

## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

# **PIONEER YOUTH WORKER**

Part time: 14 hours/week.  
Salary: £9,500/year



We are excited to be looking for a YOUTH WORKER who will help us imagine and provide what our church needs to offer our young people, so that they can grow in faith and friendship as full members of St Barnabas.

This is a new venture for us which offers a genuine opportunity for pioneering youth work with our young people.

## **ABOUT US**

St Barnabas' Church is a diverse, intergenerational and growing church community in London SW4/SW11. We enjoy a great London location overlooking Clapham Common, just five minutes from Clapham Junction

Over the last 7 years, we have seen consistent growth in our work with children. Sunday mornings see a great team of volunteers helping to run 3 age-appropriate Sunday groups and a crèche with structured activities. We also have a monthly Family Service, a fortnightly Friday night youth club for those in years 5-8, plus a Toddler group on two mornings a week. Over the course of the month over 100 different children and young people use the church for a variety of activities.

Our older children and young people have grown up in St Barnabas over this time and provision has grown with them too. With many now starting secondary school, there is a significant and vital opportunity to develop our youth work in ways which will be appropriate for them as they grow into teenagers and beyond.

## **ABOUT THE ROLE**

Key responsibilities of the role of YOUTH WORKER will include:

- leading and organizing all aspects of the X-stream Friday youth club
- leading the Grid (Sunday Group for yrs 6-8) and overseeing all Sunday Groups
- developing new opportunities to nurture young people and grow our youth work
- meeting with the staff team and youth and children's work volunteers respectively
- undertaking all communications associated with the above

As the YOUTH WORKER, the primary focus of the role is on working with our older children (those currently in years 5-8), facilitating regular groups and activities for them and thinking imaginatively about new ways to develop this provision for the future. It includes responsibility for overseeing our regular Sunday groups and comes with the additional opportunity of linking into the work we do with Care for the Family in supporting parents of teenagers.

Core hours will include Friday evenings (for youth club) and Sunday mornings (for weekly Sunday groups; there is no Sunday evening service). Other hours can be worked flexibly to suit but there will be occasional evenings meetings with volunteers. Opportunities to lead or

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preach on a Sunday morning can also be explored if desired.

The post holder will be a member of the St Barnabas staff team which currently includes a vicar, church manager, finance co-ordinator, curate, associate vicar, parish assistant, and two church wardens.

## ABOUT YOU

The post holder for this role will be someone who:

- has relevant youth work experience
- possesses the personal qualities to build good relationships with the young people
- can teach and model the Christian faith effectively to young people
- will think imaginatively about developing our youth work further
- will enable young people to find their place and a role in the wider church
- is willing to be flexible working their hours when needed
- can organize programmes and sessions and manage volunteers
- is both a good team player and motivated to work alone as needed
- is committed to becoming actively involved with our morning congregation
- is in sympathy with a church that is a member of the Church of England
- will work within the guidelines of the Diocesan safeguarding policy, *A Safe Church*.

The role has a Genuine Occupational Requirement that the post-holder is a Christian. The role is subject to a DBS check.

## TO APPLY

Please apply writing to Rev Richard Taylor (at the address or email below) by the closing date of **Friday 3 March 2017**.

Please send your current CV which should include the names of two referees (one of which, if relevant, should be from your previous church if you have moved on from there within the last 3 years).

Along with your CV, please also include a personal statement in which you should outline any relevant experience you may have with reference to the job description and your reasons for applying.

Finally, please send a copy of your passport (with, if relevant copies of any relevant Visa documentation and permissions to work in the UK).

Interviews will take place at St Barnabas on **Wednesday 22 March 2017**.

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