

St John's with St Mary's Mansfield

Children and Families Team Leader

WHO WE ARE

We are one parish with two churches in Mansfield (a predominantly working class, post industrial/mining town), covering part of the town centre and housing estates. We are currently small in number, with few children and families in our groups at present. As a church we are excited about the potential of our area, including more than 2500 under 18s in schools in our parish, where we have good existing contacts. We are committed to seeing growth in this area and expect to become a centre of excellence to model, encourage, and resource children's ministry across the wider area of the diocese.

VISION

SEEKING GOD

We want to be a Church that seeks God and follows where He leads us

IN EVERY GENERATION

We want to be a Church that fans into flame the faith of every generation

LOVING MANSFIELD

We love Mansfield because God loves Mansfield



We believe that it is the responsibility of every generation to fan into flame the faith of the next generation, to pass on the torch, and to share the story of God. We dream of being a church that creates the best possible provision for children and young people, resulting in hundreds of young people finding faith and personal relationships with God.

While we acknowledge the current crisis of a lack of children and young people following Jesus, we will do whatever it takes to change that story. So we want to develop honest new expressions of faith and worship that are relevant for the current generation. Young people will be valued and listened to. We will have a ministry that doesn't wait for them to come in but goes out to meet them where they are. And there will be space for them to be who they are and to set the agenda.

We will create safe, attractive and welcoming places for young people to come and feel at home. We will hold out the light of Jesus to those who walk in darkness and will nurture God's light in the children and families we meet. We believe we will see many young people bring their friends and family to faith. Our welcome and care will extend to the whole family, and families of children and young people will find that the church is incredibly supportive.

We want to be a church that can bless, encourage, and resource other churches in the local area and beyond, as well as raising up and equipping many new leaders in this area of church life.

WHAT WE WILL DO

We will provide regular pastoral meetings and ongoing training and development

We will provide line-management by the vicar (who has children's ministry experience)

We will provide budget and resources for children and families ministry

We will work with you to grow and realise a strategy for a large, vibrant children and families ministry

We will offer a full time salary of £24000-£27600 per annum based on relevant experience in schools or other children's ministry (job share available, please enquire)

We will offer holiday allowance of 5 weeks plus bank holidays (TOIL provided for BH worked)

SALARY 24K-27.6K TO START SEPTEMBER

WHO WE ARE LOOKING FOR

ESSENTIAL

- There is a genuine occupational requirement for the person appointed to be a Christian
- You should be able to show evidence of ongoing discipleship and be able to articulate your faith journey
- You should be passionate about reaching children (under 12s) and families with the good news of Jesus, seeing them come to faith and grow in their walk with God.
- You will have a healthy personal prayer life and show evidence of growing a Christ-like character
- You are expected to be self motivated and able to start new initiatives
- You will have a good understanding of safeguarding

- You will be a team player & able to communicate well with people of all ages (children, families and volunteers)
- You will have some experience in working with children
- You will be creative in your thinking and bold in taking action
- You will have an understanding of social media with the ability to use tools like canva and google docs.

DESIRABLE

- Highly experienced working with children
- An additional skill/hobby that may enhance your ministry (music, dance, sport etc.)
- A relevant qualification (such as Qualified Teacher Status or a children's ministry based degree/diploma)

WHAT YOU WILL DO

EVANGELISM

Reaching out to children and families not currently in the church

DISCIPLESHIP

Helping children and families to grow in their walk with God

OVERSEEING

Building teams and training volunteers to deliver children's ministry

- Building relationships with families through schools ministry (as part of a schools team) and other areas of church life
- Spending time outside the church meeting children and families where they are
- Developing relationships with families and children who are connected to church
- Running programmes and collecting/creating resources that enable children and families to grow in their relationship with God
- Keeping up to date documents e.g, risk assessments and good communication with the wider church
- Building, training and encouraging teams of volunteers

This role is a permanent contract after a 6 month probationary period. An enhanced DBS check is required for this role. Working hours (37.5FT) are flexible but will include some weekend hours, especially on Sunday, and evenings.

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