



st. mary's
MAIDENHEAD

Children's Minister in Training

St Mary's is a large evangelical Anglican church in the centre of Maidenhead. We seek to encourage each other to love and follow Jesus day by day. Our vision is: to know Jesus and make Jesus known. Within that vision we have three essentials: Dependent prayer, Biblical Teaching and Loving one another. As well as three priorities: Engaging Maidenhead with the Gospel, Growing mature disciples of Jesus of all ages and backgrounds as well as partnering with other churches to make Jesus better known.

This is a new training position seeking someone who desires to work in Children's Ministry and to receive further training for ministry whilst also gaining experience. The role is a fixed contract for three years whilst you complete training and the hope is that on completion of this role the successful applicant would be equipped to run a Children's Ministry either in Maidenhead or elsewhere in the world.

We are committed to caring for this person well; providing training, experience and good financial support during the contract.

Job Description

Title	Children's Minister in Training Full Time (including set aside time for studying)
Reports to	Children's Minister
Main Purpose	To seek to become a well-trained, better equipped and more experienced Children's Minister who will play a full and active role in shaping and supporting the existing ministry with children.

Key Responsibilities:

1) Training:

- The Children's Minister in Training will complete a significant training scheme (likely at Crossland seminary). St Mary's is committed to supporting them in this by both paying the course fees and providing sufficient time for assignments to be completed.
- In addition, they will read one to one with the Children's Minister who will seek to mentor them throughout the programme as they study the Bible together and discuss and implement what they are studying.

2) Ministry Experience:

- They will work under the supervision of the Children's Minister and, alongside them will be involved in setting a vision, planning and delivering all aspects of the Children's Ministry at St Mary's.
- Develop gifting in Bible handling and teaching in appropriate contexts
- Attend and assist in leading the annual Holiday Club and the Children's Holiday week away
- Be a full and active member of the staff team

- Be a committed member of the church family
- 3) Specific Responsibilities
- Lead one of the Explorer Groups (7-11s groups) on Sundays. This will require producing/sourcing material to teach from and coordinating the helpers of the group in conjunction with the Children's Minister.
 - Help plan and deliver a programme of "Family Focus" –a short talk aimed at the whole family during our morning services.
 - Meet to encourage and develop one of the volunteer leaders from those groups.
 - Co- lead the weekly outreach 7up Club for children aged 7-11 and speak occasionally.
 - Co- lead assemblies at some of our local primary schools – developing resources, people and material, with a view to setting up new teams to be involved in more schools in the future.
 - Help plan and prepare for the annual Holiday Club at the end of August.
 - Help plan and prepare for the annual week away for those in year 5 and 6 during May half-term.
 - Co -lead our annual Christmas and Easter Outreach events for many of the local primary schools

Person Specification

- Godly, maturing believer in good standing in a local church
- Committed to the work and mission of the local church
- Proven track record/experience in ministry (ideally amongst children and young people)
- Desire to work in Children's/Youth ministry beyond this post
- Must be able to set goals, take initiative and be willing to take on responsibilities
- Must be teachable and eager to learn from others with a proven ability to take direction well.
- Strong relational and social skills
- Has completed a ministry training scheme
- Potential, in time, to lead a team of volunteers.
- Agreement with St Mary's Vision and values
- Competent IT Skills

Pay and other benefits

£14,000 to £17,000, dependent upon experience.

There may be appropriate church housing available or it may be possible to provide a housing allowance.

6 Weeks (36 days) Holiday and leave to attend a relevant conference and to lead on the Children's Holiday week.

A contribution towards a pension

If you'd like to apply for this role then please email john.blackbeard@stmarysmaidenhead.org attaching a CV, a spiritual biography and the reasons why you are applying for this role.