



## Position Description

**Position title:** Youth Worker

**Term:** Permanent part-time (10 hour 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 9.30am service is home to many families and has potential for further growth. During term time, it includes a children's church (yr k-6) and youth group (yr 7-12). These both begin in church where, after a brief time of prayer, they head out to their separate programs. (Our 6pm service, while focussed mainly on adults, also includes a growing number of children and youth.)

### POSITION DESCRIPTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

We are looking for a passionate and committed follower of Jesus Christ to serve as a Youth Worker, principally focussed upon our 9.30am service, equipping our parish youth to grow in trust and obedience to Jesus Christ. (This role might be especially suitable for a university student or young person seeking to explore their suitability for Christian ministry.)

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

- Leading Bible studies and discussion with the youth during the 9.30 family service, as well as engaging with the youth and their families after church. (*'Anglican worship and pastoral ministry'*)
- Liaising with our family and children's worker to ensure smooth coordination between youth and Kids@Church. (*'loving community'*)
- Engaging with the youth of other churches for occasional larger youth gatherings. (*'loving community'*)
- Attendance at staff meetings, planning, as required.

Evangelistic initiatives may also be considered. See below under 'payment and hours'. (*'outward-facing mission'*)

### POSITION REQUIREMENTS

- Mature Christian faith, and the ability to work sympathetically within an Anglican ministry setting.
- A demonstrated passion for seeing young people following Jesus.
- The ability to engage well with youth and their families.
- Valid and current ACT Working with Vulnerable People accreditation
- Valid and current Safe Ministries training that is recognised by the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn.
- Satisfactory Safe Ministries Check

## **PAYMENT AND HOURS**

- 5 hours per week, with a probationary period of 3 months.
- 2-3 hours per week will be on Sunday mornings, with the remainder divided between preparation, staff meetings and other initiatives.
- Further hours could be allocated to the role in the event that the ministry grows, or that additional activities (e.g. evangelistic initiatives) become feasible.
- Payment based on the diocesan stipendiary lay minister rate (\$38/hour). This rate will be increased annually in line with increments granted under the Miscellaneous Workers Award.
- Employer superannuation guarantee of 10.5%.

## **APPLICATION**

To apply email the rector, Rev'd David McLennan, at [rector@stjohnscanberra.org](mailto:rector@stjohnscanberra.org) or phone David on 0468 634 351 for more information.

In your application please include:

- A curriculum vitae
- contact details for two referees who will be able to give feedback on your skills, experience and character
- written reference from your minister/pastor of your current church community
- a short personal statement of why you see yourself in this role.

Applications due by close of business on Friday 9 December 2022.