

Introduction

Well Street United Church is a lively church that has a mission statement of **'Putting the King at the Heart of Buckingham.'** We are seeking to do this from our building in the centre of Buckingham, our Sunday venue on a new estate in the town, and through involvement in our community.

The Youth Leader will be accountable to the Minister and Elders of the church, and will lead the team that is already engaging with young people in our church and beyond.

Purpose of the Role

The Youth Leader will have overall responsibility for all aspects of youth work for ages 11-18 years. The role is vital in ensuring that young people have every opportunity to explore the Christian faith, to grow in it, and to serve in the church and the world.

At present, we have around 25 young people connected to the church.

Key Responsibilities

1. Being responsible as team leader for youth work at Well Street United Church.
2. Coordinating and leading work amongst young people on Sunday mornings
3. Leading the Youth Life Group, currently meeting on a Sunday evening
4. Organising regular trips to the monthly Soul Survivor gatherings
5. Developing appropriate means to help young people learn about and engage with the Christian faith
6. Providing pastoral care and support for young people

Other Responsibilities

1. Input into our Sunday worship especially our All-In event, a bi-monthly inter-generational service
2. Organising and attending trips to the annual Soul Survivor weeks, or similar
3. Leading and facilitating an annual youth weekend away
4. Providing input to the annual Buckingham Churches Holiday Club
5. Engaging with unchurched young people in the town. A possible means might be through Project Street Life (PSL), a youth club that meets every Friday in Lace Hill Community Centre, and in which several of our church members are involved.
6. Developing links with the Grammar and Secondary schools in the town. This could involve leading assemblies, and supporting Christian Unions.
7. Working with other churches when appropriate
8. Other duties as required by the church

Person Specification

Essential Attributes

- A committed Christian, passionate about following Jesus and enthusiastic in encouraging others to do the same
- Experience of working with young people
- Ability to represent the church and liaise with other youth agencies in the area
- A willingness to innovate and encourage young people to engage in new initiatives
- Approachable, friendly and ready to listen
- A good grasp of social media skills
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills, especially with young people
- A competent organiser
- To be in sympathy with the values and ethos of the church
- A good team player, both as a team leader and a member of a team
- Able to work on own initiative and collaboratively, with the ability to initiate new work and prepare for its sustainability

Other Information

Start Date: Subject to negotiation but ideally by September 2018

Working Hours: 20 hours per week, flexible and including Sundays

Holiday Entitlement: 25 days pro-rata

Contract Length: Three years

Salary: £10 per hour

The post is subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure and satisfactory references. The successful applicant will be required to follow the safeguarding training and procedures of the Methodist Church in Britain.

There is a genuine occupational requirement that the job holder be a practising Christian under Part 1 of Schedule 9 to the Equality Acts 2010.

How to apply

Please send a CV and a letter of application to:

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Closing Date: 17th August 2018