

About Harnhill Centre

The Harnhill Centre was founded in 1985 by Reverend Canon Arthur Dodds, who had a passion for the Christian healing ministry. Based in a Cotswold Manor House and beautiful grounds, it is situated in the small hamlet of Harnhill about four miles from Cirencester, surrounded by open countryside.

'Harnhill Centre of Christian Healing' is a registered charity. Under the guidance of the Trustees, the staff team is led by the Centre Director / Chaplain and works alongside a large team of dedicated volunteers. In addition to the residential ministry team, we employ a bursar, administrative staff, a chef, a housekeeper and cleaning team.

The Harnhill Centre is built upon a strong community, both residential and non-residential, who are committed to offering hospitality and ministering to those in need of healing. Ministry at the Centre is wide ranging, including hosting groups hiring the conference facilities, offering teaching days about the healing ministry and residential and non-residential guest ministry.

A rhythm of worship and prayer underpins every activity throughout the week, and residential guests are welcome to join the team for these times in the house Chapel. The Centre also provides three services open to the public each week. On Sunday mornings a traditional morning prayer service is held in Harnhill Church, and Wednesday evening's offers a peaceful time of reflection, where members of the team are available to pray with visitors, followed by the night-time service of Compline. Each Friday, there is a Healing Service with prayer ministry available.

The Manor has 20 beds for residential accommodation, and all bedrooms are ensuite. The onsite staff accommodation is part of the converted farm and ancillary buildings. It is worth noting this role and accommodation will not suit applicants with dependents or pets. It is also worth noting that the Centre is four miles outside Cirencester and public transport is severely limited. Own transport would be advisable.

Residential Ministry Team Role

Residential Team members are offered a remuneration package consisting of a salary, pension contributions and self-contained unfurnished living accommodation. Although council tax and utility bills are paid by the Centre, the postholder is personally responsible for payment of any tax liability arising from remuneration classed by HMRC as a taxable benefit in kind. In addition, team receive 31 days annual leave inclusive of Bank Holidays. Time off is usually one full weekend each fortnight, and Monday and Tuesday off after a working weekend.

Although living in separate accommodation, the residential community worship together, eat in community with guests (unless off duty), plan and pray together. The residential community also prepare breakfast for guests, wash up after meals, lay tables, take turns being on-call for guests and generally do all that is necessary to keep the Centre running, especially if other staff are sick or on holiday. Depending on an individual's skills set and experience, residential Ministry Team can also be involved with other key tasks at the Centre, such as administration, meal preparation, or gardening and maintenance tasks.

Another focus of the residential Ministry Team role is supporting our guests and providing prayer ministry. Previous experience in prayer ministry for new members of the team is an advantage, but training will be provided. Depending on areas of gifting, Ministry Team also take an active role in teaching and leading worship activities and are given opportunities to develop in these areas.

We are looking for Christians with an established faith, involved in their church fellowship who:

- Believe they have a calling for ministry in a Christian residential retreat centre with a focus on the healing ministry and hospitality.
- Are willing to live and work in community
- Are committed to personal prayer and praying for others
- Are compassionate and have a passion for the healing ministry
- Have excellent communication and pastoral skills
- Have an ability to work well in a team
- Have good self-awareness and engage with their own healing journey and spiritual formation.

Other skills and experience we would appreciate but not essential:

- Administration and competent computer user
- Musical
- Kitchen experience and cooking skills
- Teaching and preaching
- Experience in the hospitality or caring professions

Finally, flexibility and humour are key character traits needed. Living and working together in community is a lifestyle someone needs to feel strongly called to. The interview process will involve an initial online interview, and then if successful at this first stage, the applicant will be invited to explore their sense of calling, by staying onsite and being alongside the team during one of the retreat weeks, before a final interview.

If this post interests you, please write to the Director at The Harnhill Centre, Harnhill, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 5PX or email office@harnhillcentre.org.uk with:-

1. Your CV
2. Completed Application Form

Should you require more information, please contact the office: 01285 850283

Our web site at www.harnhillcentre.org.uk will give you an overview of the Centre and its activities.

Thank you for your interest in this post.

Applications to be received by the closing date: Friday 9th January 2026.