



ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CANBERRA

Position title	Children and Families Minister
Reporting to:	Rector, St John's Anglican Church
Contract	Permanent part-time (24 hours per fortnight)

Vision and Background

St John's Anglican Church is a vibrant and diverse faith community which has proclaimed Christ in this region since the 1840s. Our mission is *to bear public witness to Jesus Christ through Anglican worship and pastoral ministry, loving community, and outward-facing mission.*

Our 9.30 am Sunday service is home to many families, and has potential for further growth. During school terms, it includes a children's church (pre-school – yr 6) and youth group (yr 7-12). It also includes a sermon discussion group for young adults. Children's church and youth group both begin in church from which, after a brief time of prayer, they head out to their separate programs. (Our 6 pm service, while focussed mainly on adults, also includes a growing number of children and youth.)

Further details on the parish can be found at www.stjohnscanberra.org

Position Description and Responsibilities

We are looking for a mature follower of Jesus Christ to help equip the families of our parish to grow in trust and obedience to Jesus Christ. The Families Worker will be primarily attached to our 9.30 service, where he/she will give expression to our mission by helping us create a church culture in which young children and their families are included, loved and helped in their Christian growth.

Under the direction of the Rector, the Families Worker will be responsible for:

- Overseeing kids' church ministry during our 9.30 am service, including coordinating volunteers and deciding curriculum (*'Anglican worship and pastoral ministry'*).
- Assisting clergy with the organization of baptisms (*'Anglican worship and pastoral ministry'*).

- Running a mid-week music or playgroup to create points of connection for baptism families and others, and possible pathways into the worshipping life of the parish (*'outward-facing mission'*).
- Organizing occasional events that will assist the families in their Christian discipleship and/or provide outreach opportunities for them to invite friends to church (*'loving community'*, *'outward-facing mission'*).
- Attendance at staff meetings, planning, as required.

Position Requirements

- Mature Christian faith, and the ability to work sympathetically within an Anglican ministry setting.
- A demonstrated commitment to helping people follow Jesus.
- The ability to engage well with children and their families.
- Valid and current Working with Vulnerable People accreditation and Safe Ministries training qualifications (recognised by the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn).

Payment and Hours

- 12 hours per week, with a probationary period of 3 months.
- To include 3 hours on Sunday mornings and approx 3 hours at a mid-week music/play group.
- Staff meetings as required.
- There is scope for some flexibility to accommodate the greater demands during term times, and comparatively lighter demands during school holidays.
- Employed under the Miscellaneous Workers Award at \$42.65 hour (based on the diocesan stipendiary lay minister rate).
- Employer superannuation guarantee of 10.5%.