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Children and Young People's Outreach Worker

Thank you for showing interest in this exciting and strategic role. I hope that what you read below about us and the role will encourage you to apply.

When we discussed the Children and Youth Worker role in May 2017 at our PCC, we noted the strategic importance of working with children and hence the role of such a worker. In particular, we reflected on

- Research shows most Christians made their decision for Christ before reaching their mid-teens
- Our culture is increasingly anti-Christian, a generation are growing up ignorant of the Christian faith and the national church is ageing.
- Reaching children, young people, and their families is potentially very fruitful.
- A dedicated worker could potentially take up outreach opportunities (e.g. within schools) at times when other church members would be unavailable (during work hours).

Since then we have been working towards making this a reality, as we put in place the various elements to make this role a successful one.

Having run holiday clubs successfully for many years, I have been working with Scripture Union and other local churches to launch a summer mission in Potters Bar. This will happen for the first time at a youth and community centre in Potters Bar this summer. There is a real commitment to make a difference to a generation of children and young people who are growing up with no exposure to who Jesus is, and thus are denied the opportunity to respond to him as their Lord and Saviour. Over the last few years, and with a part time church children's worker in place, we have grown the faith of our own children, and have provided regular opportunities for them to bring their friends to groups that enable them to hear about Jesus. However, we are aware that we need to do more to reach the many that have no contact with church families and their children and young people. Hence the new role.

We see this as a post for someone qualified or with experience who will be committed to the children and young people, and will develop this role with us over time. If you wish to apply, please send me a CV together with a letter of application stating why you would like to apply for the role, your suitability for the role, and what it is about the role that you may find challenging. We would also ask for three references, your current church leader, either your current employer or tutor, and a person who has known you for a while and can speak of your faith and walk with the Lord. Please can you send this to me by post or email, to reach me by 12 noon on Tuesday 8th May 2018. Please do feel free to email or call if you wish to find out more or talk through any aspect of the role. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly

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