

**Job Title:** Youth Worker

**Reports to:** Youth and Families Chaplain

**Responsible for:** Supporting the Abbey's work with young people.

**Salary / Bursary:** £1716

**Hours:** 6.5 per week (during term time, 33 weeks p.a.)

**Annual Leave:** Pro rata (Full time 25 days + Bank Holidays)

## **Overall purpose of the post**

To work with the Youth and Families Chaplain with the children and young people in the choirs, helping them feel part of and to contribute to the life of the Abbey community whilst deepening their understanding of Abbey life and faith.

## **Background**

The Abbey is proud of its girls and boys choirs and their contribution to our tradition of choral worship, with over 35 children and young people involved. In term-time the choirs regularly help lead worship on Sundays and on special occasions as well as participating in national and international day-trips and longer tours. Both choirs have been involved with broadcasting for the BBC in recent years. An evening discussion group provides a space for young people to explore faith and contemporary issues and pilgrimages and 'retreats' have given a more extended time away for fellowship, fun and learning. Within the Abbey community, families with younger children tend to worship at the 9.30am Sunday service when either a boys or girls choir are also present, leading the worship in a 'contemporary formal' style appropriate to a place like Bath Abbey. During the service the children are taught in small groups and families are integrated into the community through fellowship after services and special social events. There are currently no young people from the Abbey congregation involved on a Sunday morning, other than in the choir.

## **Job Description:**

The scope of the job is:



To assist with welcoming the boys and girls to their choir rehearsals during term-time on Mondays and occasionally on Tuesdays.

To assist with the leadership of a regular Sunday group during the 9.30am service.

To assist with the leadership of a Monday youth discussion group.

To assist with a one or two day youth pilgrimage around Holy Week or Easter Week.

To assist with a choir families 'tea' after the 11.15am and 15.30pm services on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each term.

To assist with socials for each choir.

To support the young people in getting involved with a social-justice project connected with the Abbey's vision (eg Eco-church / Fairtrade).

## Person Specification

### Essential

#### *Experience*

- Previous experience working with children or young people.

#### *Character and skills*

- It is a Genuine Occupational Requirement that the post-holder is a practising Christian.
- Able to inspire and motivate young people.
- The post-holder will need to be self-motivated and well organised.

### Desirable:

- Experience of worshipping in a church with a choral tradition.
- Experience of working with young people in a church context.

### Special requirements

- Work will be based at the Abbey on Monday afternoons and evenings during term-time, and occasional Tuesdays (to fit with choir rehearsals) and Sundays for the 9.30 am service. The post-holder will need to be flexible with their working hours outside of these times.
- The candidate will be required to submit to an enhanced DBS check

## APPLICATION





To submit an application please send a full CV and covering letter which explains why you are a suitable candidate and include the details of two references. References will only be taken up once an offer has been made.

Please send your CV and letter to:

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**Deadline for applications: to be advised**

**Interviews will be held: to be advised**

