



## St Mary's Kingswinford Church of the Ascension Wall Heath

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I'm really pleased that you're thinking and praying about the post available in our Parish for a Children, Young People and Families Minister. It's a great time to be part of everything taking place here and be a key leader in the Ministry Team and to build on some really solid foundations which our previous Minister established.

We are a parish of two churches, each with its own character and tradition, but each committed to growing the number of children, young people and families who come to know the love of God in their lives.

We are a 'renewal church' which means we have been given significant funding by the national church to support the

mission taking place here. This has allowed us to employ an Administrator, an Operations Manager and this ministerial post as well as being able to appoint another full time Priest and Curate.

As things currently stand there are funds available to employ a Children, Young People and Families Minister on a full-time basis for a further seven years which will allow us to significantly embed this ministry in the life of our parish.

In the last three years we have committed to establishing new worshipping communities which target children, young people and families:

### Mainly Music

This is for pre school children and their adults. It has been amazingly successful and runs on different days in both churches:

<https://mainlymusic.org.uk/>

### Soul Food

Which meets at both churches over food and has been a chance to develop community, discipleship and friendship:

<https://www.stmaryskingswinford.org.uk/soulfood>

### iSingPOP Summer Club

Ran a summer club in the parish last year which was hugely successful and fun and resulted in iSingPOP pop up church once a month and teaching iSingPOP songs in our two church schools

<https://www.isingpop.org/>

### After school 'Church Club'

Has met for many years at Church of the Ascension Primary School and is a chance for children to learn more about God in a creative and fun way :

<https://www.chur-ascen.dudley.sch.uk/home/about/church/>

### Choir Church

Is a new worshipping community set up by our Mission Priest at St Mary's Primary School and is developing discipleship through song:

<https://www.choirchurch.com/>

### Worship leaders

Training is offered at both church schools and develops children to lead and create worship themselves

### Archbishops Award

Is a nationally accredited award which a number of our children at Church of the Ascension Primary School were supported to achieve:

<https://www.nse.org.uk/ayla>

### Experiences

We offer a full suite of 'experiences' held in church for our two church schools:

<https://jumpingfishpublications.co.uk/product-category/experience-journeys/>

### Open the book

Takes place across all five primary schools in our parish:

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book/>

### Air Training Cadets

The Priest in Charge is the padre to the local ATC and the regional ATC Sunday service is held annually at St Mary's:

<https://2488.org.uk/>

### Baptisms

we have an large number of baptisms which offer a key opportunity to connect with families in the local area and baptism preparation has been delivered based on Godly Play: <https://www.godlyplay.uk/>

Whilst there is a lot going on, we don't want to stand still and your voice, skills and interests are needed to challenge us and continually develop us. We are open to new ideas and to establishing new worshipping communities and increase our volunteer base.

I hope this has given you a flavour of everything which is going on here at the moment but if you have any questions then please get in touch! In the meantime know that we are praying for everyone thinking about whether to apply for this role and for

the future opportunities which will present themselves to us.

With every blessing

Fr Adam, Mthr Sarah and Fr Chris