Children & Youth Worker

Summary:

An exciting role, to help develop our growing work with children and young people, in the church and community.

Background:

St. Alban's serves the community of Beacon Hill and Hindhead. We have a mixed congregation but could be described as open-evangelical. Our mission statement is: 'Welcoming Everyone, Following Jesus, Sharing Life'.

We believe that children and young people are not just the church of tomorrow, but part of the church of today. Therefore, we have always worked with children, young people and their families. We offer Junior Church every Sunday, and a fortnightly youth meeting, as well as regular All-Age services, Café Church and Lego Church. We hold a popular summer Holiday Club and other activities such as Light Parties and 'Stick Around Sunday'. Our Christmas Gift Bank and our Easter Clothing Event touches the lives of many local families. We have a busy baby and toddler group every week. We enjoy strong links with the local primary school and run assemblies, special services and a Lego Bible Club. We have also provided parenting courses.

We are blessed with a team of hard working and experienced volunteers. The number of children and young people varies, and on Sundays this ranges from 5 to 25. Through our various ministries and engagement with the community, we connect with many people of all ages and backgrounds. Events such as Christingle attract hundreds of visitors.

St. Alban's is in SW Surrey, 13 miles south of Guildford, and near both Haslemere and Farnham. We are less than an hour from London and the coast, and from both Heathrow and Gatwick. We are set in beautiful countryside, including the popular Devil's Punchbowl. The area attracts many families, particularly those moving from London. There is a strong sense of community, and the church is very much a part of village life.

Role:

Currently, this is a part time post. However, we are flexible concerning the exact number of hours. We believe that if God calls the right person with the right gifts, then we will make the job fit! The main responsibilities are to work with a team of volunteers to develop our growing work with children, young people and families, to draw and disciple a new generation in the Christian faith.

Key tasks:

- Oversee and work with the team of volunteers to provide a programme of Bible based teaching and discipleship for children and youth on Sundays.
- Help develop the midweek Baby and Toddler Group, with the aim of integrating families more fully into the life of the Church.
- Review and develop alternative services aimed at families who do not attend on Sunday mornings.
- Continue to build and develop relationships with the community and local schools.
- Work with leaders to identify skills and talents, and nurture and develop these to grow teams of volunteers.
- Commitment to the wider life of the Church so to build relationships with all.
- Comply with relevant Safeguarding, and other policies, including ensuring compliance by other leaders.
- Meet regularly with the volunteers for planning, learning and support.
- Think strategically, initiate projects, and work with others to set achievable objectives.
- Undertake other duties as may reasonably be required.

What we are looking for:

- It is a genuine occupational requirement that the post-holder should be a committed Christian.
- Current, active membership of a church.
- Knowledge and commitment to safeguarding and promoting the safety of all.
- Good communication and people skills, appropriate for connecting with children and teens, interacting with the church family and reaching the community.
- Able to speak with sincerity and confidence about the Christian faith.
- Confidence to teach in an upfront setting.
- Willingness to engage in training, and professional and spiritual development.
- Able to motivate self and others and to manage use of time.
- Satisfactory Enhanced DBS disclosure.

What we can offer:

- A full or part time paid role.
- Existing ministries to develop, and new opportunities to explore.
- An active leadership team, of which you will be a full member.
- A church committed to praying and supporting this ministry.
- £25-30k pro rata, depending on experience.
- A lively church in a desirable setting.
- Regular training and support provided by Guildford Diocese.
- Housing or support with accommodation may be available.

Further Information:

Please contact us for more details, an informal conversation, or an application form.

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Application deadline: 14th August 2026

We look forward to hearing from you!

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