

# HOPE MISSIONAL COMMUNITY COMMUNITY FAQs

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These are our missional community rules, written as easy-to-read FAQs. These rules are for everyone who comes along to agree to and abide by, as we gather to live like family on mission together, in Jesus' name. These 'house rules' apply, regardless of whether we yet believe in Him or follow Him.

**What's a 'bring and share' meal?**

If you're asked to bring something to a 'bring and share' meal, please try to bring something to eat or drink. The community depends on everyone working together for the common good. Healthy, fresh and home-made food is especially welcome. Please do not feel you have to spend money; bring what you already have. Even a glass of cold water given in Jesus' name is of great value (Matthew 10:42).

**Can I invite my friends?**

Yes, but please do not invite total strangers. If there is someone who you think might benefit, please meet them one-to-one first and get to know them over a reasonable period of time, before inviting them to the group. If in any doubt, as a leader first.

**I'm not yet a Christian, do I have to join in with prayer and other Christian content?**

No, but we do ask you to respect that this is a Christian-led community, so please respect these times and those who are sharing. Missional community is a great place to ask questions, but it is not a place to argue openly or mock people's Christian beliefs.

**What about confidentiality?**

In missional community there's lots of time to learn each other's stories and ask good questions. If you get into a conversation where you hear someone else's story, please respect that this is their story to tell, not yours, so don't gossip about what you have heard. What is shared privately remains private. What is shared publicly remains public. It's as simple as that.

**Do I have to 'muck in'?**

Please do come willing to serve by getting things ready, joining in activities, clearing up, washing up, and generally preferring other people's needs over your own.

**Can I bring my dog?**

Yes, if it is well behaved and good natured. We reserve the right to say no if it's not working with the people we have coming, or with other dogs.

**Can I smoke?**

Yes, outdoors, but only regular tobacco and vaping. Please be discreet and move away from non-smokers, as you would in any other public venue.

**Can I take drugs?**

No, not under any circumstances. Not Class A, B or C. No weed or anything – ever. Sorry, that's just the way it has to be. Regular prescription and over-the-counter medicine is fine, of course.

**Can I drink alcohol?**

There may be a few times when a small amount of alcohol is available, but usually missional community is alcohol-free, as we want to be sensitive to those for whom this might be an issue. Drunkenness will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

**What about safeguarding children?**

A missional community is a hostile place for anyone seeking to infiltrate our ranks and groom children or adults who are in a vulnerable situation. In missional community you will be asked lots of questions about your life story by lots of different people. If you want to go incognito, and have a false motive, missional community is not a good idea for you. Honestly, we value being a trusted family so highly, we will literally throw the book at anyone who seeks to cause harm to any one of us, in any way.

**Do I have to open my home to the missional community?**

No. But you are welcome to offer if you wish. We realise that not every is able to do this, at least initially. But the movement depends on a growing network of people practicing Christian hospitality.