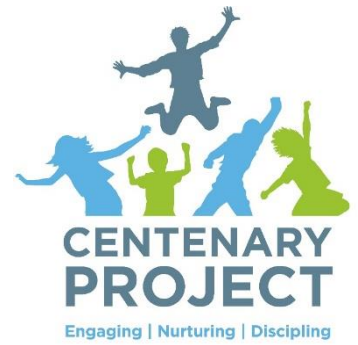


ST JOHN'S CHURCH, RANMOOR

in partnership with The Centenary Project



CHILDREN AND FAMILIES' WORKER

RANMOOR

PARISH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

20

hours per
week

£13,700

per annum

3

years initially

PART TIME

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES' WORKER

St John's is a welcoming and inclusive community with a strong ethos of service within the church and beyond. As part of our commitment to social justice, we are in the Inclusive Church Network and are a Silver Eco Church. All are welcome, wherever they are on their faith journey. Worship is at the heart of our Christian life together and is enriched by our strong musical and choral tradition. Our beautiful and historic church building is a visible sign of God's presence in the wider community.

Children play an active role in the life of St John's. Over 20 children attend weekly as part of our chorister programme and we have good connections with chorister families. We currently offer children's activities on two Sundays per month, as well as seasonal Messy Church sessions. Our aim is to provide more opportunities for children and families to be part of our church life and the wider church community.

St John's Church is a wonderful setting for our community of worship and we are working towards transforming it into a flexible worship and community space. We also benefit from use of the well-equipped Ranmoor Parish Centre and Annexe. The Centre is surrounded by beautiful gardens with lots of potential for ministry with children and families.

We're looking for someone with a heart for this ministry to work with our team to develop new ministries and ways of reaching out to children and families in the love of Christ. This exciting new role will expand our children's and families work and with the help of God you'll grow and shape this ministry in our supportive church community.

For more information about St John's visit: www.stjohnsranmoor.org.uk and our Facebook page.



Employment Details

- The post covers the parish of St John's, Ranmoor. However, some travel within the wider Diocese will be required.
- The post is part time and will require evening and weekend work.
- The role is employed and Line Managed by the parish but part of the Centenary Project network.

What we need you to do

The main responsibilities of the role are:

1	To co-ordinate the children and families' ministry at St John's, developing new opportunities for families to engage with the church.
2	To recruit, train and equip a team of volunteers to support the work with children and families.
3	To be a member of the Centenary Project Worker Network.

Application information:

Closing Date: 29 October 2023

Interview Date: 09 November 2023

Further Information

For an informal conversation about this post, please contact:

- Revd Canon Dr Matthew Rhodes - matthew.rhodes@stjohnsranmoor.org.uk
- Dave Ludbrook, Centenary Project - info@centenaryproject.org.uk

Or to speak to one of the team contact Diocesan Church House on 01709 309 100.





Who we are looking for?

It is a genuine requirement that the post-holder should be a communicant member of the Church of England or a full member of a Church within Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

We need someone who:

- Has first-hand experience of leading or co-ordinating activities for children and families that are appropriate for the context.
- Has good people and communication skills, appropriate for connecting with children and families, interacting with the church family and reaching the community.
- Has a mature faith in the Lord Jesus, modelling a life of faith and godliness.
- Able to motivate self and others and to manage use of time.
- Working knowledge and commitment to safeguarding and promoting the safety and welfare of children.

Effectively engage, nurture and disciple a new generation of young people, children and families.

What is the Centenary Project?

Our vision is to equip local churches, enabling them to effectively engage, nurture and disciple a new generation of children, young people and families.

We employ workers in parishes where a significant difference can be made; aiming to help those parishes who wouldn't be able to appoint without our help.

Our projects will always focus on mission and not maintenance as we work toward sustainable posts with strategic objectives. We want to see more people connecting with our churches, especially children and young people.

How does the Centenary Project Work?

Over the last 15 years, the trend has been that youth workers and children's workers leave their jobs for a number of reasons;

- Lack of objectives - unclear what their role is
- Poor line management - incumbents unskilled in managing staff and volunteers
- Too inward looking - not enough mission-focus
- Overworked and underpaid - feeling unappreciated and unvalued
- No support or network to draw on
- Money runs out - post not sustainable

The Centenary Project is tackling all of these issues head on, and seeing workers commit for the long-term, happy in their work, feeling supported and encouraged by the network, seeing a future in youth or children's ministry and feeling secure in the funding arrangements.



How Are Centenary Project Workers Supported?

Support for workers is essential.

The help, guidance and encouragement we continually provide to our workers is the foundation upon which we have achieved the success of our project to date.

We work with parishes, incumbents, the Diocese and other workers and team members to provide each of the following areas of support and opportunities for ongoing growth;

