



Help & Advice



Here are a number of options for you to explore

As much as we would like to, we cannot help every enquiry that we receive - particularly those outside of London. We can instead point you to a number of suggestions, organisations and websites that may help you find affordable housing.

RENTING

- Apply to your local council to be placed on the social housing list.
- Turn2Us is an independent benefit calculator which helps to assess eligibility for any financial support in your situation, and can often be quite eye-opening. <https://www.turn2us.org.uk/>
- Apply to your local council for Housing Benefit / Universal Credit (see above note re Turn2us)
- If you find a private property for rent, but cannot afford the deposit, Mission Housing may be able to help with a deposit loan (under the Government Tenancy Deposit Scheme - <https://www.gov.uk/tenancy-deposit-protection>)
- We may be able to help with short term rent relief in conjunction with your fundraising campaign to replace/raise funds for your rental payment.
- Keep an eye on the following Facebook pages for opportunities of rooms or whole properties for rent – please be aware of scam activity and never pay for viewings or deposit without advice.
Christian Flatshare London: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1693860017507174/>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/268278160334760/>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChristianHouseHuntersInLondon/>
- Kingdom Houses <https://www.kingdomhouses.co.uk/>
- The Highbury Centre <https://www.thehighburycentre.org/>
- Lee Abbey London- <https://www.leeabbeylondon.com/>
- Housing Benefit Advice <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/benefits/help-if-on-a-low-income/housing-benefit/>

- Apply to local Housing Associations to enquire about their shared ownership schemes. A list of Housing Associations in London - <https://www.peoplefirstinfo.org.uk/media/9766/list-of-housing-associations-in-london-2019.pdf>
- Our partners Reliance Bank have a Shared Ownership product (not restricted to London) <https://reliancebankltd.com/personal-banking/mortgages>
- Our partners Kingdom Bank offer mortgages to individuals and churches / organisations - <https://www.kingdom.bank/borrow>
- Both Reliance Bank and Kingdom Banks may also provide loans to churches and Christian organisation.

FURTHER HELP

- The Money Advice Service gives free and impartial money advice, set up by government for advice and guides to help improve your finances, tools and calculators to help keep track and plan ahead, support over the phone and online <https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en>
- Budgeting (planner) - <https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en/categories/budgeting-and-managing-money>
- Shared ownership explained - <https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en/articles/shared-ownership-housing-schemes-explained>
- Solicitors with a Christian ethos - <https://lawcf.org/>
- Financial Advisors with a Christian ethos - <http://www.christianfinancialadvisers.org.uk/>

CONSULTANCY

Occasionally we may be able to offer consultancy services to assist you to draw up a model to purchase a property for a key Christian worker. If you have funding more or less in place, and you would like advice on how to make this work for you, please get in touch.

SHARED OWNERSHIP / PURCHASE