

Is it for me?

Almost certainly the answer is 'Yes' but unfortunately there are a few limitations... Please note that this document covers both the ways of belonging. Where the answer is slightly different for Integrated or Immersive, we indicate in bold.

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1. Age

You need to be between the age of 20 and 35 on 1 September of the year you would join the community.

2. Relationship Status?

Integrated members can be single, in a couple or married. If you are in a relationship you will need to apply along with your partner.

Immersive members can be single or married. If you are married, you will need to apply along with your partner.

Why? Because allot will happen during the year and we have found that you need to be in it together even if much of the work is individual.

3. Children & families

Integrated: We ask that couples apply together, but we can't offer childcare, so you will need to consider in advance how you will manage family life alongside your commitments to community. Do contact us to talk if you are unsure.

Immersive: Because of space limitations within the Palace it is not possible to accommodate families with children.

4. Cost

We don't charge a fee to join. It's important to stress that we don't want a lack of funding to be a barrier to anybody applying. We will work with you to raise funds and don't expect every member to be able to raise the full amount of their costs. We do encourage you to contribute as much as you can.

The costs to run the community (including all community engagement from September to the end of June) for each **Immersive**: £23,000, **Integrated**: £3,600.

5. Am I Christian enough?

Being a part of the community is a major step in life. It requires a level of Christian maturity to live, study, pray and volunteer alongside a group of other people. Aspects of the year will be demanding so a clear commitment to your faith is an essential requirement. This would normally mean that you have been baptised (but this should not be a barrier so do contact us to talk further if you are unsure).

6. Could my health be a barrier?

We want the Community to be open to those with various physical or mental health challenges. We'd be happy to talk about the ways in which any condition you have may be managed to enable you to participate in community life.

7. Openness to others

The Community is fully ecumenical – you'll meet, worship with and pray alongside people from many different traditions and Christian backgrounds. It's vital that you have an openness to learning from other Christians. We don't want you to change your denomination or church affiliation, but we will ask you to put yourself outside of your comfort zone.

8. Getting 'stuck in'

One of the most important traits we're looking for in Community members is a willingness to join in with whatever is happening. Whether it's the cleaning tasks or taking part in Cathedral worship, we want to give 100 per cent to God and to each other. This doesn't mean you need to be an extrovert, but it does mean we're looking for people who will throw themselves into every aspect of Community life with everything they've got.

9. What about work?

Immersive members will be fulltime in community life and therefore there will be no time for other work (you will spend time serving in charities).

Integrated members would normally be already in the UK or have the right to work in the UK. This way of belonging is designed to enable those in work already to join in with community life.