

Why not get involved...?

Many people ask if they can get involved with the Centre. The simple answer is **YES!!**

There are a number of ways you can do this:

- Would you like to work at the Centre, helping in either the restaurant or shop?
- Could you be a volunteer member of the Listening and Counselling Team?
- Are you able to support the Centre financially by donating towards its work? The Centre is run on a non-profit basis and whilst the commercial activity funds a great deal of the listening and counselling we are reliant on the generosity of others to fund the development of new projects. If you are interested in supporting the Centre, either through a one-off gift or regular donations then please get in touch.
- Could you regularly pray for the work of the Centre? If so, then please get in touch with us

If you answered “yes” to any of the above ,do please contact the Centre, we'd love to hear from you.



 **Spurriergate**
Centre

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A brief guide to the work of
the Spurriergate Centre, York



Welcome to the Spurriergate Centre.

This exciting project, based in the church of St Michael's Spurriergate, has been open since 1989.

This leaflet outlines the many aspects of the Centre's work in the heart of the city.

How Did the Centre Get Started?

The Centre came about as the result of a chance conversation between the then vicar at St Michael-le-Belfrey and the Archdeacon of York in the early 1980's. After several years of planning and a lot of hard work the Centre finally opened in October 1989.

What are the Centre's Aims?

The Centre has a Mission Statement which has guided its operation over the last years. The Mission is:

- To serve the people of York and its many visitors
- To promote justice in trading through retail operation and education
- To offer a listening ear
- To share the Good News of Jesus



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The Centre has a history of promoting fair trade and justice in the Developing World. The two shops housed within the Centre sell a range of fair trade gifts as well as every day items such as tea and coffee.

The coffees and teas served in the cafés are also fairly traded along with a number of tasty snacks.

When you purchase a fairly traded item you can be sure that the producers receive fair payment for their work and ongoing investment in their communities.



Eating and Meeting...

The Centre prides itself on the quality of the food served. We make most of our products on-site from fresh ingredients. We seek to use the best quality materials, using local, small-scale suppliers wherever possible.



Our kitchen is open plan so you can see us working and if you like a particular recipe then let us know and we will try to get you a copy.

The Centre also has a recipe book for sale so why not purchase one and have a go yourself.

Steeped in History...

The building stopped being a 'traditional' church back in the mid 1970's. However the operation of the Centre is rooted in Christian principles and many of the staff attend local churches.



If you would like to know more about the historical features of the building, you might find the leaflet 'Windows Through Time' a helpful guide.

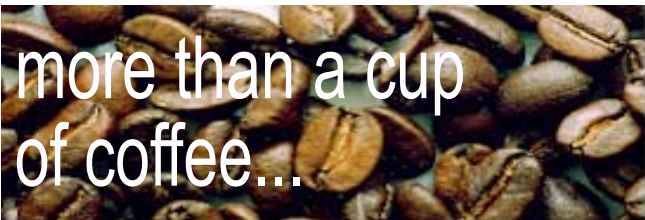
You might not be aware that the Centre runs a listening and counselling service for members of the public.

This service is run by professional, qualified staff and is open to all. If you are interested in the service then please get in touch or ask a member of staff.

We also offer to pray for our customers and there are prayer request slips dotted around the building. All prayers are dealt with appropriately and confidentially if required.

Prayer requests can be handed to staff, placed in the prayer box or even submitted online at www.thespurriergatecentre.com

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