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## PARISHES OF CHRIST CHURCH ARDSLEY AND ST HELEN'S THURNSCOE

**Christ Church** - Based in Ardsley we are a place for God's people to gather, to share, to learn, worship and then to take God's love out in to the community. We welcome all people to our church services whether young or old.

Our mission is to present Christ's message, and by our example to share His love in service to the parish and wherever God calls; to grow through prayer, worship, teaching and friendship; and to bring people closer to God and to each other.

**St Helen's** - The beautiful church of St Helen's has served the village of Thurnscoe since Saxon times. Our vision is to grow what exists, explore new opportunities and use the people and church of St Helen's to bring God's love in Jesus to the heart of the community of Thurnscoe. We have a lively calendar, including All-Age Worship each month, seasonal Messy Church and good links with the village primary schools. We are keen to build on these areas and are excited about the possibilities of working with a Centenary Project Worker in the future.

Both churches are excited about the possibility of sharing the love of Jesus across all generations.

**20**  
Hours per  
week.

**£11.4k**  
Per annum

**Generous  
employer  
contribution  
to pensions**

**3**  
Year initial  
contract

### *Employment Details*

- The post covers the parishes of Christ Church, Ardsley and St Helen's Thurnscoe but some travel within the wider Diocese will be expected
- The post is part time and will require evening and weekend work.
- The role reports to line manager(s) in parish and the Centenary Project.

## What we Need You To Do

The main responsibilities of the role are:

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To co-ordinate the children, and families ministry at Christ Church Ardsley and St Helen's Thurnscoe enabling children and young people to progress through the various ministries.

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To initiate new ministries to engage with children and families from the wider community; recruiting, training and equipping a team of volunteers to support the work.

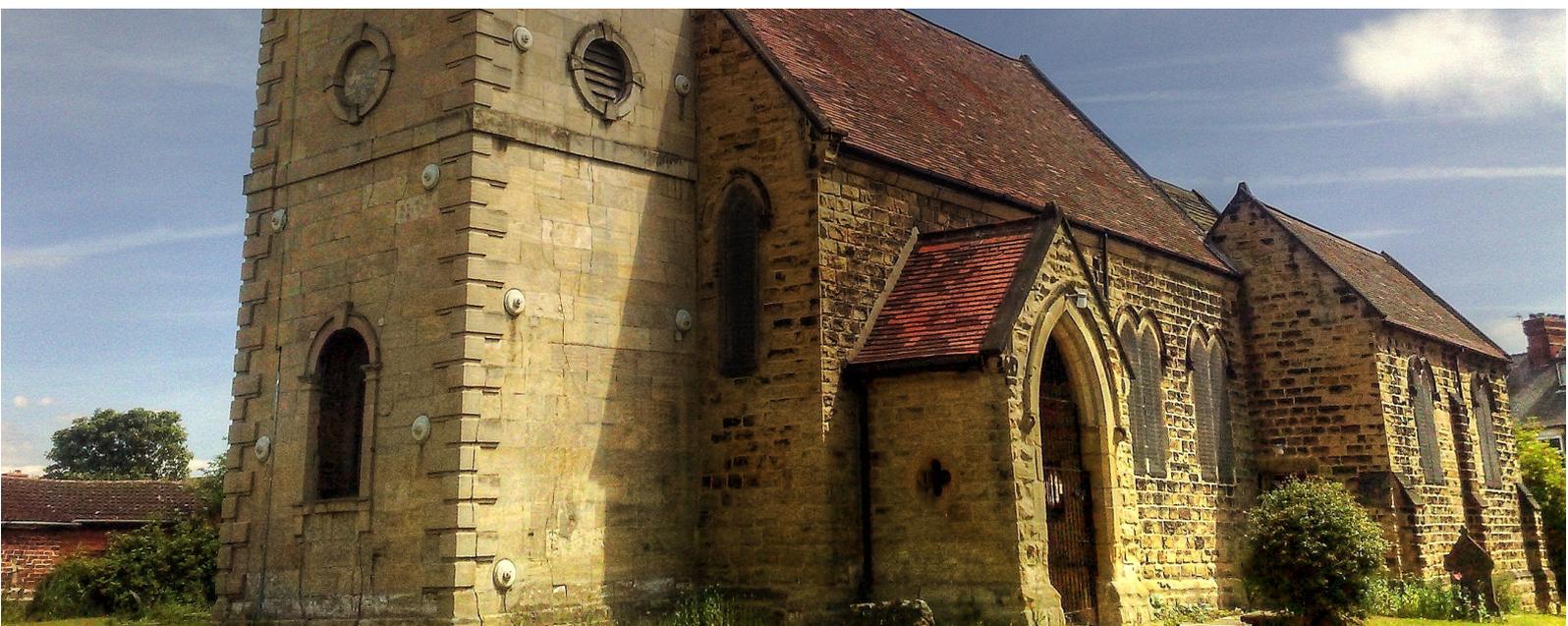
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To be a member of the Centenary Project Worker Network

## Application Information

**Closing Date:** Monday 13th April (17:00)

**Interview Date:** Monday 20th April



## 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-judgmental way.
- Able to relate effectively with a wide spectrum of people, both adults and children & young people.
- 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.

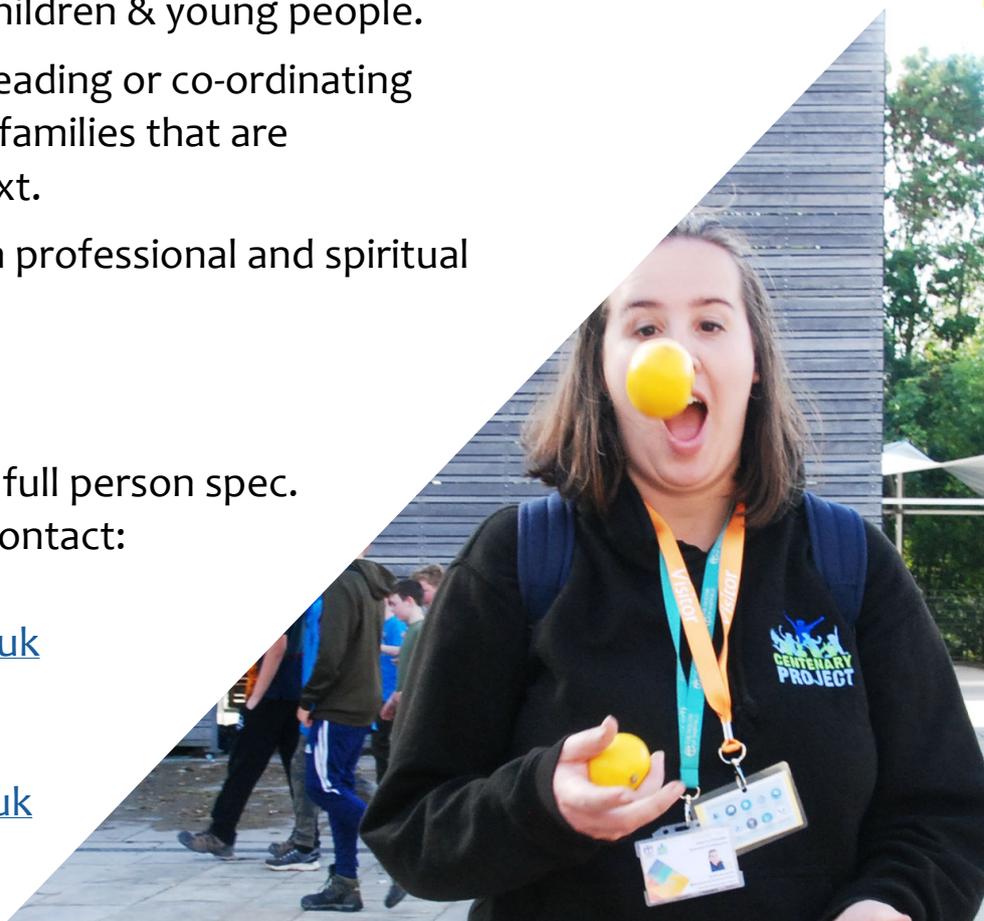
## Further Information

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;

