

## **Youth Worker Role at St Giles.**

Thank you for expressing an interest in the Youth worker role at St Giles, West Bridgford.

Here at St Giles we are passionate about sharing the good news of Jesus with every generation and growing life-long disciples. We are seeking someone to join the team who will share our vision for reaching and discipling young people.

### **Our current youth work**

There are currently about 25 young people who call St Giles their home. Many have grown up through our children's work but there are also new members who have been invited by friends. There are some with a mature faith who are hungry to know more and grow as disciples and some who are just exploring what following Jesus is all about.

**Sundays:** We gather all together on a Sunday morning to worship and then part way through the service the Youth (11-18s) go out to their own session which includes games, teaching videos, scripture, discussion, and prayer. Once a month there is an all-age service at which the youth often play an active part in helping to lead.



**Tuesday evenings:** (15-18 year olds) There is a Bible study group, which attracts up to 15 young people. They love exploring God's word together and wrestling with the challenges of life and living as a Christian.

**Friday evenings:** (11-18s) Friday nights are a mix of worship nights and socials for all the teenagers to gather and to which they are encouraged to invite their friends.

Fridays and Tuesday evenings are currently run in partnership with Lady Bay Church.

There used to be a midweek gathering to study the Bible for our 11-14 year olds but there have not been the resources to run this over the last two years.

**Gatherings:** There is a strong partnership across the deanery and there are termly gatherings organised across the churches for teenagers from different youth groups to gather to worship, hear teaching and encounter God.

**Diocese:** The youth attend a monthly diocesan gathering called Fuel which they greatly enjoy. With a greater number of youth workers being appointed within our local area there is a lot of potential for networking and for joint projects for the youth of the area.



A number of the youth attend Christian summer activity camps.

## Our Team

Clergy Team : Joanna Seabourne started as the rector of St Giles in October 2023 and is loving getting to know the community of West Bridgford and is excited at all the opportunities for mission and growth. Joanna is married to Che who is also an assistant part time curate at St Giles. St Giles is looking forward to welcoming a new curate Graham Baker in July 2024. Emily Charkham serves as the Bishop's Chaplain and is on the team here at St Giles.



Children's and Families Worker: Ellen Dann has worked as the Children's and Families worker at St Giles for over 8 years and brings huge amounts of experience and wisdom to the role.

Operations Manager: Claire Sheard is our operations manager extraordinaire who enables things to keep things running smoothly day to day at St Giles.

PCC: We have a fantastic group of 23 people who serve on the PCC helping to discern the way forward in mission and meeting the challenge of looking after our buildings, finances and team.

Volunteers: St Giles has a huge number of volunteers who serve in different ways across the church. The youth and children's groups are able to run through the hard work and dedication of the volunteer teams that give of time and energy each week. During the period when the church has been without a youth worker it is the team of volunteers working under the oversight of the children and families worker who have ensured the youth work has been able to continue.



## Our context

With a population of 50,000, West Bridgford is a bustling and vibrant suburb of Nottingham, around 2 miles south of the city centre. St Giles' is on the edge of Central Avenue, which is a destination in itself, home to many shops, cafes, restaurants and bars and numerous independent businesses. By day the Avenue is filled with families visiting the fantastic space of Bridgford Park, the farmers market and gathering for coffee; by night friends meet for meals and drinks. St Giles' is within earshot of the City Ground, home to Nottingham Forest and of Trent Bridge cricket ground, and there's also Notts County just over the river. The parish has two local senior schools, West Bridgford School and Rushcliffe Spencer Academy, which are both Ofsted rated as outstanding.

St Giles is a medieval church although little remains from that period; most of the building dates from two major extensions around the turn of the last century. The church can seat 400 people, the majority of which is cushioned chairs that can be moved and stacked to

reconfigure the space for different activities, from café style worship nights, to children's workshops and ceilidhs! The George Chapel, at the end of the north aisle, had a kitchen installed to one side about a decade ago, and this is used for serving refreshments on Sundays and at Friday night youth events.



### **Our commitment**

As a church we have a commitment to ensuring that all those who work for us are supported to be able to flourish in their role. This includes having clear role descriptions, protecting time off, prayer support and ensuring opportunities for training and development.

We gather weekly as a team to pray and worship together and to encourage one another in our own discipleship and in our calling to serve here at St Giles.

### **Useful Information**

The role is permanent with a probationary period of six months.

The role will be line managed by a member of the clergy

The role is ideally full time but we would consider a part-time role for the right candidate.

If you want to talk to someone more about the role then do contact

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Closing date for applications: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July.

Interview date 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of July.

Start date: As soon as is possible

