

Christ Church Virginia Water

Job Description: Intern

Christ Church

Christ Church Virginia Water is Church of England Parish with a congregation made up of an international family drawn from over 25 different countries, many Christians of other denominations and mainly living within a 20-mile radius of Virginia Water. We rejoice in our rich diversity but are united in knowing Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour and share a desire to help one another, from God's Word, to discover our full potential in a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. We are discovering that Jesus brings meaning, purpose and fulfilment as we grow to know him, to trust him and to serve him together for his glory. This is expressed well in our vision statement "Knowing Jesus and Making Jesus Known".

Our team comprises Vicar, Children's and Families Pastor, Youth & Young Adult Worker, Operations Manager, Finance Administrator (part-time), Parish Administrator (part-time), Communications & Development Officer (part-time), one or more Interns and a team of committed volunteers.

Vision

To support the delivery of the vision of Christ Church Virginia Water, "Knowing Jesus and Making Jesus Known".

The post allows an Intern to explore God's call on their life in ministry/vocation; to exercise their gifts in various ministries in the Church and gain a sense of areas of interest and passion; and to grow in knowledge and skills through an appropriate course of study. This is summarised well in 2 Peter 3:16, "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen."

Internship Scheme

The scheme comprises three main elements:

1. Biblical and theological training relevant to your area of ministry involvement. The specific course that you undertake will be agreed between you and your Ministry Head and will, ideally, lead to a qualification
2. Ministry training and experience, agreed in discussion between you and your Ministry Head, and developed over the year, as you seek to discern together God's calling for you
3. Practical service undertaking activities and tasks that assist in the day-to-day running of the Church. Your duties will be both routine and ad hoc and will be assigned by your Ministry Head in discussion with the Operations Manager. Typically, they will include being part of the 'front desk' at the Church, assisting with the regular turn-around of the Church, and other caretaking, support and administrative duties

Personal Attributes of Candidates

- A personal faith in Jesus Christ and an emerging sense of Christian vocation
- Eagerness to learn, and develop; to be reflective and self-critical
- Willingness to work within a ministry team
- A demonstrable love for others evidenced by an enthusiasm for all areas of service
- Flexibility and a sense of humour

Accountability & Working Relationships

Interns will:

- be ultimately accountable to the Vicar and the Church Wardens, possibly under the direct line-management of one of the Ministry Heads
- be accountable to one another and to the Body of Christ, and will be expected to be fully committed members of Christ Church
- be expected to work from the Church unless otherwise directed
- join the Church Staff team and meet on a weekly basis for Prayer and Staff Meetings
- join with, and train within, one or more Ministry Teams, e.g. Children's; Youth & Young Adult; Adult (including Seniors) and Operations, as appropriate

Training & Support

- Interns will typically study a theological training course
- Interns will receive training to support their practical service e.g. Kitchen Hygiene training
- Interns will meet weekly with their Mentor and/or line manager for mentoring, support and theological study
- Interns will be expected to participate in regular leadership and training seminars including '9:38', or equivalent, conferences (www.ninethirtyeight.org)

Funding

A bursary will be paid (currently £500 per month) and, depending on circumstances, accommodation will be provided with a Church Family.

Contact

For more information please contact Annette Ross, Operations Manager (annette@cc-vw.org)

To find out more about the church see www.cc-vw.org.

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