

Children's Worker

Two-year contract (with possible third),
full-time, £26,500 per annum

Summary

St Ebbe's Church is seeking to appoint a godly Christian to help in the leading of our children's ministry.

About St Ebbe's

St Ebbe's is a large and diverse community from all walks of life, made up of families, locals, students, international visitors, retired and more. We have four services each Sunday during university term, with a range of activities throughout the week. We are evangelical and Anglican, though we have many members and some staff from other denominational backgrounds.

Our vision is to see God honoured through the foundations of the Bible and prayer to:

- Reach out to non-believers with the good news of Jesus
- Build up Christians as disciples of Christ
- Send out Christians to serve Christ in Oxford and the world

Currently, there are approximately 150 children and young people who attend weekly groups at St Ebbe's, either on a Sunday or midweek. Most under-18s come to the 9:45am, some to the City at 4:30pm service, and a significant number of teenagers come to the 6:30pm service. Midweek clubs attract a number of children and teenagers from the local community and parish.

Key Tasks and Responsibilities

The Children's Worker works alongside and supports the Families Minister in caring for and discipling the children in the church family. The role involves oversight of several groups for children each week, including on a Sunday and midweek (Monday evenings). The exact nature and specific tasks of the successful candidate will reflect their own gifts and experience, but a summary of the main responsibilities is outlined below:

- Maintaining and strengthening the partnership between parents and the church in the discipling of children.
- Helping to devise and resource the teaching curriculum in the children's ministry.
- Supporting, training and resourcing leaders to deliver the teaching curriculum, with particular pastoral responsibility for female leaders.
- Leading and overseeing some of the children's groups directly.
- Coordinating and leading the Holiday Bible Clubs.
- Helping to organise social events for children and families.
- Following and implementing the church's safeguarding policies.

The role involves being a committed member of St Ebbe's, participating in staff meetings, and playing a full part in church life.

The kind of person we are looking for:

- A prayerful, godly Christian, with clear evangelical convictions, in full agreement with, and able to sign, our Statement of Faith.
- Someone with proven gifts in teaching the Bible and relating to children and young people.
- Someone able to lead and inspire a team of volunteers.

Ensuring that the leadership team effectively supports all the children in our care, consideration will be given to how candidates will add to the diversity of our team.

Other information

<i>Hours:</i>	This is a full-time position (based upon a 6-day working week including Sunday, with some Saturday & evening work)
<i>Remuneration:</i>	£26,500 per annum
<i>Pension:</i>	10% pension contribution into an acceptable pension fund
<i>Duration:</i>	A two-year contract (with a possible third with further training)
<i>Annual leave:</i>	36 days (plus Boxing Day and New Year's Day, not including other Bank Holidays)
<i>Place of work:</i>	St Ebbe's Church, central Oxford. Also required to work from home.
<i>Line manager:</i>	Toby Collins, Minister (Families)
<i>Start Date:</i>	Ideally 4 th September 2023