



Youth & Families Worker

Full/part-time

Salary: £22k - £28k, depending on experience

Background

We are looking for a dynamic, flexible, passionate leader who can support who can help disciple our church teenagers, and better pastorally support church families with children.

We currently have a group of about 15-20 teens who engage with our youth groups. Several have come to faith in recent years and we are looking for someone who can invest into their lives through regular Bible teaching, and fun!

We also have about 40-50 children who attend Sunday School. We have a strong Sunday School team, but we want to explore how we can support their families better.

What does the role involve?

The scope of the role can be shaped to the successful candidate's gifting and available time.

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Taking a lead in youthwork

- Faithfully teaching and evangelising our young people from God's word. And faithfully praying for our young people and encouraging others to do so.
- Leading a team of about 10 volunteers to run our youth groups on Friday and Sunday evenings.
- Organising a weekend away for them each year.
- Being our representative and team-leader at Rooted (joint youthwork run by local churches).

Championing whole-life discipleship for families

- Strategic thinking about how we can best support church families to disciple their own children: courses, one-off Sunday-evening events, mini-conferences, catechesis, etc.
- Encouraging the whole body of Christ to be involved in prayer, teaching and care of children.

Other responsibilities

- The successful candidate will become a church deacon responsible for all aspects of children and youth ministry. As such, you would be expected to take an active role in the leadership team of the church, also working closely with the pastor and eldership team.
- Working with the Sunday School team and advising them when necessary.
- Champion the work of Growing Young Disciples in our church.
- Oversight of occasional children & youth services (Christmas, Easter, light parties, all-age services etc).
- To maintain working practices in line with our safeguarding policy.

How many hours and what is the rate of pay?

- This could be a full-time (40 hours) or part-time (minimum 24 hours, paid pro-rata) role, up to 5 days per week. It will involve working flexibly, including Sundays and some evenings.
- The role is for 2 years initially, but would hopefully be made permanent if both parties agree.
- A statutory workplace pension is provided, plus expenses for the FIEC leaders' conference and the Growing Young Disciples conference, plus a book allowance of £150.

What kind of person are we looking for?

The role would suit:

- Someone with an obvious passion for teaching God's word to the next generation.
- Someone with some ministry/theological training and experience of working with teens and/or families.

Essential characteristics:

- A mature Christian, with passionate about serving Jesus and His Body, the local church, demonstrated in loving service over several years in various contexts. Given the nature and context of the work, it is an occupational requirement that the post holder should be a committed Christian and member of the church. This post is therefore exempt under Schedule 9 of the Equality Act 2010.

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- A commitment to the centrality of God's word in your own life, and a desire and gifting to disciple other people in large and small groups, and one-to-one.
- A love for the lost, a passion to share the gospel and an expectation to see people saved.
- Someone personable, who enjoys coming alongside people and communicates effectively.
- Someone who is able to organise their own time effectively, able to assess priorities and make decisions in a timely manner.
- Character in line with the Biblical requirements for a deacon.
- Full agreement with our doctrinal basis, and happy to serve under our constitution.
- Working knowledge and commitment to safeguarding, and promoting the safety and welfare of children/youth. An enhanced DBS check is required, and you should be in good standing with your current employer and the community.

Desirable characteristics:

- Experience in church leadership, especially in an FIEC church or similar.
- A love of international people / food / culture / travel, as we have a growing number of international people in our church.
- Holder of a full British driving license.

What's the application process?

- Express your interest by emailing jon@park-church.uk with your full name and phone number. Also, write 100 words explaining why you think you'd be suited for this role.
- The selection process will involve at least one in-person interview.
- Apply any time. Start date: immediate, but up to September 2024 for the right candidate.

About Park Church

Park Church is a long-established, conservative evangelical church based in the heart of Stoke-on-Trent. Sunday attendance ranges from 150-180 people. We have experienced significant growth since COVID, mostly from international students and their dependents.

Our church is next door to Staffordshire University, the city Sixth-Form College, the main railway station and one of the city's busiest parks. Locally, the area comprises 65% students, about 30% ethnic minorities, and about 5% British retirees. We are gradually becoming more representative of the local demographic. At the moment, the church comprises a genuine mixture of people from all walks of life: young families, students, working people and retired people.

We are an active part of the FIEC and have strong ties with other evangelical churches in the city.

Watch our services here: <https://www.youtube.com/parkchurchstoke>

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