

# Jesus Fellowship Church ● Jesus Army

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## About the Jesus Fellowship

The Jesus Fellowship Church, which is also known as the Jesus Army, is an evangelical Christian church with a charismatic emphasis and Baptist roots. The church aims to be a contemporary expression of historic Christianity. It is orthodox in doctrine, and upholds the established Christian creeds. Details of the church are listed in the UK Christian Handbook and the English Church Census. It is linked with other churches and groups in the UK and overseas through the Multiply Christian Network, and is a member of the Evangelical Alliance UK.

High-profile Jesus Army 'friendship evangelism' takes place in towns and cities around the UK to 'bring the church to the people'. Many who have little or no contact with any church are brought in touch with the Christian gospel in this way. Some may join the Jesus Fellowship, but the vast majority do not.

The church is particularly noted for its work with those in need, including homeless young people, those involved in drug or alcohol abuse, and prisoners and ex-prisoners. In this work it aims to show Christian compassion and love, helping people to find themselves and stand on their own two feet. This social action is normally conducted with reference to the various caring professions, and with their input.

The church numbers around 2,500, about 600 of whom live as the New Creation Christian Community in 60 or so houses around the UK. Each community house contains anything between six and sixty people, who live as a large 'family'. The community houses act as the 'training and service' centres of the church.

## Meetings and publications

The core units of the church are the local congregations and house groups, with a range of larger meetings taking place regularly. Some of the meetings attract up to two thousand people from around the country. All sizes of meetings are open to all who are interested.

The Jesus Fellowship, in common with the many other 'charismatic' churches which share a similar informal approach, has shown remarkable growth since the 1970's. The UK Christian Handbook has estimated that the membership of this type of church has grown from 12,000 to 140,000 since 1975.

The Fellowship has an extensive web site on the Internet at [www.jesus.org.uk](http://www.jesus.org.uk). The free publications *Jesus Life* magazine and *modern Jesus army Streetpaper* are sent regularly to many enquirers and supporters by post and electronically.

## Multiply Christian Network

The Jesus Fellowship is part of the Multiply Christian Network, a partnership of independent churches and groups promoting living charismatic Christianity. Multiply was launched by the Jesus Fellowship in 1992 and now comprises around 250 groups in the UK and around the world.

## More information

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