



Children's and family worker job pack

Application deadline: Saturday 3rd May

Provisional interview date: Saturday 17th May

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Hi,

My name is Ben Dyer and I'm the vicar of Christ Church, Southport. Thanks for taking the time to work out if God is calling you to our town. Christ Church is a lively church and we have a big vision - we want to give everyone in Southport multiple opportunities to encounter Jesus. Our five values that shape and define Christ Church are: Jesus following, relational, kind, creative and courageous. We don't always get them right, but we are driven to have these characteristics define this community.

Children and families are an important part of our vision. We want to see every child and family that lives in Southport have the opportunity to meet with the God who can change their lives. We have a target of 200 young people (0-18s) connected to Christ Church by 2028. Currently, we have around 70 and on a Sunday we get 15-25 3-11s at Kids Church (supported by a kids team of roughly 12 volunteers). To connect with more children and families and to give them opportunities to encounter Jesus, we need someone who feels called here and has the right set of skills and personality to jump in and lead our children's and family work. We are not looking for perfection (or even mountains of experience) but someone who's passionate about children and families, and Jesus. We are also advertising for a youth worker (alongside our Scripture Union Local Mission Partner, Southport & Area Schools Worker Trust, www.saswtrust.com) and you would form a small staff team that would be passionate about working hard, having fun, encouraging each other, and trusting God together.

If you have any questions or would like an informal chat email me (ben@christchurchsouthport.org.uk) and I'd be happy to arrange a conversation.

Ben



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Job description

- Oversee Christ Church's mission and ministry to children (0-11s) and families, with the aim of growth, both in number and depth of discipleship. We want to have 200 young people (0-18s) connected to Christ Church by 2028.
- Ensure that the children and family's work fits within the vision and values of the church.
- Lead and grow the children's work volunteer team.
- Run the children's provision at our 11am Sunday service.
- Play a part in planning and leading new services and events that engage with children and families.
- Think creatively about engaging with unchurched children and their families across Southport.
- Start preschool daytime group/s to engage with unchurched parents/carers and their toddlers.
- Be present in Southport primary schools through our close relationship with SASWT (Southport and Area Schools Worker Trust).
- Connect with other projects and young people's workers in Southport.
- Plan and lead an annual night away for older children.
- Alongside others, help to equip parents and carers to play their key role in the discipleship of their children.
- Oversee all communication with parents/carers including running the children's social media accounts.

General

- Work collaboratively with the youth worker who will be appointed.
- Ensure that children and youth team volunteers are recruited safely, following the safer recruitment policy, and that all regulatory requirements regarding safeguarding and health and safety are met, attending training as required.
- Champion the vision and values of Christ Church.
- Manage the children's budget.
- Although you will be focused on children and families there will be times when you are involved with services, events, courses, meetings and other areas of ministry and mission in the wider of the church.
- You will be managed by Rev Ben Dyer (vicar of Christ Church)

Support and training

- Attend all staff meetings and other appropriate meetings for this role including prayer meetings and away days.
- Be a part of a small group.
- Attend appropriate training and events.
- Come along to New Wine (or other Christian festivals) with the church (there are opportunities to be on team).

Salary and benefits

Full-time permanent contract (37.5 hours per week)

Salary: £28,000 – £32,000 (based on experience)

Holiday: 30 days (6 weeks) + bank holidays (primarily to be taken during school holidays)

Relocation grant available

Person specification

Essential:

- A heart for the vision and values of Christ Church, Southport.
- Ability to quickly connect and communicate naturally with children and families, both those who attend church and those who do not.
- Enthusiastic, flexible, creative, teachable and the ability to not take yourself too seriously.
- Spiritual maturity and a commitment to worship and prayer.
- Able to understand modern culture and respond to it from a Christian perspective.
- A team player with a willingness to serve.
- Gifted in leading and inspiring a team of volunteers.
- Good organisational skills and an ability to prioritise.

Desirable:

- Experience in full or part-time salaried children's and/or family ministry.
- Experience of working with young people in a school setting.
- Good I.T. and social media (e.g. Instagram) skills.

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