

The United Benefice of Ashwell, Hinxworth and Newnham

Children and Youth Worker Job Description

The person appointed will be part of a team of clergy and volunteers and will help us develop the varied and rewarding work with children and young people in the villages of Ashwell and Hinxworth.

Much of this work is church-related, and includes Messy Church, Toddler Praise and seasonal children's activities related to church festivals. However, work with young people expands beyond the churches and is appreciated and supported by the village communities.

The post is part-time and based primarily in Ashwell, but will include development of occasional activities in Hinxworth. It is not expected that work will be required on the same day/s each week, but the post-holder will attend morning worship at St Mary's on 2 Sundays out of 4 or 3 out of 5, with 1 Sunday a month at St Nicholas.

The priest-in-charge and Churchwardens are the immediate line managers and a management group meets quarterly.

Hours to be worked each week: 20

Salary: £10000 - £12000 p.a., depending on experience and qualifications, plus approved expenses.

The post is for 2 years, with a probationary period of 3 months.

CHURCH:

- Work as part of a team with the Priest-in-charge and volunteers to involve children and young people in worship in a way that is appropriate to their faith development and needs
- Support children's and young people's spiritual growth
- Work as part of a team with the Priest-in-charge and volunteers to prepare children for admission to communion and confirmation
- Involvement with Junior Choir to support a range of musical styles
- Support the churches of the United Benefice in forming relationships with families
- Enable children and young people to experience and reflect on styles of worship in other churches
- Explore possibilities for a holiday club or similar activity in Hinxworth
- Build links with Diocesan children's and youth work teams and feed information into the churches of the United Benefice

CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUPS:

- Oversight of drop-in club for young teens that meets in Ashwell fortnightly during term time, including co-ordination of volunteer helpers
- Oversight of annual 'Ashwell Noise' weekend of community projects with clergy and volunteer team
- Encourage fellowship and ideas generated by youth meals
- Explore potential to form other fellowship groups, including amongst volunteers
- Be aware of village activities for children and young people and encourage these where possible
- Explore links and supportive relationships with other children's and youth workers
- A role relating to any special interests of the person appointed in agreement with management group

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT:

The post-holder will be expected to attend up to three training events each calendar year, and will be supported to do so financially and with time in lieu.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT:

The Benefice has an office with a part-time administrator. A laptop, PC, printer and mobile phone are available.

QUALIFICATIONS

A recognised qualification in Children's and Youth work. An applicant working towards a recognised qualification would also be considered.

VETTING AND BARRING

The successful candidate will be required to receive a satisfactory enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure & Barring Service.

RIGHT TO WORK

The successful candidate will also be asked to provide evidence of their right to take up employment in the UK and, if necessary, to show a Work Permit.

INTERVIEW EXPENSES

Travelling expenses and subsistence allowance (in accordance with General Synod regulations) will be allowed to candidates selected for interview.

APPLICATION:

Please apply by letter giving examples of your experience and your reasons for applying for the post. Please include a C.V.. Applications that are simply a C.V. will not be considered. You should also provide the contact details of three referees, one of whom must be your current or most recent employer. Students may provide the names of tutors and placement supervisors. Your referees must be able to be contacted prior to interview.

Closing date for applications is Friday, 1st July.

Interviews will take place in Ashwell in early July, with a view to the successful candidate commencing in October, or sooner if possible.