



ST ANDREW'S
HOVE

YOUTH & CHILDREN'S WORKER APPLICATION PACK

**ANY QUESTIONS OR APPLICATIONS TO
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WE'RE RECRUITING!

We are looking for a youth and children's worker with an active faith in Jesus who wants to use their God-given talents and abilities to help our children & young people as they grow and flourish on their Christian journey.

St Andrew's Hove is a medium-sized Anglican church full of life, located in the heart of Hove (in the city of Brighton & Hove) and a stone's throw from the sea.

Our vision is to Love God and Love Hove like Jesus. We have a thriving youth group, busy Sunday morning children's groups, children's choir and an excellent relationship with our linked primary school.

In partnership with a vicar and a team of qualified and enthusiastic volunteers, you will help provide dynamic, varied and engaging children's work in both church and community contexts, helping to guide and support children aged 0 to 18 as they explore their faith in Jesus and grow in love for those around them.

As well as experience of working with children and young people in a church or community setting, you will ideally have good pastoral skills and a solid knowledge of how to apply Biblical truths to everyday life.

Other than that, we are interested to see how your particular gifts can shape the role and grow our children & young people! Are you crafty? Musical? Love drama? Sporty? Have brilliant ideas for silly games or excellent organisational skills? All of these are attributes that could be a blessing to our church family. The most

important thing to us will be that you love our kids and love God, and we are committed to excellent on-boarding and ongoing support to help you do just that to the best of your ability.



MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

Sunday morning children's work

- Co-ordinate, oversee and deliver children's teaching during part of the 10am Sunday morning service
- Grow and equip our team of adult volunteers and young leaders

St. Andrew's Church Youth Group (StACY G)

- Plan and lead our weekly Thursday evening youth programme for school years 6 - 10 to explore and strengthen their faith.
- Manage our committed team of volunteers including recruitment, training and support.
- Lead our team in taking the group on the annual Diocesan Youth camp ('May Camp').

All Age Sunday worship

- With the Vicar, plan and lead monthly All Age worship services which include and engage children and young people as well as the adults in the congregation

St. Andrew's CE Primary School

- Share weekly collective worship leading with the Vicar (Wednesday mornings) and foster positive relationships with the staff, students and families.
- Support other ministry initiatives in the school such as prayer spaces or question times in lessons.

Chichester Diocese and Brighton & Hove networking

- Engage with current Youth and Children's worker initiatives, networks and support within our Diocese and with other churches (Anglican and other denominations) in our city.

Safeguarding

- Work with our Safeguarding Officer to ensure all safeguarding policies are met

POTENTIAL NEW INITIATIVES

Parent and Toddler Group

- We ran a parent and toddler group for many years and found it was a great way of reaching out to and engaging with local families. With new leadership this is a ministry that could be re-established and grown.

After School Youth Drop-in Café

- We are currently fundraising for a large scale re-ordering project which would improve the facilities in the church building and could pave the way for this kind of engagement with our local secondary schools.



PERSON SPECIFICATION

Essential

- A committed Christian with a passion for youth and children's ministry.
- Previous experience working with children and/or young people in a church or community setting.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills and the ability to work well as part of a team.
- Good organisational and leadership abilities.
- Flexibility to work evenings and weekends as required.

Desirable

- Relates well to the full range of children and young people (0-18).
- Good understanding of computing, use of software and various types of media

WHAT WE CAN OFFER

A welcoming and supportive church family with a mix of ages and backgrounds with a committed team of servant-hearted volunteers

Training & Support

- Weekly staff meeting/supervision/support meetings
- All relevant safeguarding training
- Further Diocesan training or other relevant training
- We also have a potential partnership with Church Mission Society (CMS) to benefit from their Children & Youth Work/Theology courses which could be discussed if desired.

JOB DETAILS

The vacancy is a part time position (18-21 hours per week) to regularly include Sunday & Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings.

The Full Time Equivalent (FTE) salary is £26 - 30k (dependant on experience and qualifications).

There is an occupational requirement that the post holder is a committed Christian in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 9 of the Equality Act 2010 & the post is subject to an enhanced DBS check, pre-employment references and a 6 month probationary period.

