

# CHURCH WITH WARMTH INITIATIVES

## 1. PROVIDING WARM SPACES AT EMMANUEL

### 1.1 Warm cafe

We plan to run a **Warm Space Cafe** in the Watney Room between 08:45 and 17:00 on a Friday.

4 local churches are running Warm space on Monday to Thursday, and our cafe will ensure that safe, warm spaces are available every day of the week in the local area, serving free coffee, tea and soup and rolls for lunch.

Starting at 08.45 enables us to be available to parents dropping children at St Peter's School and we will use the "Renew Cafe" branding and principles to provide a space of welcome, love and care.

### 1.2 Warm work-spaces

Using the Emmanuel Centre (Rooms F3 and F4) we plan to have 10-15 bookable work-spaces that enable people to "work@home", with free coffee and tea available throughout the working day.

**To make this work, we require people to:**

- Cafe and Warm work-space co-ordinators and
- Volunteers to host both warm spaces

## 2. TRAINING AND EQUIPPING EMMANUEL MEMBERS

We plan to equip Emmanuel members to be ready to serve in a variety of ways over the coming weeks, including:

1. Engaging with the neighbours in your street as a **Street Ambassador**, to understand the needs of our community and providing first line care.
2. **Debt advisor support** with Christians Against Poverty - video link 1 min 54 secs - <https://www.cinnamonnetwork.co.uk/cap-debt-help/> to help local churches provide sustainable solutions to anyone dealing with unmanageable debt
3. **Life skills facilitator** with Christians Against Poverty - video link 1 min 44 secs - <https://www.cinnamonnetwork.co.uk/cap-life-skills/> to help give people the life skills to survive on a low income e.g. household bills, eating well for less, making good decisions and relationship skills, members will be able to live better and look forward to a brighter future

4. **Job clubs** with Christians Against Poverty - video link 1 min 48 sec - <https://www.cinnamonnetwork.co.uk/cap-job-clubs/> to help provide a warm welcoming environment for job seekers. Job Club build the confidence, self-esteem and optimism which are essential in the job search process as well as vital skills such as interview and CV writing skills.
5. **Money Course** with Christians Against Poverty - to help people take control of your finances so you can budget, save and help prevent debt.
6. **Mental first Aid Training course** - 4 half days on Zoom to help provide first line support to those who are struggling with Mental health, joining a national network
7. **Renew Cafe Training** - to help establish holistic support within the Warm Space cafe.

**If you would like to be involved in these courses and events**, Emmanuel will provide the financial support for you to be involved, trained and equipped to support.

### **3. SUPPORTING EXISTING EMMANUEL MINISTRIES**

Emmanuel operates several existing ministries which are particularly important at this time. Demand for these ministries is increasing, and there is a need for additional support, including:

1. **Selam** - an English language class for women, run by women. It is a warm, friendly, informal class for all abilities. It meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays during term-time in Emmanuel Centre between 10:00 and 11:30.
2. **Homeless support** - over the years the Floating Shelter has moved across the borough between churches from night to night between November to March - "Offering hope to the homeless through faith in action". Post the pandemic the Shelter is seeking to work through how best to continue to support the homeless.
3. **Refugee support** - we seek to be a church that supports refugees, finding innovative and creative ways to be a place of unconditional welcome, through hosting, meals, and ad-hoc support
4. **Foodbank** - we seek to feed the hungry by supporting local foodbanks. Foodbanks are experiencing an increase in demand whilst the provision of food is decreasing. .

**If you would like to be involved in supporting these existing ministries**, they each would value additional support and input at this challenging time.

**If you are interested in helping on any of the above or want to discuss it further, please email Matt King at [25mattking@gmail.com](mailto:25mattking@gmail.com)**