



Background of our Christ Church community

Christ Church with St Mary's Children and Young Families Missioner post

Christ Church is an Anglican church in the Bristol Diocese within the oldest ecumenical partnership in the country partnering with Bath Rd Methodist Church and United Reformed Church , Upham Rd.

The post advertised will be primarily focussed at Christ Church however there is a Partnership Messy Church on the 3rd Sunday of the month at our local Church of England Primary School with which the successful candidate would be expected to be involved.

Christ Church is set high on the hill in Old Town Swindon. It is a civic church and we provide a variety of worship services ranging from a monthly all Age service, traditional family Communion services, contemporary worship services to Choral evensong. We have a very committed and enthusiastic staff team of 5 clergy and 5 lay readers, a good team of volunteers running Sunday Club providing a lot of support for the successful candidate.

We have recently opened a modern and flexible Community Centre adjacent to Christ Church where our Parish Office is located. This would be the location from where your work would be based. The Community Centre is let out for various community activities throughout the week, but is available for church use through a booking system.

We have a regular Sunday Club for children aged 3-11 which runs in term time with a committed group of able volunteers meeting in the Main Hall of our Community Centre. We have many families who come to Christ Church for Baptism and we work hard at keeping in touch with them via a monthly eNewsletter and invite them to various activities we organise. We have recently launched a new Parent and Toddler group, 'Bright Lights' to engage with young families in the area.

We have strong links with five primary schools in our parish where we are regularly invited to lead assemblies. We invite children from local schools to join us for Easter Cracked activity days.

We are very keen to build on all these links as well as start new initiatives to see our work with children and young families grow and develop. As a church we take safeguarding very seriously and the successful applicant would be expected to undergo an enhanced CRB check and to sign the Bristol Diocese's Confidential Declaration Form.

Our hope is that in appointing a Children and Young Families Missioner we would have a member of our thriving staff team to keep our work with children and young families as a major priority in our church life