



# CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WORKER

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Goole is a friendly and diverse town, situated around the UK's furthest inland port. The residents are hard working, honest and always happy to talk!

St John's Church is becoming a Resourcing Church, and will be a hub for the community and surrounding villages. The vision of St John's is to worship God, be transformed by Jesus and live lives of outrageous generosity, being a blessing for everyone in Goole. There is so much potential to grow, especially in the area of children and families. The church currently has around 40 baptisms a year, and there are five schools within the parish. This area is currently a blank canvas with so much opportunity.

The Children and Families Worker will play a vital role in an extended team including a Pioneer Priest-In-Charge, two additional ministers, a Worship Director, an Administrator and an Intern.

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

**35**

Hours per  
week

**£20.3k**

Per annum

**10%**

Employer  
contributory  
pension

**3**

Year initial  
contract

## *Employment Details*

- The role is based at St John's but some travel within the parish and wider Diocese will be expected.
- The post is full 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 children and families, in the parish of St John's Goole, drawing, developing and discipling a new generation of young people in the Christian faith.
2	To build and develop volunteer support teams to be involved in the development and delivery of the work.
3	To be a member of the staff team at the Goole Resource Church.
4	To be a member of the Centenary Project Worker Network

## Application Information

**Closing Date:** Tuesday 27th August (noon)

**Interview Date:** Tuesday 10th 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 work.
- Has good people and communication skills, appropriate for connecting with children 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 families that are appropriate for the context.
- Commitment to engage in professional and spiritual development.

## Further Information

For more details, including a full person spec. 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;

