

COMPANIONS OF FERRAR HOUSE

People come to Little Gidding for a variety of reasons: some are individuals who are taking a break either for a day or for a night or two; for them it may be a time for personal reflection or for enjoyment of the countryside. Some come as groups with a leader, looking for space to think and to plan. Some come to celebrate, some for times of worship, some to recollect Nicholas Ferrar and his seventeenth century family community and some are drawn through the poetry of T.S. Eliot. Some come to our monthly poetry evenings, and some come to our regular quiet days. We who live at Little Gidding and enjoy welcoming our visitors wonder whether some of you would like to be associated with us and each other by becoming Companions, sharing in our life and work. Here are some suggestions of ways in which you may do this:

1. **Prayer.** Examples of ways in which companions may pray with the household are:
 - a. Pray at the times at which there are prayers at Little Gidding, ie.10 am, 12 noon (using the prayer for peace) and sundown.
 - b. Join in quiet days and days of prayer at Ferrar House
 - c. Share in the worship at Little Gidding
 - d. Pray for the needs of the house
 - e. Pray for the nation using the prayer sheet.
2. **Work.** Examples of work include cooking, gardening, arranging flowers, repairs, decorating, library work, administration, leading events, creativity.
3. **Study.** This could include the life and work of Nicholas Ferrar and T. S. Eliot, attending poetry evenings, using poetry and the arts to deepen one's awareness of the truth.
4. **Fellowship.** Sharing meals and recreation at Ferrar House.
5. **Sustainable lifestyle.** Assessing one's lifestyle to examine its effect on the environment, e.g. travel, food, clothes, work, A simple lifestyle was an essential part both of the historical community and more recent experiments in living at Little Gidding.
6. **Friends of Little Gidding.** This charity is dedicated to supporting financially the work of Little Gidding Church and Ferrar House

I would like to be a Companion of Ferrar House and would choose to be involved in the following way(s): please tick one or more.

Prayer Work Study Fellowship Lifestyle Friends

Name _____

Address _____

Tel. No _____ Email _____

I would be willing to have details of my address made available to other Companions Yes/No

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