



9:38 Ministry Trainees (Part time)

Christ Church

Christ Church is a growing evangelical Anglican church located in the heart of Cambridge. We aim to be contemporary, informal and accessible, because we believe that God speaks to people today through his word, the Bible. We are committed to working with young adults, families, children and teenagers, as well as students, internationals and older people in the local area.

There are thriving works in Sunday Club (3–10s), Pathfinders (11–14s), Grafted (15–18s) and Tuesday Central (18–30s). We have 9.30 and 11.15 a.m. family-friendly Sunday morning services with a combined congregation of around 460 adults and children. The 6.30pm service is more informal, primarily attended by young adults, with a congregation of around 90. We also have a more traditional service at 4 p.m. (twice a month) primarily attended by the retired.

For more information on Christ Church and our activities please see:

www.christchurchcambridge.org.uk

The Christ Church Ministry Trainee Scheme

We are looking for a trainee to join us for one year (possibly extending to a second year) from 1 September 2017 on a part time basis (three days per week). This position is ideal for someone considering the possibility of a full-time gospel ministry in the future.

Within the Ministry Trainee role there is opportunity for focused involvement in one or two of the following areas:

- Music
- Children
- Internationals
- Youth (11-14s or 14-18s)
- 18–30s
- Biblical Counselling

If you would be interested in one (or more) of these specialist roles please indicate that on your application form.

General aspects of the role applicable to all Ministry Trainees would include:

- **Opportunities in word ministry:** Trainees could be leaders in Pathfinders (11–14s) or Grafted (14–18s) which involves preparing and leading Bible studies and seminars and giving short talks. For those interested in families work there may be an opportunity to be a leader in Sunday Club (3–11s). For those involved in 18–30s ministry there would be opportunities to lead Bible Studies. There may also be opportunities to read 1:1 with one or more individuals and to lead and preach in Sunday services.

The specific word ministry responsibilities will be determined in conjunction with the applicant, taking into account their gifts and experience, their enthusiasm for being trained in a particular ministry area and whether they are looking to become a pastor-teacher in the future.

- **Training in Christian ministry:** Trainees attend the TEAM (Training for East Anglia Ministry) course which runs each Wednesday during school terms (10 a.m.–4 p.m.). This course focuses on understanding and handling the Bible. There are four main elements:

1. Biblical theology: seeing how the Bible fits together.

2. Exposition: a deeper look at Bible books and hands-on training in how to teach different passages.
3. Doctrine: teaching on some central Christian doctrines.
4. Practical ministry: wisdom from experienced Christian ministers.

The TEAM course also includes weekly small group sessions where trainees can develop and practice Bible handling skills.

In addition, trainees will be mentored by a member of the Christ Church staff team giving opportunity to discuss various aspects of discipleship, church life and Christian ministry.

- **Helping with practical and administrative tasks:** Duties include running cooking, cleaning, supervising two morning crèches, preparing service sheets, answering telephone queries, preparing the building for Sunday services, one off events, mid-week groups, as well as other administrative tasks.

Features of the role

The role is a volunteer role with a primary aim of serving the local church. This will involve a willing flexibility in all sorts of tasks. We are looking for men and women with a servant heart, prepared to commit themselves to Christ Church wholeheartedly and do whatever they can to forward the work of the gospel here.

Trainees will attend weekly staff meetings and service review meetings. The staff team pray together on three weekday mornings and enjoy lunch together every Thursday. We are a happy team and seek to share our lives together, giving opportunities for trainees to learn about the different senior staff roles (Senior Minister, Assistant Minister, Music Minister, Women's Worker, Children's Worker, Youth worker, Outreach & Buildings minister).

Successful candidates will receive an allowance of three weeks' annual leave (including bank holidays). This is a 3 day a week role, which allows six Sundays away within one year's posting.

Personal qualities

The trainees should:

- Know and love the Lord Jesus and have a continuing desire to grow in their personal walk with Him.
- Be enthusiastic and passionate about church family and the spiritual growth of others.
- Have strong communication skills in a variety of situations.
- Be hard working, ready for a challenge and keen to learn.
- Work well in a team and display complete integrity and loyalty within the team.
- Display spiritual maturity and relate well to all ages.
- Display planning and organisational qualities, and be computer literate

Finances and accommodation

A pro rata grant will be provided as a contribution towards accommodation costs. In addition work expenses are met. As this is an unwaged volunteer role you are also eligible to apply for a grant towards basic living expenses. In previous years, all applications for grants were successful and a grant is anticipated to be in the region of £2,500 p.a. Trainees are encouraged to lead on a summer Venture and attend the 9:38 Ministry Trainees and East Anglia Gospel Partnership conferences.

Contact

For further details and an application form please contact:

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We encourage people to submit an application by 31 May 2017 as we will interview in June for positions starting in September.