

We are looking for a part-time (approximately 12 hours per week) Children & Families Worker to join our Staff 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, welcoming between 20-40 pre-school and primary aged children each Sunday morning, as well as organising regular special events and services. We work closely with St Mary's Pre-school and St Mary's Primary School, which includes assemblies, church visits and other collaborations. We also offer church visits to schools across Horsham, and scout and guide groups.

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 Team Rector and church wardens.
- A good knowledge of the Bible and Anglican worship
- An awareness of 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
- Ideally two years' experience working with children in a variety of contexts

Principle responsibilities of the role:

- To strengthen ministry to children and parents and report to the church committee on developments;
- To plan and organise events which draw in families from the local community;
- To consolidate and strengthen the teams of volunteers;
- To continue to foster strong links with St. Mary's Pre-School and Primary School, as well as liaising with the other primary schools in the parish;

In addition to a salary of £27,000 (pro-rata approximately 12 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. **Closing date to apply is Friday 24th October 2025.**