Job Advert - cut off date 30 May 2022

External, Community Minister, Pioneer to the non churched – making new disciples Full time or Part time considered

Are you passionate to introduce Jesus to all, as you work within the local community, supported by the Church? Could you then help them grow and develop in their faith to become new disciples? Could you encourage those within the Church to be a part of this exciting God centred ministry?

We are seeking a passionate leader with a love for the non churched to head up this ministry, able to steer the church through its next season of growth and development in their area of gifting and calling, whilst working with others whose focus is different but interconnected.

As a church who find ourselves able to build a new team. We foresee a structure with three key but intertwined ministry streams (please see our church profile attached), one of which is externally focused. This role will work primarily within our local community, to build sustainable relationships with those outside of the church while encouraging and equipping those inside the Church to actively engage within this important ministry area.

Primarily an external ministry, it would incorporate a mission strategy to make disciples through:

- Developing community relationships, (as it applies to all types of communities e.g. friendship groups;
 - geographical groups; work groups etc.)
- Structured events and mission activities e.g. CAP, Alpha, etc.:
- Social interaction e.g. foodbank, refugees, or other new and innovative ways of engagement.

The church is respected within the town, with good links to the community, a number of warm contacts and many members involved in the town's community initiatives. We would be looking to you to develop these further or see new opportunities in collaboration with the other ministry streams and churches.

We then also hope to translate this passion into everyday life mission by equipping the church family to better engage with their own day-to-day communities.

Key characteristics

We want to be a church populated with equippers; encouragers; empowerers; teachers and communicators and are looking for those who have these skills to encourage and build these traits in others.

We are a Bible-based church who love Jesus and we are keen to connect the Bible to modern life issues whilst being engaging and open to all. We are looking to employ those who hold the same values.

External (community, pioneer) is one of the three ministry streams, as explained further in our church profile attached. In addition to the primary responsibility of leading a ministry steam, our expectation is that one member of the team, to be discerned, will have an additional responsibility to act as a team leader. That role will carry the title of Lead Minister but would not extend to active management of the other ministries which would remain the responsibility of those appointed to lead them.

Annual salary Upto £30,000 + housing allowance or manse - depending upon experience, training and responsibilities, for the full time position. Part time will be negotiable.

To Apply: please send your cv/profile together with a statement letting us know what attracted you to this role or our church profile in general, to; <u>corinnewhite@billericaybaptist.org.uk</u> OR if you are a Baptist Minister/MiT please apply via the BU settlement process.

Further information can also be obtained from Corinne.

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