



CHESTER ROAD

Baptist Church

Role Description

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| Job Title: | Children's & Youth Worker |
| Location: | Chester Road Baptist Church, Chester Road, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, B73 5HU |
| Accountable to: | Minister |
| Working Hours: | 1.0 FTE (37.5 hours per week) - including some evenings & regular Sunday mornings. NB We're open to part-time, splitting the role... TBH, we're more interested in YOU. |
| Salary: | Band 5: £27,781 - £30,966, pro rata + contributory defined contribution pension. |
| Annual Leave: | 25 days + 8 Public Holidays, pro rata |

OUR VISION: To see God's Kingdom come and His will done in Sutton Coldfield, north Birmingham, and beyond, as it is in Heaven.

OUR MISSION: Growing Community! Working with others to enable everyone within 5 miles and beyond of Chester Road Baptist Church to become disciples of Christ.

There are two equally important and inter-linked parts to this:

1. To enable 'non-believers' to become 'believers' in Christ (mission).
2. To enable 'believers' to become disciples of Christ (ministry).

In order that you are able to fulfil the requirements of this post, it is essential that you subscribe fully to our vision, mission, values, and beliefs, and worship regularly at Chester Road Baptist Church.



Job Summary:

Growing community! Working with others to enable all children & young people aged 5-18 within 5 miles of Chester Road Baptist Church to become age-appropriate disciples of Christ.

Key Duties:

[We recognise fulfilling the following will be dependent on the actual time contracted and that it will be necessary to agree priorities and the phased introduction of responsibilities.]

1. Programme:

You will lead by example, taking a significant role in the pioneering, development and delivery of the 5-18s childrens & youth programmes. (Please note, we also employ a p/t Under 5s Worker) You will:

- Ensure the 5-18s programme provides children & young people with a dynamic, authentic & inclusive expression of Christian faith.
- Ensure all children's & youth sessions and events are well planned, engaging, creative, well-promoted, challenging, and potentially life-changing.
- Take an 'up-front' role in leading 5-11 sessions/ events to include, but not limited to, Sunday mornings (Glow & Thrive) and at least one other weekly club (either the combined Boys/Girls Brigade 5-11s or a new after-school club.) This will involve presenting and speaking, imaginatively and powerfully articulating the life-changing Christian message of hope and love.
- Provide support for the combined Boys/Girls Brigade 5-11s (Fridays) and an active part in Thrive 11-18s (Fridays)
- Play an active part in the planning and delivery of monthly all-age services.
- Take lead-responsibility for the further development and delivery of Messy Church (monthly), building a team of volunteers.
- Take lead-responsibility for the development and delivery of at least one children's holiday club a year, building a team of volunteers.

2. Schools & Community

Children/ young people spend 30+ hours per week during term time at school. We are blessed to have good primary & Secondary schools in the surrounding area. You will:

- Build effective relationships with local schools, such as Boldmere Infants/ Juniors, Wylde Green Primary, Court Farm Primary, Osborne Primary, Yenton Primary, Oasis Academy Short Heath, Plantsbrook Secondary, Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls...
- Negotiate and deliver assemblies, occasional class visits to Chester Road Baptist Church – prioritising what delivers maximum impact.

3. Pastoral support

Whilst dynamic and well-led children's/ youth programmes provide an essential context for 5-18s work and ministry, it is the quality of appropriate relationship between worker and child/ young person that is often the most life-changing. You will:

- Lead by example in delivering relational children's/ youth work and ministry, developing appropriate relationships with children, young people, and their parents/carers.
- Provide 1:1 pastoral support for individual children/ young people and their families in need of extra encouragement, support or intervention, whilst working at all times in accordance with our *Safeguarding Children, Young People and Adults at Risk* policy and procedures.

4. Leadership and strategy

Good children's & youth work and ministry doesn't happen by chance. It requires prayerful strategy, team work, planning, co-ordination and communication. You will:

- Work with others to develop the children's & youth work and ministry strategy/ plan, working closely with stakeholders (children, young people, volunteers, parents/ carers, Minister and the Leadership Team/ Diaconate).
- Recruit and train volunteers, in accordance with Safer Recruitment principles.
- Grow, lead, and support the core team of volunteer children's / youth workers, developing their skills and enabling them to become effective leaders/ co-ordinators of teams.
- Pray regularly for children & young people, and volunteer children's workers, and enable others to do the same.

- Ensure that all work complies with Health & Safety and Safeguarding policies and procedures, including Risk Assessments and hygiene cleaning of equipment/ resources.
- As a member of the Safeguarding Team, serve as Deputy Designated Person for Safeguarding.
- Be responsible for and manage the children's & youth work and ministry budget, income, and expenditure, ensuring ethical stewardship of finances, resources and use of buildings.
- Update the Leadership Team (Trustees/ Diaconate) and Church Members Meeting with regular information.

5. General duties

To undertake any other duties that may reasonably be required of this post holder, as directed by the Minister, such as:

- Attend and participate in staff meetings, including times of prayer.
- Participate in/ receive line management.
- Participate in training and ministry development
- Attend and participate in Leadership Team (Trustee) meetings, as required.



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Person Specification

Role title: 5-18s Children's & Youth Worker

We know people don't come in boxes, but we thought it would help you to know what kind of person we think would thrive in this role at Chester Road Baptist Church. As you read, it might be that only some of the characteristics fit you. However, we would still love to hear from you if this role excites and inspires you!

| | Essential | Desirable |
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| Christian spirituality | A disciple of Christ with a commitment to, and evidence of, personal spiritual growth and ministry, and in agreement with our Christian values and beliefs. | |
| | Proven track-record of active and consistent involvement in your local church. | Member of a Baptist church |
| | Willingness to be an active member of Chester Road Baptist Church. | |
| Leadership | Proven track-record of recruiting and leading a team of volunteers | Proven track-record of leading & co-ordinating multiple teams of volunteers. |
| Qualifications, training and professional development | Level 5 or above qualification eg DipHE | A DipHE or above in Children's or Youth Ministry (or equivalent) |
| | English and Maths GCSE grade C/5 (or equivalent) or above. | A relevant professional qualification e.g. Qualified Teacher Status or Early Years Professional Status. |
| | | CertHE or above in theology (or equivalent) |
| | | On the list of Nationally Accredited Children's & Families Workers of the Baptist Union of Great Britain. |
| Personal qualities | Well motivated, able to take initiative, to plan and carry out work. | |
| | Well-developed inter-personal skills with the ability to establish rapport with a diverse range of people and ages. | |
| | Good verbal and written communication skills. | |
| | Good IT skills and the ability to organise your work and working environment. | Effective use of engaging social media to promote activities/ community. |
| | Organised and able to handle, with competence, a demanding and varied workload. | |

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| Children's & Youth Work & Ministry experience | Proven track-record of working effectively with children/ young people in a Christian/ church context. | Proven track-record of working effectively with children/ young people in both Christian and secular contexts. |
| | A dynamic and effective communicator. | |
| | | Experience of delivering schools ministry e.g. leading assemblies, taking lessons, lunch/after-school clubs... |
| | | Experience of delivering community projects. |
| | Experience of delivering training. | Experience of training and coaching volunteer children's/ youth workers. |
| | Good understanding of up-to-date safe practice & safeguarding with children, young people, and adults at risk. | Experience of being a Designated Person for Safeguarding (or Deputy). |
| Other | A willingness to adopt a flexible working pattern, including regular evening and weekend work. | Experience of working evenings and weekends. |
| | Willingness to undergo DBS enhanced disclosure. | |
| | | Full Drivers Licence |
| | | Experience of driving a minibus |

There is a Genuine Occupational Requirement in accordance with the Equality Acts 2010 for the post-holder to have a vibrant and active Christian faith. This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Acts 1974 and is subject to a DBS check prior to an offer of employment being made.