



# Bridge & Partners



GROW | CONNECT | SERVE | GIVE

*They called to their partners to come  
and help them with the catch of fish*

Luke 5:7

## WHY PARTNER?

As we move forward, we are inviting people to partner with us in building his kingdom and fulfilling our call as local church.

The biblical concept of partnership is for church to stand together in difficulties, join together in fellowship, and move together in unity and fight together in the battle, as we seek to advance the Kingdom of God. When we all stand together in partnership, our individual anointing, gifts, calling, and mission combine and become one. Partnership is recognition that we are in covenant relationship with God and with each other.

The word of God puts great emphasis on believers meeting together, being one and functioning as a 'family. The local church is the place where you will be fed spiritually, cared for, nurtured, and equipped for service. The local church also provides a 'covering' and a 'back-up' for all who venture out into ministry.

We are all collectively responsible for the fulfilment of Gods plan for us as a local church. Church is not about meetings but community. It's our identity not our name!

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**Firstly**, partners intentionally commit to personal spiritual growth and development. The goal of every partner, in all areas of life, is to 'become like the Son and glorify the Father'. An ever-deepening love for God is at the heart of our calling in Christ, and the motivation for everything we do.

**Secondly**, partners are fully connected to church family, gatherings, and activities. Partners understand they are in covenant with each other, and as such, have a responsibility to build deep relational networks within the church, and create a genuine sense of family and community where we care and support each other.

**Thirdly**, partners are joyful givers into the house! As stakeholders in the vision, they wholeheartedly support the church financially, and with other resources. The biblical principle of tithing is a great starting point, but we do not get legalistic about percentages. A better term is 'covenant giving' which actually frees us up to give more. We give out of passion not obligation.

**Fourthly**, partners get involved in serving the church vision. This is both inward, in serving the church ministries and events, and outward, in active mission and evangelism. Modern life is hectic and very full, but serving was exemplified by Jesus, and is a core value for our partners. The more we pull together the more we can accomplish.

## **PROMISE OF PARTNERSHIP**

**I recognise** that God has placed me in The Bridge that I might grow and mature spiritually and find and fulfil Gods purposes in my life.

**I will passionately** regard The Bridge as my 'Spiritual Home' and to make it my priority to support church meetings, to join with my spiritual family in a celebration of worship, communion, and Gods word. I will always endeavour to come with a desire to bless and encourage others, not just seek a blessing for myself.

**I make it my aim** to be passionate about God and his plans for the church and will continually pray for the church and its leaders.

**I regard myself** as a fellow worker in God's kingdom and co-responsible for the building up of the church. I will seek to support the vision and the ministry of the church with all my strength, and will commit my talents, spiritual gifts, time, tithes and offerings for this purpose. I will adopt a servant's heart and seek wherever possible to get fully involved in supporting the events and functions planned by the church.

**I will endeavour** not to: -

- Condemn, criticise, or speak evil of others.
- Be negative in thought, word, or deed.
- Be envious or jealous of others.
- Hurt or do anything to harm others in the church.
- Be selfish or self-seeking.

**I will make** it my goal to: -

- Love others with the same love that Jesus has for me.
- Treat all in the church with respect and honour.
- Be an encourager to all in the church, building them up in the faith.
- Be an example in forgiveness, love, truth, and grace.
- Pray for one another continually and be considerate to their needs.
- Be a bearer of others burdens and a sharer in their joys and success.
- Develop true friendships with others in the church.
- Passionately preserve the unity of the body and not be a weapon that breaks it.

**I will make it my business** to be friendly to all guests and visitors who enter the church and endeavour to ensure they feel welcome and accepted. I will always seek to enlarge the family by seeking to bring others to the Lord Jesus Christ.

## OVER TO YOU

Now it's over to you! If you are a follower of Jesus, and want to join us in our goal to build an exciting and relevant church that makes a real difference in the world then all you have to do is pray and if you feel God has put you here to be part of that process then fill in the return slip and return it to Chris, or any one of the leaders.

### Summary of Partnership Expectations

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- GROW: Commitment to personal spiritual growth and development. A demonstration of a lifestyle that is consistent with, and reflects Biblical values for life and faith.
- CONNECT: Regular and passionate joining together with others in church Sunday morning meetings, small groups, and other relational dynamics that support and grow the sense of community within the church.
- SERVE: Involvement in ministry and service within the church, and in our outreach and mission to the community, and wider world around us
- GIVE: Scriptural and joyful financial support to the church through grace giving based on the tithing principle as a minimum.



To enquire/apply about becoming a partner please fill in the card inside OR use the **QR code provided and fill in your details.**

For more information call the office on 0208 505 50a01 or email on [office@thebridgechurch.org.uk](mailto:office@thebridgechurch.org.uk)

**(Just point your phone camera at the QR code and it will take you to the partnership form)**