

Post of Ministry Trainee

Holy Trinity West Bromwich



Ministry Trainee?

We are looking for a trainee who is prayerful, who loves Jesus Christ as Saviour, follows him as Lord, who wants to make a difference in the church and the world and is excited about learning to teach people about God from his word. An ability and desire to mix with people from all sorts of backgrounds and cultures is essential.

Who are we?

Holy Trinity West Bromwich (www.htwb.org.uk) is a growing Anglican evangelical church in a very socially and ethnically mixed part of the West Midlands (approx. 45% Asian, 40% white, 10% African-Caribbean), in the Diocese of Lichfield. The average congregation at our main Sunday morning service is around 45 adults and 15 children.

What do we do?

We have an expanding Sunday School ministry, with two age groups plus a crèche, and a team of enthusiastic teachers and helpers. We run midweek ministries of mercy: TNG youth group (11-15); Kidz Klub for primary school kids, a mothers and toddlers group, a drop-in for parents and a twice monthly social for older people. We have strong links with Holy Trinity C of E (Controlled) Primary School, which has a Christian head teacher and a number of Christian members of staff.

Who are we looking for?

We are seeking a volunteer, who may be considering some form of full time Christian ministry in the future, to complete a one year training scheme with an optional second year (advised if seeking ordination in the Church of England if starting selection process) at Holy Trinity, starting in September 2010. The scheme will enable you to grow in your love of Christ, knowledge of God through his word, and also in wisdom and righteousness (Phil 1:9-11) through increasing ministry experience and study. You will seek to develop a servant-hearted character, and be equipped with basic bible handling and leadership skills.

What will the training scheme involve?

One day a week during term time will be taken up doing the Midlands Ministry Training Course (part of the Midlands Gospel Partnership) - www.mmtc.org.uk. Four to five days a week will be spent teaching the bible in the church/parish (e.g. in Sunday School and Youth Group, kids club, assemblies & RE lessons at Holy Trinity School, holiday clubs, Christianity Explored, 1 to 1 bible reading, and occasional talks at our All-Age Sunday Services and where appropriate in one of our other Sunday services, summer camp and a regional youth event), and helping with a variety of practical and administrative tasks at church. Depending on your gifts there may also be other opportunities for ministry experience and involvement in church life, such as music and worship.

As a trainee you will be assisted in your work by the Vicar and ministry leaders. Overall supervision would be the Vicar's responsibility. Pastoral care will be offered in a weekly one-to-one support meeting with the Vicar, at which we would also discuss and explore areas of theology using a suitable text book. You would also be expected to belong to a weekly Home Group for fellowship, bible study and prayer.

What would the church provide?

A training grant sufficient to cover your living expenses will be provided. Accommodation will be provided in the vicarage, where work is being planned to convert the third floor into a two bedroom self-contained flat (this might not take place during the forthcoming placement). We encourage candidates to seek prayer and financial support to assist with the cost of training. All expenses will be met by the PCC, and you will be expected to take a full day-off each week and a minimum of 4 weeks annual leave. An enhanced CRB check would be necessary, at the parish's expense.

For more information

Please contact Neil Robbie (Vicar) on 0121 525 3595, or at rev.robby@btinternet.com. Neil is a tall, bald Scotsman, married to Amanda, with three great kids all under 8 years old.