**Full-time Children’s & Family Worker**

**Location:** St Barnabas Church, Winchester, SO22 6DS

**Contract:** 3 years, full-time, 40 hours (equivalent to 5 days) / week

**Salary:** £23,000 - £27,000 annually, depending on experience

St Barnabas Parish is part of the Anglican Diocese of Winchester and covers a large area in the north-western suburbs of the city with a mixed population of wealthy and deprived housing. It has two primary schools as well as a secondary school and has a new development of 2,000 dwellings due to be completed over the next 8 years.

The strap line of the church is *Sharing Life, Sharing Jesus*. We have about 120 members and normal Sunday attendance at the 10.45am service is about 55 adults and 15 children (though we have about 25 children on the register). We also have a more traditional service at 9am with roughly 35 adults attending. The St Barnabas’ Children’s & Family Worker will form an essential element to the church’s mission of growing the church. The position will involve working within the children’s *and* youth team and as such could also involve an element of supporting the youth sessions, whilst our youth worker would also be there to support the children’s sessions. The role will involve leading teams of volunteers who support the children, youth and families’ work. You will oversee the development of mission and ministry to children and their families in the areas of Weeke, Teg Down, Harestock and the new development Kings Barton. Our preference would be to have someone with experience of successfully developing groups and engaging missionally with their local context.

The starting date is flexible and could be as early as beginning of July but it can wait until September. The roleis full time, it will have a 3 month probation period and includes working on Sundays from approx. 10am to 12.30pm. You will need to work flexibly and be able to manage your hours effectively whilst being comfortable using IT and doing essential administration. The church is moving into a phase of mission focus and your role will be a key part in this.

**The position involves oversight of:**

Sunday Morning Junior Church Messy Church

Toddler group (Tiddlywinks) Monthly Assemblies

Summer Holiday Club Development of after school clubs

Occasional events such as: Light Party, Crib-Christingle service, Easter Crafternoon

Occasional All Age services eg: Harvest festival etc.

**Also supporting:**

St Barnabas Day outreach events

Christmas Tree Festival (every two years)

Weekend away (every two years)

**Closing date:** Monday May 13th 9am **Interviews:** TBC

*DBS Enhanced Disclosure is required*

To arrange a visit, or just to ask a question, please contact the Vicar Rev Ed Dines at vicar@stb.church Tel: 01962 885252

To apply: Please send your CV with a letter of application to: vicar@stb.church

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* A committed disciple of Jesus yourself
* Able to develop the current work as well as establish new initiatives which will make and grow disciples
* Able to co-ordinate and lead teams effectively with an ability to cast vision, recruit members and train volunteers

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