

North East – Brierley | Hemsworth | Monk Bretton | Ryhill | Staincross

South – Hoyland & Birdwell | Darfield Wesley | Great Houghton | Pilley | Wombwell

North West - Buckley | Dodworth | Emmanuel | Higham | Kexborough

Volunteering Outline - Role Description

Volunteer Role Title: Prayer Group Leader

Location: Barnsley Methodist Circuit

Responsible to & supported by: Ministers, Lay Workers, & Church & Chapel representatives

What is a Prayer Group Leader?

The Prayer Group meets regularly for prayer through word, silence, and/or activity. This is usually done face-to-face, online via Zoom.

A Prayer Group Leader is a person who is responsible for organising and leading the meetings, ensuring a suitable space is available/booked, necessary resources available and everyone feels welcome, respected, valued & included on the day.

Skills Required

- Communication Skills
- Friendliness
- Enthusiasm
- Ability to work within a team
- Ability to lead/participate in extemporary prayer

Time / Commitment Required

- 15 minutes setting up before the event
- Duration of meeting 45 minutes
- 15-30 minutes post session for tidying up and conversation

The role of a prayer group leader

- People are made welcome and feel able to engage with the session as they are able.
- (Where necessary) ensure material is prepared before meeting.
- Ensure safeguarding concerns are logged and reported appropriately.
- Lead prayer and offer others opportunity to pray.
- Arrange future meetings.

What requirements are needed to fulfil the role of a discipleship group leader?

- As a minimum - Completion of the Foundation module: Creating Safer Space: Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Course which takes approx. 2-3 hours (every 4 years) & passing on any observed or communicated concerns or worries relating to any person attending the group to the Pastoral Lay Worker, Safeguarding officer and / or minister.

- A satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure from the Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) (every 5 years) – volunteers will be asked to provide all relevant documents for these checks. There is no cost to the volunteer for this check.
- Recommended but not compulsory - completion of the EDI (Equality, Diversity & Inclusion) Training Course.
- Recommended but not compulsory - completion of the Unconscious Bias training.

This role outline was approved by Barnsley Circuit Meeting on 17th September 2026 and will be reviewed annually.

Please refer to the Circuit website for contact details of all chapel Leadership Teams, Church Council members, Circuit Meeting representatives & Circuit Leadership Team members.