

CHILDREN'S TEAM LEADER 0-5'S

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

⁴Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

An exciting time to join the team

St Mary's is a church with a wide draw and a current electoral roll of over 550, but there is much to be done as we seek to grow in every area of church life, deeper as well as wider. At the centre of our life together is our desire to make disciples empowered by the life of the Spirit who witness to the reality of God's coming Kingdom in Jesus Christ. Charismatic, Evangelical, and orthodox in theology we want to learn how to remain faithful and pass on our faith to future generations.

Once again, the church is entering a new season of ministry and life and we are looking for a new member of the team to join us to oversee and develop our children's work for the under 5's, as we seek to fulfil our vision to see God change lives, families, and churches.

As part of the Children's and Youth Team, alongside Mandy Childs and Emily Iriving, we are looking for someone with a heart for parents and younger children and oversee our work with this age group and develop and grow leaders.

The focus of the work will be to oversee our Sunday provision, our Tot's Praise service (currently Monday morning), and our Friday Toddler Café. We are keen to hear from anyone who would be interested in this area of ministry and are open to discuss flexible hours and explore Job shares and different ways of filling the various aspects of the work. The post is currently term time only.

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PURPOSE OF ROLE

Team Leadership and oversight

To oversee the care and discipleship of children aged 0 – 5 through Sunday Groups, Tot's Praise, and other opportunities.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

As a member of the staff team, under the overall leadership of the Vicar, the key responsibilities will be to:

- **Oversee** St Mary's work with children aged 0-5 and to see this work flourish, grow and be shared
- Line-manage **children's teams** on Sunday (Creche / Totzone / Sparklers / Fireworks) and Monday mornings (Tot's Praise)
- Ensure that St Mary's connects with people at all stages of our **discipleship pathway** including those not attending church through ventures such as our Friday toddler cafe
- Support the central role of **parents** as key disciplers of their own children, enabling learning, reflection, and growth

Other responsibilities

- **Developing Leaders**
Recruiting, training and developing leaders for the children's teams (0-5)
- **Preparing resources**
Helping children to understand and learn the biblical story
- **Participating in our worship and life in the Spirit**
Enabling children to engage in worship on Sunday and Monday mornings and being involved in all age worship
- **Supporting accessibility and inclusion**
Working with others in the Additional Needs Team to help us support and include children and families with additional needs.

- **Running sessions, events and activities**
Working with the other staff and volunteers to produce and run sessions on Sundays and mid-week that help to disciple our children.
- **Developing links with the Parish School**
Supporting the local church school in creating a stronger culture of discipleship, prayer and worship and assisting with assemblies as required
- **Sharing the vision**
Widening our impact as a church within Reigate and further afield as we seek to play a part in the growth of the discipleship vision locally, regionally, nationally, and overseas and participating in the life of the Deanery and wider Diocese supporting the Diocesan Vision of 'Hearts on Fire'.
- **Keeping children and young people safe**
Implementing and maintaining the safeguarding policies of the church and making sure that the Children's Teams (0-5) are fully trained and equipped in this regard.

Reporting to | Associate Minister/Vicar – Leadership and Discipleship

Direct reports | Volunteers / Parents

Location | St Mary's Church, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 7RN

Employment basis | Term-time / up to 20hrs week including Sundays

Hours | up to 20 hours a week including:

- **Sundays** | Organising resources, briefing & supporting teams, and delivering sessions (generally 5 hours)
- **Monday mornings** | Tot's praise
- **Tuesdays** | Staff Admin meeting and preparation
- **Friday Morning** | Toddler Cafe

Term-time only – 39 weeks

Details for submitting application

For an informal confidential discussion about the role contact Richard Wilson | 07875959339. To apply, please send a CV and covering letter by email to richard.wilson@stmaryreigate.org