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Wath-upon-Dearne, Brampton and Wombwell are three adjacent parishes along the south side of the Dearne Valley, with a shared a mining heritage.

The arrival of new families and the emergence of a generation for whom coal mining is a classroom lesson, not a memory, offers a new start for the Church, which still retains a strong foothold in people's affections.

This mission partnership is a group of three churches in the Dearne Valley area, and is to become a Resourcing Church to the area. The three churches in this mission partnership are; All Saints Wath, St Mary's Wombwell with St George's Jump and Christ Church Brampton Bierlow.

As a Resourcing Church this role will be part of an extended team including two growth focused incumbents, a Children and Families CP post, worship leader and administrator.

This is an amazing opportunity to join this new team at the beginning of a journey.

25

Hours per week.
We are open to
discussion on hours.

£14.5k

Per annum

10%

Employer
contributory
pension

3

Year initial
contract

Employment Details

- The role is based across the mission partnership of three churches in the Dearne Valley area.
- The post is part time and will require evening and weekend work.
- The role reports to vicar(s) in parish and the Centenary Project.

What we Need You To Do

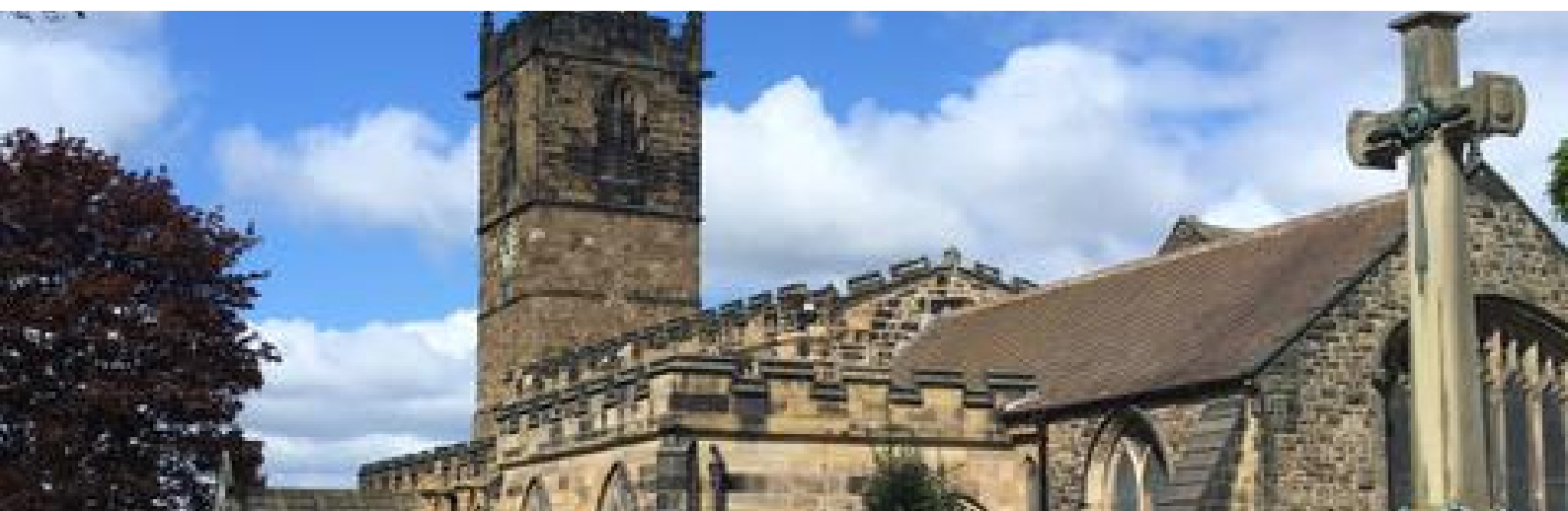
The main responsibilities of the role are:

1	To develop and oversee the work with young people and families, in the parishes of Wath, Brampton and Wombwell, drawing, developing and discipling a new generation of young people in the Christian faith.
2	To build and support teams to be involved in the development and delivery of the work.
3	To be a member of the staff team at the Dearne Valley South Resource Church.
4	To be a member of the Centenary Project Worker Network

Application Information

Closing Date: Monday 2nd September

Interview Date: Thursday 12th September



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 a clear understanding of young people and principles of children's and youth work.
- Has good people and communication skills, appropriate for connecting with children, young people and families, interacting with the church family and reaching the community.
- Specific gift(s) or interest(s) that could be a focus for attracting young people.
- Is able to speak with sincerity about matters of Christian faith in an informed, effective and non-judgemental way.
- Able to relate effectively with a wide spectrum of people, both adults and children.
- First-hand experience of leading or co-ordinating activities for children and young people that are appropriate for the context.
- Able to present a strong Christian role model.

Further Information

For more details, including a full person specification or application form, please contact:

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Effectively engage, grow 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 or groups of parishes where a significant difference can be made, and have a bias towards more deprived areas; 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.

Posts become part of a network that operates like a family; helping each other out in individual churches, sharing resources and working together.

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
- Leaving to explore ordination
- Money runs out - not forward thinking past initial grant

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;

