

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Our basis of faith is the fundamental truths of Christianity, as revealed in Holy Scripture, including:

- a) the unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in the Godhead;
- b) the sovereignty of God in creation, revelation, redemption and final judgement;
- c) the divine inspiration and infallibility of Holy Scripture as originally given, and its supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct;
- d) the universal sinfulness and guilt of human nature since the fall, rendering all subject to God's wrath and condemnation;
- e) the full deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God; His virgin birth and His real and sinless humanity; His death on the cross, His bodily resurrection and His present reign in heaven and earth;
- f) redemption from the guilt, penalty and power of sin only through the sacrificial death once and for all time of our representative and substitute, Jesus Christ, the only Mediator between God and people;
- g) justification as God's act of undeserved mercy, in which sinners are pardoned all their sins, and accepted as righteous in God's sight, only because of the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, this justification being received by faith alone;
- h) the need for the Holy Spirit to make the work of Christ effective to the individual sinner, granting them repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ
- i) the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in all those thus regenerated, producing in them an increasing likeness to Christ in character and behaviour, and empowering them for their witness in the world;
- j) the one holy universal Church, which is the Body of Christ, and to which all true believers belong;
- k) the future personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge all people, executing God's just condemnation on the impenitent and receiving the redeemed to eternal glory.

Attendance and responsibilities

- Please make **attendance on café evenings** a priority and try to tell the team leaders if you are unable to come. You can say on the form (see *insert*) if you know that you can't make a weekly commitment.
- Work as **part of a team**, supporting other team members. Be alert to practical needs, e.g. helping with tidy up if you are not in conversation with a student.
- Where possible, please arrive by 7.30pm to **help set up and pray** before guests arrive. We pray because we know that our efforts alone are fruitless - we are totally dependent on God to work in the students' lives.
- Be aware of the **health and safety guidelines** given to guests and team, and do all you can to see these are followed.
- **Keep informed** by reading team emails and Facebook posts, responding where needed.
- **Attend team meetings** wherever possible, and **other prayer and training events**
- **Pray regularly** for the students and the Globe Café. Specific prayer needs which are shared should be treated as **confidential**.

For more information and support

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Globe Café Guide for Team Members

"In his name the nations will put their hope."
Matthew 12:21

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INTERNATIONAL

Globe Café is a ministry for international students and academics run by Christians from various churches in B_____. It is a place to make friends, practise English and learn about British culture. We also offer occasional outings and other activities to our guests.

Globe Café is sponsored by Friends International. FI is a charity which has served international students for over 30 years and now works in over 30 UK university towns and cities. Andy and Becca Cane are the local FI leaders.

Aims

- to provide a **friendly welcome** to all international students and academics and to create an environment where **genuine, lasting relationships and mutual respect across cultures** may develop
- to provide a **varied cultural and social programme** for our international guests
- to provide a **bridge to friendships outside of café times**, where appropriate and welcomed by our guests.
- to give our guests the opportunity to meet Christians in the hope that they may **wish to find out more about the Good News of Jesus Christ**
- to be a **springboard to other activities** where our guests **can read the Bible** alongside others (in their own language if possible)
- to help those who show genuine interest to come to a **personal trust in Jesus Christ**
- to **partner in ministry with international students** who are Christians
- to provide opportunities for team members to get **training in, and experience of, cross-cultural ministry**

Team Members...

- are aged at least **18 years**.
- are attending a local church and in good standing there (we will ask a leader in your church for an informal reference).
- agree with our **Statement of Faith** (see overleaf) *and* are not overly dogmatic about secondary matters.
- are willing to **serve within an inter-denominational team**.

Visitors

Please ask a team leader in advance if you wish to bring a visitor. Local Christians who want to find out more about Globe Café are welcome to visit up to two times but will not wear a team badge. If they want to keep coming, they must apply to become team members.

Team Guidance

We aim for excellence in our attitudes, behaviour and speech. Here are some ways in which we can show this:

- Be **on the lookout for newcomers** and make them welcome.
- Wear a **team badge** to ensure team members are easily identified.
- Where possible, spend your time **talking to international student guests** rather than to other team members.
- **Listen** during presentations and **take part** in activities.
- If you **prepare food/drink**, please follow strictest standards of hygiene and give any appropriate dietary warnings.
- **Be aware that some students are in a vulnerable position**, experiencing loneliness and culture shock. Therefore we must behave with utmost integrity and care.
- We welcome guests without any expectation of spiritual openness (though this can develop with time and prayer). For this reason, **we do not pressurise guests to talk about the Gospel, pray with us, come to a Bible study, attend church or pray a prayer of**

commitment. When inviting an international student to any event please consider if it is suitable, be clear what it involves and give a genuine choice (remembering that many cultures may not like to say an open 'no').

- Please ask team leaders before sharing **outside publicity or literature** at the Café.
- The café is intended for adult students but occasionally **our guests bring their children** and we seek to make them welcome. Please be aware of FI's Child Protection Policy (see separate document). Do not take children to a location away from their parent/guardian.
- **Show utmost respect for other cultures.** Be sensitive to cultural differences e.g. in humour; dietary needs; attitudes to alcohol; dress codes; respect for family and political authority; and study/time commitments.
- **Avoid close or exclusive relationships with the opposite sex**, including travelling home together alone or having one-to-one meetings outside the cafés, even for prayer or Bible study. Many guests come from cultures which place more restrictions on male/female relationships, so we cannot expect them to interpret our words (e.g. frequent, warm social media contact) or actions (e.g. hugging) as we do. Team members should not date international guests. For team members who experience same sex attraction, please follow similar principles.
- If you are finding it difficult to keep to any of the above policies, please do **discuss the matter with a team leader** so that we can resolve the situation well. You can also **discuss any issues** raised by guests.
- In any team there is the risk of strains in relationship. We will **seek to resolve these in a godly, gracious manner**, sometimes with guidance from FI leaders/pastors.

Members are **responsible to the team leaders** in all matters affecting Globe Café. They may be asked to leave the team (after appropriate discussion) if there is any serious or persistent breach of these policies.

GLOBE CAFÉ TEAM MEMBERSHIP

I would like to apply to join the H____/S____*
Globe Café team *(please delete as appropriate).

Name.....

Details of my availability (e.g. I aim to help
weekly)

Address.....

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Tel no

Email.....

Church

Name of church leader/referee* *(state role)

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Referee's contact details

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I have read and agree with this guide and the Child
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Signed.....

Date.....

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