

Pastor in Training

Salway Evangelical Church



Basic details

Post sought: Pastor-in-Training

Full time

Tenure: 3 years with opportunity for further extension

Church Profile

Woodford Green is a residential suburb of London, but only 10 miles from the centre and is therefore home to many people working in the City and London.

Salway Evangelical Church was constructed in 1933/34 when the estate of houses on which it is sited was built. The builder, John Laing, was a sincere Brethren believer and gifted the building to committee of trustees and elders to form a new church fellowship. The church had its first pastor in 1979.

The current Pastor, Ian Rees, came to Salway in 2011. His previous experience has included pastoring churches in the south west and Midlands, as well as working for European Christian Mission at its UK office in Northampton.

In 2015 we appointed Ann Burgess to the role of Family & Community Worker. We have a lot of strong contacts with families, particularly through our youth work, but these are not bearing fruit in spiritual terms – for instance, very few people who send their children to Salway youth work ever come to church. Ann's brief is to start working more closely with these groups and pray for ways to engage them with the Christian gospel.

There are currently 5 elders including the pastor, and a leadership team which has three other members.

The role

Pastor in training.

The role is for someone further on in their training than a ministry trainee but still wanting wider experience in church leadership – perhaps someone leaving Bible college after several years' training. We envisage that a wide variety of responsibilities would be given in order to provide as broad a range of ministry experience as possible.

We anticipate that the Assistant Pastor will preach on a regular basis at our Sunday meetings and take responsibility for running one of our fortnightly Lifegroups. Working alongside the Pastor and in conjunction with the Family & Community Worker there will be other opportunities to serve including involvement in leadership, visiting and pastoral care, helping children's and youth work, participating in men's outreach and evangelism.

The Pastor will provide regular support by meeting with the Assistant on a weekly basis (where possible). Such meetings will provide regular mentoring, opportunity for discussion about the Assistant's own spiritual life and growth, planning for future ministry, and reflecting on issues in church life and work.

The Assistant would gain a broad experience of church life because he would become a church member and play a regular part in church life. He would also take part in Elders' meetings, be a member of the church leadership team and attend their monthly prayer meetings.

What sort of person are we looking for?

We are seeking someone who believes he is called to full-time word ministry, who has completed a basic level of theological training, and is and who is looking for further on the job training and mentoring.

We have a more detailed application form for you to fill in, but when you make initial contact with us it would be helpful for you to give us a brief idea of why you are applying for this post – how you feel the Lord is calling you and what you feel you would bring to Salway if appointed

If you wish to talk to the pastor about this, please contact him on the details below, and for an application form (which will include further church information).

We are open to this being a part-time post for someone who is wishing to pursue further ministry studies (e.g. at Oak Hill College) at the same time.

Other information

Holidays – 5 weeks a year (inc. 5 Sundays)

One day off per week

Salary full time commensurate with experience (if a part-time, then salary will be pro-rata)

Full working expenses

Church flat (2 bedrooms) available

Post subject to enhanced DBS check

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