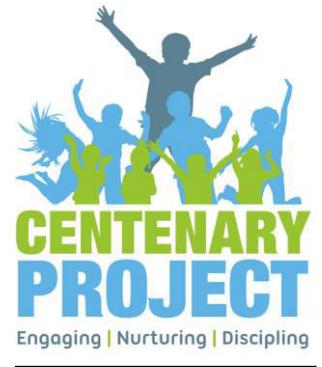




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Youth and Children's Worker for St Mary's Wheatley

Part of the Centenary Project in the Diocese of Sheffield

35 hours per week.

Salary £18,200 per annum for 35 hours/week.

This is an opportunity to join the Diocese of Sheffield's exciting initiative, The Centenary Project, as a Youth and Children's Worker.

The post covers the conservative evangelical parish of St Mary's Wheatley, in Doncaster, which is committed to advancing God's mission to young people. The role is part of a wider diocesan scheme to support St Mary's in conjunction with a church graft from Christ Church Fulwood in Sheffield.

We are looking for someone with experience in youth and children's work and a passion for teaching children and young people the truth of the Bible. They will have a mature Christian faith, rooted in the authority of the Bible, and be able to use their gifts to develop and co-ordinate our children and youth work in our church and community.

General responsibilities:-

- to develop and oversee the work with children and young people, in the parish of St Mary's Wheatley, drawing in, developing and discipling a new generation of young people in the Christian faith.

- to build and support teams to be involved in the development and delivery of the work.

- to be a member of the Centenary Project Worker Network.

The role will require evening and weekend work.

Given the nature and context of the work it is an occupational requirement that the post holder should be a communicant member of the Church of England or a full member of a church within Churches Together in Britain and Ireland

Contract: 3 years initially

Download an application pack from: www.sheffield.anglican.org/other-vacancies

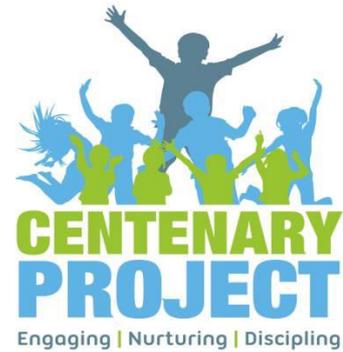
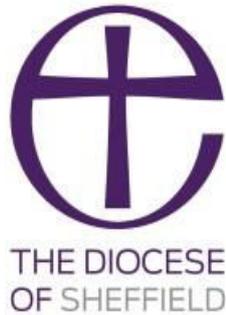
Deadline for applications: Noon 15th March 2018

Interviews to be held on: 28th March 2018

More information about the church can be found at www.stmaryswheatley.org.uk

More information about the Centenary Project can be found at www.centenaryproject.org.uk

For an informal conversation about this post, please contact Andy Thomas on 01302 323534 or by email: andy.thomas@sheffield.anglican.org



JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE	Youth and Children's Worker, St Mary's Wheatley
EMPLOYER	Sheffield Diocesan Board of Finance
RESPONSIBLE TO:	Centenary Project Leader
REPORTING TO:	Andy Thomas

1 GENERAL SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITIES

The key responsibilities of the role are:

- 1.1 to develop and oversee the work with children and young people, in the parish of St Mary's Wheatley, drawing in, developing and discipling a new generation of young people in the Christian faith.
- 1.2 to build and support teams to be involved in the development and delivery of the work.
- 1.3 to be a member of the Centenary Project Worker Network.

2 KEY TASKS

- 2.1 To have oversight of the Sunday morning activities for children and young people, including the delivery of a short children's talk at the beginning of the service.
- 2.2 To be part of a team delivering all-age services.

- 2.3 Help oversee the toddler group and look to develop evangelistic opportunities.
- 2.4 Start an evangelistic, mid-week children's group for local children and build relationships with parents through occasional social events.
- 2.5 Plan and prepare Biblical teaching materials and activities for each of the groups, in partnership with other leaders.
- 2.6 Help to start and lead mid-week discipleship groups for 11-14s and 14-18s.
- 2.7 Work with the local schools to deliver RE lessons and assemblies and develop links between the school and the church.
- 2.8 Hold a Holiday Club, then review and establish a regular pattern of Holiday Clubs if this seems appropriate.
- 2.9 Plan residential activities for children and young people.
- 2.10 Identify skills and talents relevant to youth and children's work, within the congregations, and nurture and develop these gifts, in order to grow the team of leaders.
- 2.11 Build teams for the delivery of youth and children's ministry, training and supporting these teams, equipping the church to be welcoming to children and young people.
- 2.12 Invest in relationships within the community in order to engage in friendship evangelism and model this to the church.
- 2.13 Work with the minister and staff team to develop evangelistic opportunities in the area, communicating with the Area Dean and colleagues in the Deanery.
- 2.14 Meet with a small number of identified adults for evangelism, discipleship and prayer.
- 2.15 To comply with relevant safeguarding and health and safety guidelines, including ensuring compliance by other youth and children's leaders and completing appropriate risk assessments.
- 2.16 To meet on a monthly basis with other Youth and Children's Workers in the Centenary Project network for learning and support.
- 2.17 As a member of the Centenary Project Network, set achievable objectives and record measured outcomes
- 2.18 To undertake such other duties as may reasonably be required commensurate with the responsibilities of the post.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Attributes	Essential	Desirable	Method of Assessment
Education and Training	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A good standard of written English (GCSE English or equivalent). 2. A nationally recognised qualification in Christian youth or children's work (or equivalent experience) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A nationally recognised qualification in Christian youth or children's work at degree or equivalent level. 2. Safeguarding training. 	Application documentation.
Experience	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Active member of a Christian church. * 4. First-hand experience of leading or coordinating activities for children and young people that are appropriate for the context. 5. Experience of working within a team. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Experience of working as part of a staff team. 4. Experience of working in a local church context. 5. Experience and understanding of Fresh Expressions of Church and pioneer ministry. 6. Experience of leading and nurturing teams of volunteers. 	Application documentation and interview.
Knowledge and skills	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. A clear understanding of children and young people and principles of youth and children's work. 7. Working knowledge and commitment to safeguarding and promoting the safety and welfare of children. 8. Excellent skills in direct work with young people. 9. Good people and communication skills, 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Literate in IT including use of social media and word processing. 	Application documentation, interview and practical exercise.

Attributes	Essential	Desirable	Method of Assessment
	<p>appropriate for connecting with young people, interacting with the church family and reaching the community.</p>		
Qualities	<p>10. Able to teach and communicate Biblical truth to children and young people in an engaging and effective manner, with a focus on growing young disciples.</p> <p>11. Able to relate effectively with a wide spectrum of people, both adults and young people.</p> <p>12. Able to communicate effectively in person and in writing.</p> <p>13. Able to motivate self and others and to manage use of time.</p> <p>14. Able to work as part of a team.</p> <p>15. Able to initiate and develop projects.</p> <p>16. Able to enable young people to provide peer support.</p> <p>17. A well-grounded disciple of Jesus with a mature Christian faith, rooted in the authority of the Bible</p> <p>18. Able to present a strong Christian role model.</p> <p>19. Able to aid the church graft from Christ Church Fulwood, and willing to serve within that conservative evangelical tradition.</p>	<p>7. Able to set and work to goals without direct supervision.</p> <p>8. Able to work in a range of social and cultural contexts.</p>	<p>Application documentation, interview and practical exercise.</p>
Other	<p>20. Satisfactory Enhanced DBS disclosure.</p>	<p>9. Have access to appropriate</p>	<p>Application documentation and interview.</p>

Attributes	Essential	Desirable	Method of Assessment
	21. Commitment to engage in professional and spiritual development.	transport for travel within the area. 10. Willingness to receive spiritual accompaniment.	

** Given the nature and context of the work it is an occupational requirement that the post holder should be a communicant member of the Church of England or a full member of a church within Churches Together in Britain and Ireland in order to fulfil the main purpose of the post. This post is therefore exempt under Schedule 9 of the Equality Act 2010*