



ASSISTANT PASTOR

(With responsibility for Youth And Families)

Role Description:

We are looking for someone who has a real passion and vision for young people and their families. You will be excited about bringing young people into the church and discipling them in their walk with God.

Hope Church Alton is an independent evangelical church in the market town of Alton, Hampshire. We currently have a small number of families, but would like to see more families joining the fellowship and for the children of these families to grow in their faith in Christ.

The Assistant Pastor will be responsible for leading and developing a range of activities for children, young people and families within the church, working alongside a team of volunteers. Other roles within the fellowship and community would also be possible, depending on hours and skills/experience. There would be opportunities for preaching and pastoral training if appropriate.

Main Responsibilities:

- Plan, develop and lead youth work for Primary age children on a Monday evening.
- Liaise with the parents/ carers of the children in the youth groups.
- Co-ordinate and take an active role in leading Sunday morning activities for 0-18 years.
- Develop youth work for teenagers. We currently run a monthly group for 11-18 year olds, but would love to see this work grow.
- To take a leading role in our annual Holiday Bible Club.
- Work with the Pastor to participate and/or lead some church services, particularly those aimed at families.
- To share pastoral responsibilities within the church.
- Preaching/ teaching in other church services and Bible studies.
- Prepare and lead Collective Worship in local primary schools.
- Oversee the process of Church DBS checks.

Other possible responsibilities (to be negotiated):

- Take part in services in local residential homes.
- To join meetings with other local ministers.

- To take part in some joint work with other churches where appropriate.

Essential Skills, Knowledge and Experience:

- A strong personal Christian faith of an evangelical persuasion and in agreement with the church's Statement of Faith
- Suitable experience of children's and youth work
- Ability to co-ordinate and support a team of volunteers
- Good communication skills, both written and oral
- Ability to assist, encourage and mentor children and young people to grow in their faith
- Ability to engage with parents/ carers and whole families
- Good understanding of Safeguarding, particularly within a church setting
- Hours: Full time but are negotiable. Includes Sundays.

It is a Genuine Occupational Requirement for this role to be held by a man who is in full agreement with the church's basis of faith which is aligned to FIEC, as well as with the FIEC ethos statements.

All applicants need to be UK citizens or have the right to work in the UK.