

Children and Families Worker

About the North Dartmoor Parishes

We have a large number of children and young people within the ten parishes of the North Dartmoor Parishes, and we are committed to helping them explore the Christian faith and grow spiritually.

All four primary schools welcome involvement from the churches, and our congregations regularly host family-friendly services and activities, including family services, Christingles, toddler groups and seasonal events. The Diocese of Exeter has also identified engagement with children and young people as a key priority.

To build on these relationships, we are seeking to appoint a committed Christian with a passion for children, young people and families to support and develop this important area of ministry.

Purpose of the Role

To encourage and nurture the spiritual lives of children, young people and families across the North Dartmoor Parishes by developing relationships, supporting church initiatives and creating opportunities for engagement with the Christian faith.

Key Responsibilities

The post holder will:

- Support congregations in developing and delivering activities for children and young people.
- Develop and strengthen links with the four primary schools in the benefice.
- Encourage families to participate in the worshipping life of the churches.
- Organise and lead Christian holiday activities and events for children.
- Work collaboratively with clergy, volunteers and church members to develop ministry with children and families.

Person Specification

Essential

- A committed Christian with a passion for Christ and for working with children and young people.
- Experience of working with children and young people.
- Ability to inspire, support and work effectively with volunteers.
- A strong commitment to the welfare and development of children and young people.

- An enhanced DBS check and willingness to undertake safeguarding training.
- A full UK driving licence.

Desirable

- Experience of working within a church or faith-based setting.
- Experience of developing relationships with schools or community organisations.

Support and Accountability

The post holder will be supported by a mentor and an advisory group drawn from the churches.

Support will also be offered through the 360 Community organised by South West Youth Ministries

The Children and Families Worker will be accountable to the Parochial Church Councils through the Rector.

The successful applicant will be expected to undertake appropriate Diocesan training, such as *Catalyst* or *Children's Ministry Essential*, as agreed with the Rector.

Terms and Conditions

- Hours: 16 hours per week, worked flexibly and including some Sundays. The North Dartmoor Parishes are committed to growing their ministry with children and families and will keep the scope of the role under review as this work develops.
- Salary: £16 per hour.
- Pension: Enrolment in the Church of England pension scheme.
- Expenses: Reasonable work-related expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with parish policies.
- Training: Appropriate training and support will be provided.

Additional Information

Full details of the North Dartmoor Parishes can be found on the parish website.

This post is subject to a Genuine Occupational Requirement under Schedule 9 of the Equality Act 2010 that the post holder be a practising Christian.

For further information, please contact the Rector Nick McKinnel (nick.mckinnel@gmail.com, 07773 363330).