

Seeking a Full-Time Children & Families Worker

We are two Anglican parishes serving the village of Mountsorrel in North Leicestershire. We are seeking to increase the work we do with children and families in the local Church and community. This full-time post will build on the work achieved by our Benefice Evangelist who will be leaving us at the end of this year. You will be an integral part of our ministry team and have the opportunity to work alongside the staff and pupils of our Church school.

Our Church Vision

For a number of years, the parishes have held to the following mission statement: "To know Christ better, and to make Him better known". We also echo the Diocesan Shaped by God vision of looking for growth in number of disciples, depth of discipleship and outreach into our community through loving service of the world. As well as working towards these mission statements, we share the vision of looking for the growth in God's kingdom. We are looking for the signs of where God is at work and wishing to join in.

Our Church Worship

The two churches differ in style with one favouring the Book of Common Prayer. We are seeking to make the most of this distinction and are aiming to use this to create 'unique selling points' for each congregation. At St Peter's we are striving to ensure our traditional form of worship is authentic and the very best that it can be, whereas at Christ Church, we are becoming more 'liturgy light' and, perhaps, appeal to a more contemporary worshipper.

About Mountsorrel

Mountsorrel is predominately British, white, born in the UK, with a total population of 7000 – 8000 over an area of 1 square mile. A new housing estate will bring an additional 400-500 residents. The majority of the housing is owner occupied, together with both private rented and social housing. There are some pockets of poverty and deprivation in the benefice.

At one time, the Mountsorrel quarry was a significant local employer but now, with little industry in the village, the majority of residents travel out of the village for work. Stonehurst Farm is both a working farm and also a very popular visitor attraction. John's house, based at Stonehurst Farm, is Leicestershire's only Michelin Star restaurant. A new visitors' centre and station recently opened as part of the Great Central Steam Railway.

Mountsorrel also has a leisure centre with gym and swimming pool and a good number of pubs, restaurants, cafes and take-aways. We have excellent links with the Waterside Inn where we hold some of our outreach events such as the annual Beer and Carols event and a Summer Songs of Praise.

Mountsorrel United Benefice

Job Title:	Children & Families Worker
Employer:	The PCCs of St Peter's Church & Christ Church, Mountsorrel
Line Manager:	The Incumbent – Revd Colin Resch, Priest in charge of Mountsorrel
Hours:	40 per week including Sundays
Holidays:	6 weeks (inclusive of Bank Holidays)
Salary:	£18,000 – £22,000
Start Date:	February 2018 (<i>negotiable</i>)

The Role

The position of Children & Families Worker is a new role being created in the Benefice to build on the valuable work achieved by the Benefice Evangelist who will leave us on 31st December 2017. As our new Children & Families Worker, you will help focus the mission and evangelism of our parishes in such a way as to increase the number of families and children coming to faith and joining the Church.

You will work closely with the incumbent and ministry team sharing the oversight of ministry to children and their families within the local community, our Church school and our Church family. It is expected that you will become a worshipping member of our Church community.

General

1. Line Manager – Incumbent who will oversee the annual review.
2. Part of the Benefice ministry team
3. Report to PCCs
4. Three month probationary period when time will be expected to be given to becoming acquainted with existing Church & local Christian activities

Job Description

1. To oversee and develop the work amongst the Church children (0-11 years) and their families.
2. To lead events and activities for children and families which both communicate and practise the Christian gospel, working with local volunteers and recruiting new supporters.
3. To lead children into the Christian faith and develop them as disciple-making disciples.
4. To work with the ministry team in delivering appropriate content for Sunday worship.
5. To assist the incumbent with baptism visiting and preparation of children for baptism.
6. To partner with Christ Church & St Peter's CE School in support of the RE Curriculum.
7. To be a part of the Ministers' Collective Worship Team at Christ Church & St Peter's CE School.
8. To ensure (in conjunction with the Safeguarding Officers) that safeguarding policies and procedures are fully implemented for all who work with Children in church.
9. To participate in relevant training and be open to opportunities for personal development, including network opportunities.

Person Specification

Essential

- Committed Christian
- Experience of Church-based children and/or families work.
- Experience of helping children to explore the Christian faith in creative and relevant ways.
- Experience of leading people to Christ and discipling them in their Christian faith.
- Ability to work as part of a team and on your own initiative with minimum supervision.
- Good communication skills.
- Good people skills.
- Sensitivity and pastoral understanding with the ability to establish positive and productive relationships with children and families.
- Knowledge of and commitment to safeguarding procedures including safer recruitment.
- Computer and internet literate.

Desirable

- Qualification / Evidence of training within the areas of family, community, children, youth, pastoral work or theology.
- First aid qualification.
- Awareness of Messy Church.
- Experience of working with primary schools.

In Addition, some of our children have suggested the following:

- Kind, caring, friendly and passionate about the role.
- Someone who cares about God.
- Someone who loves Jesus.
- Someone who cares about nature and the environment.

Additional Information

- There is a genuine occupational requirement that the post holder is a Christian.
- An enhanced DBS disclosure is required for this post.
- The successful applicant must be able to provide evidence of their eligibility to legally work in the UK prior to appointment.
- Deadline for applications: Thursday 30th November 2017.
- Interviews to take place Thursday 7th December 2017.