

We are looking for a part-time (approximately 10 hours per week) Children & Families Worker to join our Ministerial Team and provide enthusiasm, vision and inspirational leadership to our work among children and families in Horsham.

St Mary's Church, Horsham, has an active programme of ministry to children and families, including: a thriving toddler group; a successful Sunday school; a twice monthly afternoon service for young families; and special events for families.

The ideal candidate will be:

- Visionary - with a passion for families and their children in God's Kingdom and an understanding of children's spiritual development and parenting issues
- An excellent communicator - able to build a rapport and relate to people of all ages and backgrounds and speak to large groups of children and/or adults
- Able to lead, inspire and resource teams of volunteers
- Willing to worship as part of our church community
- Able to articulate faith and live it out in the community.

Skills and experience required:

- Initiative and organisation - reporting to the leadership team
- A good knowledge of the Bible and Anglican Christian Worship
- An awareness of the safe working practices for children's work and a current first aid certificate (or willingness to undertake training)
- Good IT skills and a knowledge of social media is required
- Ideally two years' experience working with children in a variety of contexts

In addition to a salary of £23,000 (pro-rata approximately 10 hours per week), we offer 30 days holiday per annum (plus bank holidays) and a contributory pension scheme including free life assurance. The post holder is entitled to an annual retreat.

Please note that the appointment will be made subject to the candidate undergoing an enhanced DBS disclosure and other safeguarding recruitment checks as required. The job will be made permanent after a satisfactory probation period of three months.

Informal conversations with Canon Lisa Barnett are welcomed, and to apply, please forward your CV to vicar@horshamstmarys.org.uk