

The Village Church Formby

Ministry Trainee 2016

Who we are

The Village Church Formby is a relatively small church re-plant in the very northern Liverpool suburb of Formby. Formby is a fairly affluent and independent community. Reaching a community who pride themselves on “having it all together” is our greatest challenge. Our mission as a church is a reflection of the great commission in the spirit of the great commandment - The Village Church Formby exists to love God and Formby by making disciples. Our vision is a reflection of Formby’s strengths and its idols - to be a growing authentic family.

At the Village Church Formby we believe the best way to achieve this vision is to build people up in God’s Word and fellowship as they *come* on a Sunday; to help them develop to Christlike maturity as they *connect* in a Small Group; and to equip them to serve effectively as they *contribute* to a team.

Since our church replanted in September 2014 we’ve seen some fairly dramatic changes, and some incredible fruit. These include a renewed focus on knowing Jesus rather than doing ‘stuff’ for him; emphasizing our corporate role in bringing glory to God rather than an individualistic goal of self-fulfillment; a burning desire to reach people with the gospel rather than doing things the way they have always been done; and a passion to care for people and their needs rather than promoting “one-size-fits-all” programs. The impact of this shift in motive has been dramatic, we’re seeing a change in our relationship with God, which is becoming increasingly personal and daily; our church family is growing relationally more connected and caring; and we’re engaging in relationships in the community that are seeing non-Christians become new Christians.

Who we’re looking for

We are looking for men or women who are committed to Christ, his glory and the historic and orthodox gospel, who are servant-hearted and who are growing in Christian maturity. Applicants must already be involved in serving their local church and have some proven ministry experience. They must also be recognized as having potential for future leadership and gospel ministry.

What you’ll do

The Village Church Formby is committed to equipping Christians to serve effectively, whether that’s through serving tea and cakes on a Sunday, or leading a church plant. Our

goal in having a ministry trainee is to provide a more intensive training in gospel ministry for those showing leadership potential. Our aim is to equip and release the next generation of Christian leaders - whether that's here in Formby or further afield.

The main components of our traineeship include:

- Formal study: All trainees will be enrolled on the NWP ministry training course.
- Ministry experience: On-the-job experience working primarily within the various church ministries. Opportunities to study the Bible with others and share in the responsibilities of running a ministry. Ministries include, music, children's work, outreach, discipleship, and compassion. All applicants will be expected to complete a personal assessment seminar to help discover and identify their "ministry sweet spot".
- Mentored supervision: Regular mentoring with a member of the ministry team.
- Practical service: Church life isn't always glitz and glamour, along with all the church leaders you will be expected to muck in with the various day to day tasks to serve the church family.
- Life management: Commitment to grow in personal devotional life, time management, and other spiritual disciplines.

Financial expectations

While The Village Church Formby has ample capital to take on the full financial responsibility of a Ministry Trainee, our expectation is that any trainee would demonstrably do their utmost to self-fund 25% of the total expense of the traineeship.

Our traineeship is negotiable as either a full time (preferred) or part time position.

Our training commitment is for one years (from September to mid-July), with a second year optional and dependent on mutual approval from both the trainee and The Village Church Formby.