

Parish of Barnsbury, Islington, London

Job Description

Families' and Children's Worker (Part-Time – 21 hours per week, £33k-£36k fte, with the possibility for some extra hours)

The Post is for an initial 3 years

Responsible to the Rector of the Parish

Overall Purpose

The Families' and Children's Worker will lead and develop our ministry to families of pre-school and primary school age children as part of the parish's vision: 'joyful, thriving communities sharing God's love'.

Responsibilities

1. Working as part of a team with clergy and volunteers, plan, publicise, manage and deliver:
 - Sunday morning activities for children at St Andrew's
 - Messy Church (currently every two months)
 - Collective Worship and assemblies at local primary schools (St Andrew's and Thornhill)
 - Stay and Play weekly activities for toddlers
 - Children's activities at community events such as Cally Fest and Barnsbury Wood Open Days.
2. With clergy guidance, plan and help to deliver monthly All-Age services at St Andrew's.
3. Building on existing positive relationships with parents, carers, children and local school, and working with our Community Ministry Team, invite more families to join our existing and new communities of worshippers.
4. Encourage, oversee and develop volunteers who will contribute to ministry with families and children.
5. Take the lead in publicising children's activities using social and printed media.
6. Contribute to the development and review of a Parish Children's and Youth Strategy, which encompasses our churches and community outreach.
7. Ensure that provision for children includes beneficial activities and learning styles for all, including those who are neurodiverse.
8. Take responsibility for implementing the Parish's safeguarding policies and procedures as they affect families and children and promote best practice.
9. Ensure record keeping is up to date and compliant with Data Protection requirements.
10. Abide by the Parish's health and safety policies and procedures and ensure that up to date risk assessments are in place for all children's activities.
11. Contribute to the implementation of the Parish's Sustainability Policy.
12. Undertake relevant learning activities, including training courses.

Person Specification

Essential

1. Be a committed Christian able to flourish in a Church of England Parish in a diverse neighbourhood. There is a genuine occupational requirement that the post holder is a practising Christian.
2. Have experience of working with children in either a paid or voluntary capacity.
3. Have the ability to communicate the gospel to parents and their children.
4. Have organisational, record keeping, and IT skills at a level needed to support the work of this post.
5. Have an understanding of and commitment to best practice in safeguarding
6. Have a willingness to engage with the diverse needs of children so that as many as possible can learn from the teaching provided.
7. Be able to work constructively with colleagues.
8. Be able to draft plans for Starchasers and Collective Worship/assemblies.

Desirable

1. To have a qualification relating to working with or teaching children and/or theology.
2. To have experience of having led Collective Worship or assemblies in schools.
3. To have experience of having contributed to worship at All Age Services.

Notes

Safeguarding Statement

The Parish of Barnsbury is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Enhanced DBS Requirement

The post holder will be required to undertake an Enhanced DBS check with barred list (child workforce) and specific safeguarding training necessary for the role.