Case for Support for Rob Pugh

There's an urgent need for well-trained gospel workers across the country, enabling local churches to grow healthy and mature, and to be equipped to keep moving forward in the mission of making Jesus known. This is one of the primary burdens and charitable aims of Together for Mission – a mission network of 7 member churches working together in and around North London to plant more churches and train up gospel workers.

*I*n response to this need, in September 2025 Together For Mission took on their first Trainee, James Critoph. James is in his second year working at High Barnet Baptist Church. We are now planning to take on our second Trainee, in conjunction with Silver Street Community Church (SSCC), to continue this exciting work of being involved in the training of gospel ministers for a lifetime of gospel ministry.

Here we present an opportunity for you to be involved in this great task of training gospel workers, passing on the baton to the next generation.

The setting

One of the Together For Mission churches, Silver Street Community Church, was planted in September 2015 into a very dense, deprived and diverse part of Edmonton, North London. There are 90,000 people who live within a mile of the church building, an area recognised as being one of the most deprived areas of London, with many social needs very close to the surface. This presents a wonderful opportunity to reach a needy community with the love of Jesus and the words of Jesus.

Silver Street started with a planting team of 19 adults and 12 children. 11 years later, the building is at maximum capacity with an average of more than 100 people coming each Sunday. In total, the number of people who regularly attend is around 180, including 60 children. Wonderfully, this group reflects the diverse community of the area surrounding the church building, with all sorts of social and educational backgrounds represented along with 35 different nationalities.

The vision

Silver Street Community Church would love to appoint Rob Pugh as an Assistant Pastor for 3 years from January 2027, training him for a lifetime of gospel ministry, equipping him to serve the Church more widely in the future.

Rob Pugh

Rob has been a member of Silver Street for five years, having moved to Edmonton with his wife Joely to serve at Silver Street Community Church.

Rob served as a member of the church before joining the Discipleship Training Scheme as a volunteer. For the past two years Rob has been working as a part-time (26 hours a week) Children's and Youth Worker for SSCC. Rob feels called to ministry, and the elders see clear evidence of ministry gifts including a godly character, teachability and servant-heartedness.
Rob's is in his 3rd year of his 3 year contract as Children's and Youth Worker. He has been training with Growing Young Disciples at the GYD Academy.

Rob has shown encouraging growth in his leadership, convictions, and Bible teaching skills. However, his current part-time capacity limits the impact he can make. There is more useful ministry that could be done at Silver Street Community Church, and the elders can see that Rob would benefit from further structured training.

Impact: Over the last 2 years Rob's ministry has included:

- Faithfully teaching the Bible each week to children and young people
- Launching and establishing a new children's club
- Establishing healthier kids group teams
- Running a parenting course
- Delivering training for kids group leaders
- Taking a lead with family outreach events
- Developing opportunities in a local primary school
- Launching a junior leaders scheme for young people
- and more...!

The role

The SSCC elders are agreed that Rob's gifting and personality give him the potential to be fruitful in broader ministry settings beyond his current Children's & Youthwork role. They are keen to train Rob more widely and fully in anticipation of Rob entering a life time of gospel ministry.

The role would include further theological training including completing the GYD Academy Course, a tailored set of Crosslands Foundation modules, in-person conferences and guided reading.

Rob would continue to be employed by Silver Street, but, as a Together for Mission trainee, he would benefit from the expertise, mentoring and support offered by the pastors and staff workers of other TFM churches, amounting to a rich training environment. His training would include increased exposure to pastoral care, reviewing and developing SSCC outreach, initiating more regular 1:1 discipleship sessions, more leadership responsibility, and increased opportunities to teach adults. Subject to a vote, Rob is soon to take on the role of an elder at SSCC.

The financial need

SSCC currently funds approximately £22,000 per annum towards Rob's employment. To move to a full-time training role would require an additional £15,000 per annum. As Together For Mission, we are seeking to partner with Silver Street Community Church in this venture, and are therefore looking for gospel partners who would be willing to contribute financially towards Rob's development. By supporting Rob, we can help build up the local congregation in spiritual maturity while equipping a gospel minister for a life time of ministry. At Together For Mission we have already received £5k in gifts towards our next trainee, and so are looking to raise a further £13.5k a year.

Please will you prayerfully consider whether you are able to join us in this opportunity