

Children's & Family Link Worker: St Francis Church Bedminster

Position: Children's & Families Worker (part Time)
Responsible to: Priest-in-Charge
Employed by: The District Church Council
Purpose: To pioneer and lead the children's and Family ministry and outreach in the Church and Parish
Start Date: March 2016 or as soon as possible thereafter

Aim of the post:

We are seeking to employ someone who loves Jesus with the gifts and enthusiasm to build a strong foundation for children's work at St Francis and make a real difference to the children and families within our church and the wider community.

Responsibilities

1. To develop the children's ministry on Sunday mornings (0-10s) and encourage its leadership team
2. To co-ordinate the weekly toddler group 'Scramblers' and incorporate new initiatives for building existing friendships as well as developing new relationships with young families from the community.
3. To participate regularly in the planning and leading of all-age services and occasional special celebrations (e.g. Crib service).
4. To develop links with the local primary schools in the area with both pupils and staff through collective worship, clubs, pastoral and curriculum support.
5. To plan and implement outreach events and activities for children and their families, possibly in connection with the other churches in Bedminster partnership (e.g. Holiday Clubs, Special Events, Midweek after-school clubs).
6. Pioneer new ways that connect young families to faith encouraging them to explore Christianity together.
7. Encourage 'joined up' thinking with St. Francis' Church and the other churches in Bedminster in their united mission to families.
8. Utilise social media to support and grow the work of the church with families
9. Ensure all work done in this ministry is in line with the diocesan and church safeguarding policy
10. Keep up-to-date with the ongoing conversation regarding missiology and family life through networking and reading

Essential:

- a) A mature Christian faith and respect for the ethos and values of the church.
- b) A heart for evangelism, discipleship and pastoral care among children.
- c) Confidence leading children's ministry within a church setting
- d) The ability to inspire confidence, cooperation and enthusiasm in others.
- e) Experience leading a team of volunteers.
- f) An ability to work as part of a team.
- g) A positive role model and example to the children of the Church and their families.
- h) Presentation and communication skills to a wide range of people.
- i) Awareness of and sensitivity to the requirements of good Safeguarding Policy and Practice.
- j) Administration, planning, presentation and time management skills.

Desirable:

- a) Experience of outreach events in the community in a non-church setting.

- b) Holds a professional qualification in children's work or ministry (or related area).
- c) Experience of working in schools.
- d) Competent ICT and audio visual presentation skills.
- e) Musical ability.
- f) Awareness of wider issues affecting children's ministry today.

This Person:

- loves children, and understands their way of thinking;
- is approachable, fun and energetic;
- relates well and builds rapport with parents and volunteers;
- is flexible and creative;
- is confident, caring and humble;
- is responsible and safety conscious;
- is a godly role model;
- is teachable and keen to learn.

An Enhanced DBS disclosure with Barring Check is required.

Salary £13,000 per year for a fixed three years term.

Contact details office@bedminsterchurches.net 0117 939 9121

For an application form go to 'Other' at <http://staldhelmsandstfrancis.org.uk/vestry/>

Closing date for applications Friday 22nd January 2016