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Youth and school's worker job pack

Application deadline: Sunday 31st August 2025

Provisional interview date: Friday 19th September 2025

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Hi,

My name is Ben Dyer and I'm the vicar of Christ Church Southport (CCS) and a trustee of the Southport and Area Schools Worker Trust (SASWT). Thanks for taking the time to work out if God is calling you to this exciting role and our sunny town (it is always sunny here...). This role is a 50/50 split role between CCS and SASWT, but don't worry, it's not one of those 50/50 roles where you will be pushed and pulled between the organisations (you will only have one line manager – me). CCS is a founding supporter of SASWT, and we both want to see young people explore faith and meet Jesus - this role simply allows you to do that in a school setting with a church base. At SASWT, you would work closely with the project lead 'Tabz' (more formally known as David Taberner), and at Christ Church, you would work closely with the full-time children and families worker.

Southport and Area Schools Workers Trust is a charity formed in 1999, which has the privilege of connecting with children and young people across 20+ primary and secondary schools across the town and beyond. With a vision to create safe spaces to explore the big issues of life and faith, our team of staff and volunteers have a wide-ranging mission that includes assemblies, RE & PSHE lessons, primary after-school clubs, lunchtime secondary school safe spaces, and so much more. SASWT actively supports local youth clubs and acts as a catalyst for joint youth events, weekly Safe Space themes and activities in the community. The annual "Mission Impossible" Easter immersive experience and "Good Show" Christmas productions are hugely popular with schools eager to book early. Partnering with churches across Southport, as well as with Scripture Union supporting their Revealing Jesus Framework ("Connect, Explore, Respond, Grow"), our desire is to journey with unchurched young people to help them encounter Jesus in meaningful and relevant ways.



Ben Dyer



Mission Impossible



CCS Youth



Friday Night Youth



Safe Space



Tabz

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. Youth (11-18s) are an important part of our vision. We want to see every young person who 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 the end of 2028. Currently, we have around 70 with roughly ten 11-16s attending on a Sunday (plus a couple of 16-18s) and roughly thirty who attend our Friday Night Youth. This is all supported by a team of around 15 volunteers.

To connect with more young people across Southport, we want someone who feels called here and has the right set of skills and personality to work in our schools and at Christ Church. We are not looking for perfection (or even mountains of experience) but someone passionate about seeing young people encounter Jesus.

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

Job description

Christ Church

- Oversee Christ Church's mission and ministry to youth (11-18s), 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 the end of 2028.
- Ensure that the youth work fits within the vision and values of the church.
- Run the youth provision at our 11am Sunday service and "Friday Night Youth".
- Lead and grow the youth work volunteer team.
- Begin exploring what engaging with 16-18s looks like and think creatively about engaging with unchurched youth.
- When appropriate, run youth alpha.
- Plan and lead an annual weekend away for youth and bring youth to festivals/conferences (e.g. New Wine). There may be opportunities to serve on a New Wine team.
- Oversee all communication with parents/carers including running the youth social media accounts.
- Work collaboratively with other staff (particularly the children and families worker) and attend staff meetings, prayers, and away days/team training.
- Ensure that 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.
- Manage the youth budget.
- Although you will be focused on youth there will be occasions when you will be involved with other areas of ministry and mission at Christ Church.

Southport and Area Schools Worker Trust

- Attend and help host Safe Space gazebo sessions across Southport secondary schools (typically 3-4 lunchtimes per week during term time).
- Co-lead or deliver assemblies (primary and secondary) that are creative, engaging, and age-appropriate – typically involving up-front games, storytelling, drama, music, or multimedia elements with a clear takeaway point appropriately rooted in relevant Christian teaching.
- Support the delivery of interactive RE or PSHE-style lessons (primary and secondary) that explore life and faith themes from a Christian perspective, in line with school curriculum and values.
- Take an active role in planning and delivering seasonal projects (such as SASWT's 'Mission Impossible' Easter event and touring Christmas Shows).
- Assist in preparing and transporting resources needed for school visits.
- Debrief with the team after sessions and contribute to short written reports or story-sharing for supporters and prayer updates.
- Attend regular team meetings and occasional training days.

You will be managed in both roles by Ben Dyer (vicar of Christ Church and trustee of SASWT)

Salary and benefits

2 permanent 18.75 hour contracts (one with each organisation) making up a 37.5 hour full-time position

Salary: £27,500 - £29,750 (based on experience)

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

Relocation grant available

Person specification

Essential:

- A sense of calling to Christ Church, SASWT and Southport.
- Enthusiastic, flexible, creative, teachable and the ability to not take yourself too seriously.
- Spiritual maturity and a commitment to worship and prayer.
- Ability to quickly connect and communicate naturally with youth, both those who attend church and those who do not.
- Can engage both high-energy groups (e.g. lunchtime drop-ins) and quieter reflective spaces (e.g. one-to-one chats).
- Team player who can adapt to changing contexts and support colleagues well.
- Approachable and trustworthy – able to build rapport with youth and students while maintaining strong professional boundaries of an educational setting.
- 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 youth or schools work.
- Good I.T. and social media (e.g. Instagram) skills.

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