

**Salary:** Negotiable based on experience and potential  
**Term:** Part-time – negotiable hours with minimum of 14 per week – we can be flexible

### Our aim

We aim to 'Make passionate disciples for Christ!'

We would like to appoint an inspiring and creative Youth minister to oversee and develop the Youth Ministry at Christ Church Purley - modelling authentic and passionate discipleship, equipping youth leaders, and encouraging young people to find, grow, and share their faith in Jesus.

### About Christ Church Purley

Christ Church is a lively evangelical and charismatic Anglican Church, part of the New Wine network, based on the outskirts of south London. Our style is informal, friendly and welcoming. Our worship and teaching are rooted in the Bible, and we seek to apply these to our daily lives, with an openness to the leading of the Holy Spirit as we seek to make and become passionate disciples for Christ.

We have a growing presence in the local community and enjoy a wonderfully rich mix of cultures and backgrounds within the church family. Our vibrant group of young people are an important part of our intergenerational fellowship and vision for the future.

Christ Church is blessed to have a strong group of people actively involved in everyday life, ministry and leadership. There is a sense of excitement in this new phase, as well as a profound gratefulness for the amazing things God has done through the ministry of our previous youth pastors.

### About the youth ministry

Our ministry is growing! It is an exciting time at Christ Church, having had wonderful support from our, Children's and Families' minister, Discipleship Year placement and the dedication and commitment of a small, but faithful Youth team, we are welcoming more young people on Sundays and in the week!

The current youth ministry at Christ Church is based around a programme of worship, teaching and social activities, and we are excited to go further!

CCYouth takes place on Sundays as part of our provision for young people. It consists of breakfast, bible study, discussion, prayer ministry and time together.

Weekly youth club takes place on Tuesday evenings and is intentionally activity-based and social in its feel as well as including a short slot for starting a conversation around faith with the option of 'Going deeper.' Themed evenings are always popular, ranging from *Taskmaster* to *Bake off*, from pizza making to car washing! All to build a community that truly cares for each other and supports the faith journey of others! Important events include a residential youth weekend and a week camping at a festival (e.g. New Wine).

A recent Worship night welcomed over 60 youths from the local area and churches for a time of worship and ministry for an audience of one.

From this solid base we are hoping to pioneer new avenues to build relationships not only with other churches but also with those on the fringes of church life, unchurched young people, as well as to the significant number of children who will be coming up from the children's ministry.

### About the role

#### Primary Responsibilities

- Provide overall leadership and direction for the Youth Ministry, with support from the Children, Youth and Families staff team and in liaison with the volunteer Youth team.
- Work collaboratively and be a full member of the church staff team, including attending staff meetings and prayer times.
- Attend services regularly at Christ Church, Purley when not leading youth activities.
- Support intergenerational ministry that seeks to enable all to worship side-by-side.

#### Extension of Responsibilities

- Identify, provide and develop opportunities for pioneer ministry to de-churched or unchurch young people.

#### Specific Responsibilities

We are seeking someone who is both ministry-minded and missional in their approach. This encompasses a person with a heart to encourage, support and teach young people in their own personal faith as well as an inspiring and forward-thinking pioneer ready to see what God is doing, join in with Him and break new ground. Led by the Holy Spirit and seeking His way, the role could include (but is not limited to) the following:

- Lead teaching and discipleship for young people that is rooted in the bible and responding to the Holy Spirit.
- Lead and develop worship for young people in the church and wider afield.
- Mentor and support young people facing struggles and challenges as well as building positive relationships with parents and carers while maintaining and championing a healthy Safeguarding culture around Young People.
- Co-plan, attend and supervise the residential youth weekend or camping week at a festival (e.g. New Wine), in conjunction with the youth team.
- Develop and oversee a dynamic social event programme appropriate for different age ranges to gather youth in order to build community and friendships.
- Create effective transitions into the youth programmes from 10 and then at 18 into young adult ministry.
- Develop opportunities for young people to serve in mission (e.g. homeless, food programmes, overseas trip through Mission Partner links etc.) and other pioneering outreach.

### Person Specification

There is a genuine occupational requirement that the person appointed is a committed practising Christian. The Employment Equality (Religion and Belief) Regulations 2003 Section 7.2 applies.

### Essential qualities / skills / experience

We are seeking to appoint a Christian with a biblical faith in accordance with the Evangelical Alliance Statement of Faith. They will demonstrate a growing personal faith in Jesus Christ, a good knowledge of the scriptures and an openness to the work of the Holy Spirit.

- A commitment to work towards the values and vision of Christ Church
- A clear calling and commitment to work with young people and a passion for authentic Christian discipleship.
- Experience of Youth Ministry leadership within church settings or comparable whether voluntary or paid.
- Ability and passion to develop new areas within the Youth Ministry.
- A commitment to building good working relationships with people from diverse backgrounds, including young people, their families and carers, and the wider church family and community.
- Up to date understanding of and commitment to working within safeguarding Policies and practice relating to the safeguarding of young people.
- A clear and engaging communicator, both in writing and orally, having confidence to speak in front of large and small groups.
- A team player, with the ability to encourage and work collaboratively with others.
- Knowledge and awareness of current issues affecting young people.
- A willingness to undertake development opportunities, identified with line manager, including courses to further develop in role.

### Desirable qualities / skills / experience

- A nationally recognised Youth ministry qualification at diploma, degree level or equivalent.

### How to apply

Complete application [here](#) and return to [office@christchurchpurley.org.uk](mailto:office@christchurchpurley.org.uk)

**Closing date for application: 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023** however **applications may close before the deadline, so please apply early to avoid disappointment.**

**Interview:** To be arranged with shortlisted candidates

For further information or an informal chat, email: [jude@christchurchpurley.org.uk](mailto:jude@christchurchpurley.org.uk)