



# St Christopher's Church

Allesley Park and Whoberley

**God's family; loving like Jesus**

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## Role Description

**Title:** Children, Youth and Families' (CYF) Minister for the Parish of St Christopher's Allesley Park and Whoberley

**Responsible to:** The Vicar and PCC of the Parish

**Line Manager:** Vicar

**Hours:** 37.5 hours per week (full time)

**Salary:** £25,000 - £27,000 depending on qualifications and experience

**Contract:** 3 years, with potential for further extension of this project.

**Appointment to start:** Preferably September 2025

St Christopher's Church, in the heart of its community in West Coventry, is blessed by being a community of all ages, with children, youth and families (CYF) being a key part of this. Recent investment in children and youth ministry has borne fruit, with children from the church growing to take an active part in its ministry as young adults. We long to see more of this, building on these foundations, to see children from both within and outside the church discovering Jesus and growing as his disciples.

We have a strong history of regular attendance of around 15-20 children and youth on Sunday mornings. We also have a strong connection with our local primary school academy and uniformed groups. We would now like to build on this through appointing a full-time CYF Minister who can provide strong leadership and continue to develop CYF work in the Parish.

The main aims of the role are to ...

- Lead a process to develop a clear strategy for children's and youth work, shaping the vision, values, programmes and priorities to establish St Christopher's as a robust centre of Christian faith for children, youth and families, and see this ministry flourish and grow.
- Communicate, and train others to communicate, the message of Jesus Christ to children, youth and their families and establish young disciples whose vigour and openness to God speaks to the whole church and community.
- Lead and participate in Sunday and mid-week CYF provision, including being part of the team ensuring that any worship is inspiring for children, youth and families. This will include Sunday services, Christopher Robin (pre-schoolers and carers' drop in attended by around 15 families each week), World Changers (after school club attended by 30 children), and potentially developing new forms of worship.
- Mentor and equip CYF volunteers and enable them to access appropriate training.
- Equip parents for the challenges of being godly parents and to bring up their children in the Christian faith.
- Build on existing good relationships with schools and uniformed groups to reach out to the community with the love of Jesus.
- Provide pastoral and mentoring support to CYF in the setting of the church and partnering school, St John's Church of England Academy (and possibly others).

The age range covered by the worker will be 0 – 18 years, with a particular emphasis currently on 4-11 year olds

## **Person Specification**

### Qualifications

- A professional qualification or significant experience in working with children/young people and families.

### Skills, Aptitude, Knowledge and Experience

- An infectious love of Jesus Christ, with the ability to sensitively lead young people and families to Him.
- Ability to disciple young people and adults in a family context.
- Leadership skills and passion to create a strategy and implement innovative programmes for children's work and family support in a Christian context.
- Skills to communicate and connect with young people and families, and a strong awareness of children/youth culture and issues.
- Enthusiasm and strong motivational skills to inspire, train and mentor individuals and teams to achieve results.
- Good understanding of Safeguarding policies and their application.

### Occupational Requirement

- It is an Occupational Requirement (Schedule 9 part 1 of the Equality Act 2010) of this post to have a committed Christian faith.

For informal inquiries, contact Rev Andy March 07578746942

Apply with a CV and a covering letter demonstrating how you meet the person specification and explaining why you feel a sense of God's call to this role – to [revandymarch@gmail.com](mailto:revandymarch@gmail.com)

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