

Children and Youth Ministry Leader

St John's Hartley Wintney, a growing New Wine church in North East Hampshire is seeking to appoint a full time enthusiastic Children's and Youth Ministry Leader to join our team and lead and grow our ministry to young people.

The primary focus of the role will be the secondary school age group (11-18) but having an overview of all the children and youth work, supported by our Children's worker.

We see a tremendous opportunity in the local community, based on well attended Youth work events we have run over the last couple of years where we have seen up to 50 local young people. We also have a heart for expanding our ministry in local schools to support this and starting to build wider relationships with local young people.

For pre-schoolers we run a thriving 'Bumps and Babes' group for 0-5, where we have opportunities with Parents and carers as well as the children. We are starting to see some transition to faith and would love to encourage and strengthen this ministry holistically.

We have approximately 20 teenagers and 10 children who attend regularly, some from church families and some with no previous connection.

The purpose of the role is:-

- To lead our well-established Youth and Children's ministry [establishing vision and bringing coherence and energy] to build on the current foundations.
- To disciple young people so that they are able to become lifelong followers of Jesus, equipped to live for him, empowered by the Holy Spirit.
- To build a programme of outreach within the local area, engaging with local schools and community groups.
- To collaborate with and manage the Children's & Families Pastor (pt)
- To envision, build and nurture a team from within the church to lead and support Children and Youth activities.
- To act as a mentor to the young people and live as a positive Christian role model.

We are looking for someone who

- Is captivated by the love of God shown supremely in the person of Jesus and pursues holiness in their own lives.
- Is rooted in scripture, committed to prayer and welcomes the work of the Holy Spirit
- Has a heart to see young people come to know the love of Jesus and grow as disciples.
- Is generous, humble and non-judgemental, a listener and encourager with a servant heart and able to relate to all ages.
- Has the confidence and sensitivity to reach out with the gospel beyond the church.

This role will report to the Vicar, work alongside and manage the Children & Families Pastor, and be part of the ministry, leadership and staff team.

Salary in the range £27k depending on experience.

Closing date 19th January 2024. Interviews w/c 29th January and Sunday 4th February 2024

How to apply

Please contact Lisa Walker for an application form on lisa.walker@stjohnshw.org.uk or to arrange an informal conversation with Angie Smith the Vicar.

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