

Youth Minister

JOB DESCRIPTION



Discovering God and sharing the love of Jesus

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Introduction

Youth Minister is an exciting new role for an inspirational and enthusiastic leader who feels called to share God's love with a new generation in this place, and who can strategically and practically grow and develop our existing youth ministry.

St John's is a lively, spirit filled church where we value growing in faith, being welcoming, loving, prayerful and community focussed. We believe God is doing a new thing here and have a vision to see people come to faith and grow as disciples of Jesus.

Key Responsibilities

Reach *(approximately 40% of the role)*

- With innovation, prayer and vision, develop a strategy to reach out to 11-18 year olds in the local area in a variety of settings
- By utilising strong existing links, and by creating new ones, collaborate with local organisations and schools, and reach young people with an impactful, relational missional ministry

Develop *(approximately 30% of the role)*

- Develop and support our Sunday and midweek ministries
- Use your own gifting, style and leadership to identify and develop priorities and a sustainable plan to build on what already exists and develop both outreach and discipleship
- Monitor, evaluate and review the effectiveness of the work
- Lead, develop and invest in the team of volunteers

Grow *(approximately 30% of the role)*

- Engage in personal development and reflection opportunities
- Seek to grow your own faith
- Lead, encourage and nurture our young people in their faith

How We Will Support You

- You will be supported by the vicar, the staff team and a fantastic team of youth ministry volunteers
- Budget is set aside for your continued professional development
- A support group from within the congregation will uphold you and your ministry
- Encouragement to be involved with youth leader networks
- Support and encouragement from St John's church family

Main Terms

- This is a full-time post of **39 hours per week** which will be arranged around the ministry and will include some evening and weekend work
- Salary **£30,000 -£35,000** depending on experience
- Pension scheme
- St John's Church office is the normal place of work and a desk and computer are provided
- This post holds a genuine occupational requirement that the person appointed is a committed practicing Christian. The Employment (Religion and Belief) Regulations section 7.2 applies. Applicants must have the right to work in the UK.
- Possible housing/relocation allowance. Working expenses reimbursed
- The post holder will be expected to be a full worshipping member of St John's
- The Vicar is the line manager for the post
- Appointment is subject to enhanced DBS checks





The Person

Skills and Experience

Essential

- Evidence of effective outreach and discipleship work with young people in a church, school or community setting
- Experience in missional relational ministry
- An understanding of contemporary culture and the issues facing young people today
- An ability to share the knowledge of God's love with young people and foster discipleship
- Knowledge and understanding of safeguarding best practice
- Outstanding communication and collaboration skills (both in writing and face to face)
- A visionary leader
- Skilled in creating opportunities for outreach; able to plan and realise vision
- Organised and self-motivated
- An ability to build relationships, team and community. An ability to gather people together
- Creative and imaginative
- Excellent IT (Microsoft office suite) and social media skills

Desirable

- Previous experience of team leadership
- An understanding of rural communities

Essential Attitudes

- A calling to reach young people with the good news of the Gospel
- A prayerful person, open to the Holy Spirit
- A committed evangelical Christian with a living faith, wanting to work in a charismatic CofE setting
- A willingness to continue to learn and develop
- Emotionally and spiritually resilient
- Energetic and enthusiastic

Qualifications

Essential

- Satisfactory DBS (Disclosure and barring service)
- Full driving licence and access to own vehicle

Desirable

- Youth work training or qualifications





Our Church

St John's is a lively church family with an informal and relaxed style; our aim is to help people discover God and share the love of Jesus. Together we have a heart to love God and to reach out to serve and make a difference in our town and beyond.

We have a regular worshipping community of around 140 each week.

- Warm, friendly and welcoming
- Evangelical charismatic
- Alpha and Youth Alpha
- Affiliated to the New Wine network, and the Suffolk New Wine hub
- Vibrant growing church with life and expectancy and a sense that God is doing 'a new thing'
- Young People at the heart of the vision of the church and a history of resourcing youth ministry
- Friday Night youth club
- Excellent links with local schools
- Partner with Just 42, running a lunchtime club and more at the local High School
- A variety of worship styles, excellent teaching, open to the Holy Spirit and prayerful
- Flourishing children's ministry, led by a Children's Pastor.
- Large and growing team of clergy (including two curates this year), lay leaders and staff team
- Grouped with St Andrew's Church in Bredfield
- Life Groups and Community Café
- Regular outreach into the local community

Our Values

- Welcoming • Loving • Prayerful • Community focused • To grow in faith
- Serve our community • Reach out in word and action

We're committed to Jesus, being filled with and led by the Holy Spirit, growing towards maturity in faith.

Our Town

Woodbridge lies on the picturesque River Deben, just 7 miles from the sea, ideal for water sports, lovely walks and is a great place to live, voted:

'Happiest place to live in Great Britain'

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'One of the best places to live in the UK'

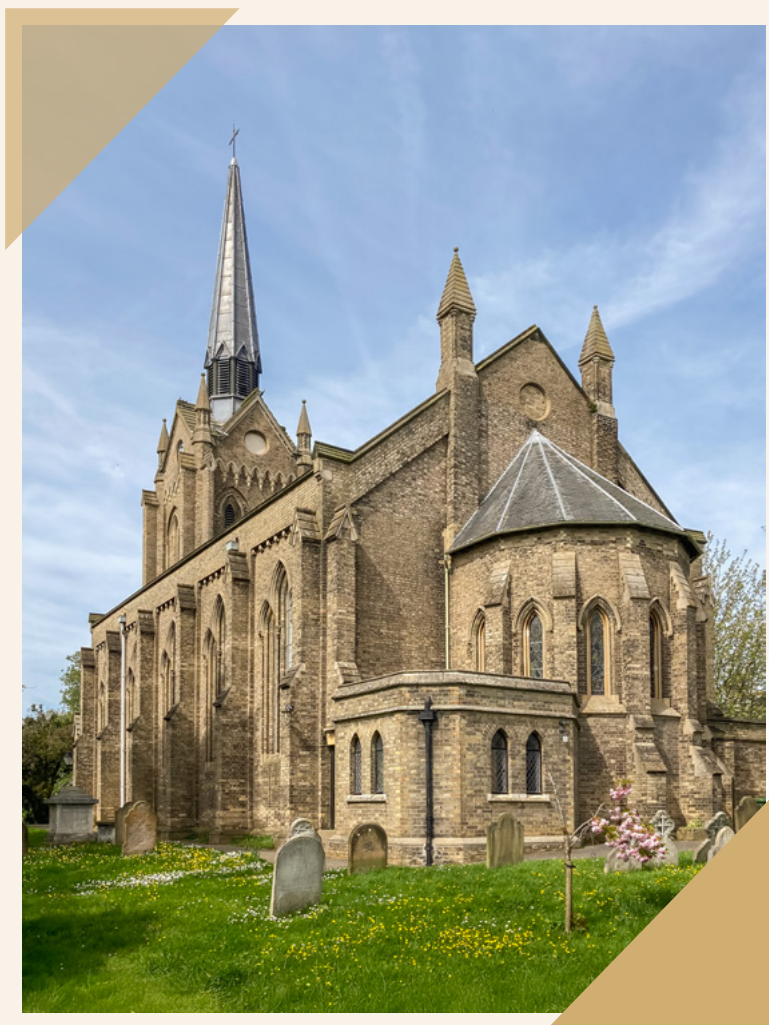
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It's a buzzing market town with a great choice of restaurants, cafés, a theatre and cinema, library, swimming pool and leisure centre, plus its own train station offering easy access to London, Cambridge and surrounding area by both rail and road.

There are great primary and secondary schools, and good local healthcare services.

Nearby is the historic Sutton Hoo of "The Dig" fame, and stunning seaside towns such as Southwold, Felixstowe and Aldeburgh.





How to Apply

To apply please complete the application form and return it by email to:

charles@stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk

or to the church office:

**St John's Church
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Closing date for applications is Friday 27th February.

Interviews will be held during the week of Monday 9th March. Any questions about the role?

Please contact Charles Trefusis at charles@stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk