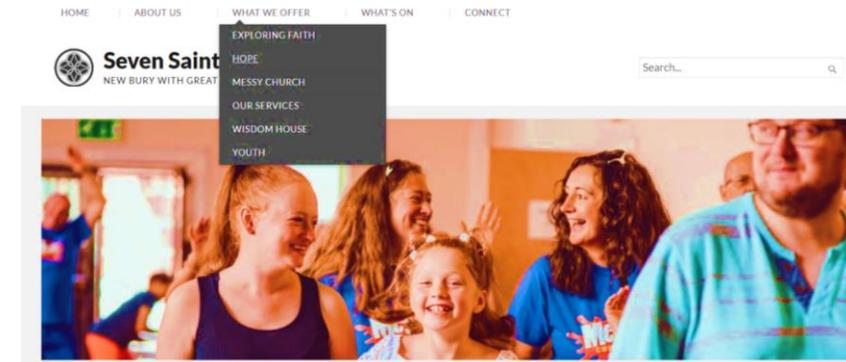
A pastoral training session aims to give you a basic overview of good practice when visiting someone who is unwell or struggling with their wellbeing. It would cover listening skills, safeguarding, basic signposting to expert services, how to pray for someone using a prayer card and a copy of the Fit4Life booklet that provides information on wellbeing.

What is Hope for Life?

Hope for Life is our response to significant and rising levels of need in our community including food poverty.

We are developing our support with the [Trussell Trust Foodbank in Farnworth](#) and the [Storehouse Pantry at the UCAN Centre in our parish](#), both of which identify families who need food.

We support those in need throughout our community because we follow Jesus’ example; we support families whatever their beliefs might be. We don’t think that support should come with strings attached.



There are many obstacles to our wellbeing; physical, mental, social and spiritual. Seven Saints stands on the shoulders of generations of Christian men and women, aiming to support, inspire and unite people across our community and beyond. We are also excited about making a greater impact by connecting with wider churches across our region with [Bolton 2030](#). See our website “What we offer–Hope” section for more information.