

Introducing the Lunesdale Community

The Lunesdale Community is an ecumenical, residential Christian community, formed in 2015. We are based in the village of Halton, just outside Lancaster, in the picturesque Lune Valley. Starting by receiving a “small provisional community”, sent by the Taizé Community, we have been joined by a variety of people for longer or shorter periods of time, united by the desire to live a pattern based around regular prayer together with others.

From this Autumn, we are extending the invitation for a group of new members to join us at the same time, with a specific focus for the year, and also for local churches and other organisations to partner with us.



Spending a year living at the Lunesdale Community means entering fully into the pattern of life of the community. The daily life is structured around times of contemplative prayer, morning and evening, in the style of Taizé. Meals are prepared and shared communally and there is opportunity for relaxation and spending time together and individually. In addition to life in the community house, each member commits to a project for the duration of the year, to which they will devote their working hours.

Find out more, and apply online at:

lunesdale.community/experience

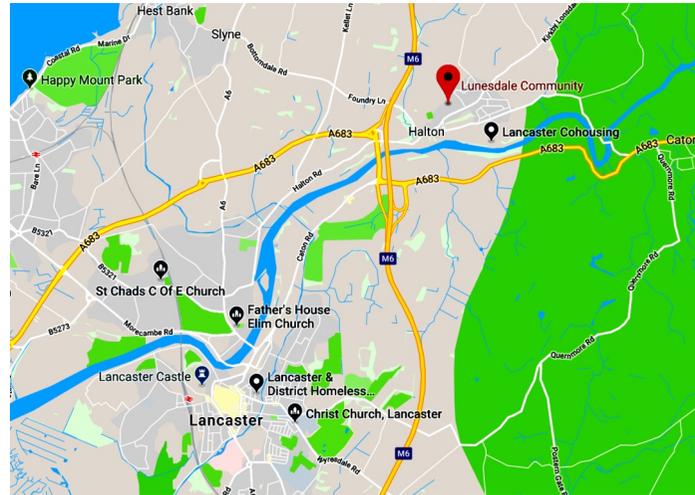
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Arriving by rail / coach and bus:

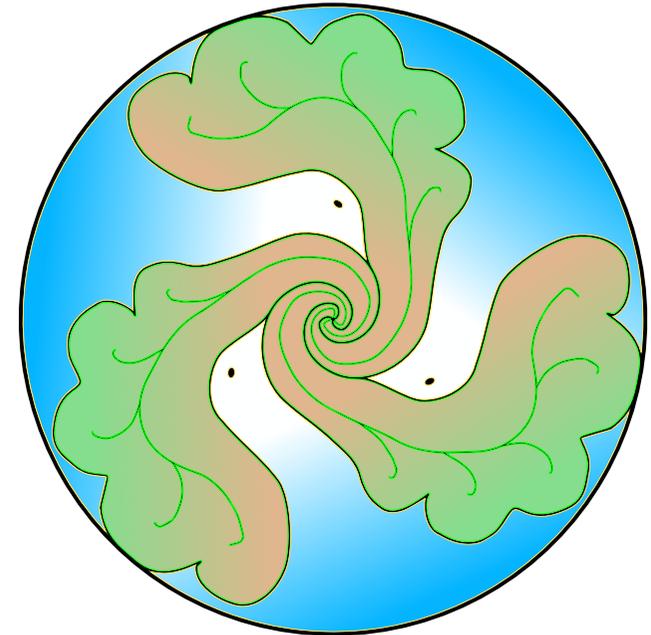
Travel to Lancaster, then take bus 49 to Halton (New Street). Continue east and turn left into Houghton Court, following footpath to community

Arriving by road:

Exit from M6 at junction 34, cross the river on A683 then take 3rd exit on roundabout for Halton In Halton, take 2nd exit on mini-roundabout (straight) uphill onto High Road, then turn left into Penny Stone Road and left into Beech Road

Lunesdale Community

Ecumenical Centre for
Contemplation and Study



Community
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Programme
2019-2020

Daily schedule

06:45 Morning Prayer

07:15 Breakfast

from 07:45 Depart for daytime activities

12:30 Lunch (for those at home)

18:15 Dinner together

19:00 Evening prayer

from 19:45 Evening social activities



Programme for the year in community:

25th Aug 2019 Convene in Taizé, France for an initial orientation week

1st-2nd Sept 2019 Travel together to Halton, to the Lunesdale Community house

21st Dec - 5th Jan 2020 Christmas recess (stay or travel as desired)

4th - 19th Apr 2020 Easter recess (stay or travel as desired)

18th July 2020 Summer period begins (stay or travel as desired)

23rd Aug 2020 Possibility to return to Taizé for next year's orientation

This year we are proposing three broad tracks to which we dedicate our working hours while living in community. These options are:

Internship in a local Church or charity

Working in a partner church, this is an opportunity to develop work ecumenically. As an intern, you will be asked to lead on a new project. You will be a visible presence, known to and supported by the congregation, and a symbol of ecumenical cooperation and growth.

Social Entrepreneurship

This track is an opportunity to bring your own ideas to do some tangible social good, and to develop them over the course of the year. This may involve starting a business which you intend to continue to develop beyond this year.

Study

Perhaps your next step involves beginning or continuing formal higher or further education. Lancaster benefits from two excellent universities, offering a complimentary selection of undergraduate and postgraduate courses, in addition to various colleges.



This isn't a year out; it's not an escape or a side-track from regular life, and isn't just a training course. This is an opportunity to investigate new directions, seek meaning and develop your full potential.

The Lunesdale Community offers the chance to be a part of an ongoing community with an established pattern of daily prayer.

Our contemplative focus gives a particular emphasis to the common prayer and expression of spirituality. The essential core of our morning and evening prayer is an extended period of silence, fostering the development of a deep encounter with God.



Financing your year in community

The Lunesdale Community operates on a non-profit basis, has no income of its own and doesn't currently receive financial support from any other organisation. So we all have to cover our living costs together in community. In order to be accessible to as many people as possible, we try to keep our expenses low.

Since our efforts during the the year will be dedicated to our chosen track, we ask that all participants raise their own funding for the year in advance. The total individual contribution to the costs of the year-long programme is **£5,550**, to be made in three termly installments of £1,850. This includes single en-suite accommodation, all meals, council tax, bills, and household expenses.