



## **Job Description**

### **Role Title:**

**Families Discipleship Enabler** for The Potting Shed Church – a pioneering, rural church within the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham.

Mid County – Rural Nottinghamshire – 14km north of Southwell

Three days a week (22.5 hours), salary up to £10,500 subject to qualifications and experience, with an annual salary review from April each year and a 10% pension contribution.

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For an application form or to discuss the role further, please contact Revd Alison Jones:  
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Application forms to be received by: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Interview Date: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

### **Background:**

The Potting Shed Church is a pioneering new church within the Church of England, set in mid-county rural Nottinghamshire.

Commissioned in 2017 with a Bishop's Mission Order, we are enjoying engaging with those not connected with church and encouraging them to explore faith in Jesus. As a New Worshipping Community and Resource Church we hope to be a blessing to the churches we work alongside, and a place of spiritual refreshment to those serving in rural parishes.

We are greatly encouraged at how God is leading us creatively in outreach, as well as in developing our Sunday worship. To date we have used a song workshop, junk drumming workshop, theatrical story-telling, art and craft within our outreach events. These Gatherings were initially held in a marquee, but now meet weekly on a Sunday and during the week in a rural Barn. We are excited to be developing a vision for a flexible and inspirational worship space for the longer term.

We give thanks for all that God has been doing in and through The Potting Shed and are now excited to be recruiting a Families Discipleship Enabler to join our growing team.

### **Responsible to:**

Revd Alison Jones

### **Working Relationships:**

Revd Alison Jones (Pioneer Minister) AdAM Parkes (Worship Team Leader) Emilie Rathbone (Leadership Team) Char Green (Worship and Children's Work Intern)

### **Main Purpose of Role:**

To build relationships with our existing families, those families on the edge of church and those within our local community; enabling them to explore Jesus and to grow in following Him with their lives.

To creatively develop ways in which we as a church family, worship, learn, encourage one another in the Christian faith and serve together.

To actively discern with the wider leadership team where we see the Holy Spirit enabling spiritual and numerical growth and to work towards resourcing a New Worshipping Community centred around families and children, in 2021.

### **Background to current Family Activities:**

Our current regular activities include a fortnightly Toddler Group 'Little Seedlings', Children's Groups or activities during our 4pm Sunday services. We also have 'Messy' gatherings about every 6 weeks, and a fortnightly school assembly. In addition we held our first Children's Holiday Club for 2 days during the Easter Holidays.

We are currently at a point of potentially seeking new ways of enabling families to be discipled which could result in changes to the way we operate in this area.

### **Principal Responsibilities:**

1) Lead, develop and be responsible for the delivery our Children's Work (0-11's) by:

- seeking ways to engage, encourage, equip and enable families and children to follow Jesus.
- recognising and implementing the importance of Biblical teaching, and the work and gifts of the Holy Spirit
- recruiting, developing, and encouraging our team of volunteers, enabling them to grow in their gifts.

2) To work closely with the Safeguarding Officer to ensure safeguarding and recruitment procedures are complied with.

3) As a member of The Potting Shed team to play an active part in pioneering and creatively shaping our ministry, being prepared to step into different challenges and opportunities as they arise.

### **Personal Qualities and Experience**

A committed Christian, open to the work of the Holy Spirit who:

- is passionate to see families and children grow in their relationship with Jesus.
- is a pioneer, willing to try new things.
- has an ability to communicate faith to families and children.
- will make the Potting Shed their main worshipping community and actively participate in areas of church life as part of the family
- has knowledge of Safeguarding requirements and able to work within the Church Safeguarding policy

The Potting Shed Church are committed to supporting and developing you in your role by providing specific training as required.

There is a genuine occupational requirement for the post holder to be a communicant member of the Church of England or a member of the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. An enhanced full DBS check is required before appointment can be confirmed.