

Family and Children's Worker (Part Time)

Nayland is a caring community and a busy village with many clubs, societies and activities for all ages. Despite there being many families in the village, the church congregation comes predominantly from the retired population. We are seeking the right person to help us bring God's word to all in our community.

Person Specification

1. You are a practising Christian with a heart for God, and a desire to grow in faith.
2. You are self-motivated, highly organised, energetic, creative and practical.
3. You have a genuine love for working with young people and their families, and a talent for connecting with them.
4. You have a gift for evangelism and teaching.
5. You are a confident public speaker, able to engage a group of children during, for example, a children's talk in a service or a school assembly
6. You have experience in church children's work, or relevant experience and transferable skills.
7. You are a competent user of IT and social media

Aims and Objectives

1. To seek God for a fresh vision for families and young people in our parish
2. To encourage families and young people in Nayland to grow in their faith, to participate in the activities and services of St. James, and to develop their gifts and talents.
3. To build positive relationships between the church and our young community

Duties to include:

Church Activities

- To start and lead childrens' church on Sunday mornings.
- To assist with the planning of, and participate in, regular family services.
- To devise, co-ordinate and lead childrens' activities within the parish.
- To meet and greet families attending church on Sunday mornings and encourage them to join refreshments after the service
- To assist with the recruitment, training, encouraging and supporting of voluntary leaders and helpers, both practically and prayerfully.
- To attend PCC and other relevant church meetings

Outreach

- To build links between the church and local schools and nurseries
- To build links between the church and relevant community activities eg, Baby and Toddler Group
- To attend weekly coffee mornings
- To ensure the church has a presence at village family activities such as Christmas fayres.
- To promote St James' activities on Social Media and to build a Social Media following amongst families.
- To develop a St James' newsletter to be sent regularly to young people and their families.

Pastoral Support

- To support families both practically and prayerfully, together with the church leadership team.
- To maintain regular contact with families, for example by sending seasonal/birthday greetings.

Record keeping

- To keep accurate records in line with church policies, thereby meeting all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Employment Details

This post is subject to enhanced DBS and reference checks. The successful candidate will be required to complete the diocesan safeguarding level 3 course (or equivalent). There is an occupational requirement for the role holder to be a practising Christian in accordance with the Equality Act 2010.

Contract: 12 months fixed term contract. Funding is currently available for 12 months, but we are working to secure further funding for a longer-term project.

Employed by: Nayland Parochial Church Council

Responsible to: The Rector (in the absence of the Rector the Line Manager will be the Chair of the Nayland PCC).

Hours of Work: 20 hours per week, to be worked flexibly. Sunday morning work would be required (subject to an agreed number of Sundays for holiday purposes).

Holiday: 20 days paid holiday per year plus bank holidays pro rata. If required to work on a public holiday, then time off in lieu would be given.

Salary: £10-12,000 per annum.

Please apply with your CV and covering letter to Helen Schalin, Nayland PCC by 30th June 2021: helen.deex@gmail.com. If you require further information before applying, please send an email with your contact details and we will be happy to give you a call.