



## St Luke's Church, Great Colmore Street, Birmingham

### Community Missioner

#### **Background**

We are a Parish church with a strong community focus drawing together people representing a wide range of backgrounds and ages. Together we are seeking to grow as disciples of Jesus, to make Him known to others and show God's love to people in our community.

Our vision is to be 'Light in the Community'. Situated in the heart of Lee Bank, where life can often present people with various challenges, we have a unique opportunity to be light and show God's love in practical ways. We have a spacious modern building into which we welcome people on a daily basis. Beyond the church building we are currently involved in two schools and an old people's home but we long to develop extend this aspect of our ministry.

One challenge in this area of the city is social isolation. There is a high proportion of single occupancy housing. We have identified the need to build community and see the church playing a vital role in this.

In this respect, over the past few years, the church has been able to initiate a number of new ventures to connect with people within the community and we are now at a point of building upon this. We seek to employ a Community Missioner to join the team of employed and lay people with a remit of extending contact with members of the community and the aim of reducing isolation and sharing the Good News of Jesus

#### **Terms and Conditions**

Hours:	Part-time (20 hours per week) for a fixed term of three years subject to funding
Salary and Pension:	Salary of £10,000 per annum. Auto enrolment into pension scheme (if eligible) with an employer contribution of 2% and employee contribution of 3%
Expenses:	Will be covered by the Parish
Holidays:	Pro rata from the full-time equivalent of 25 days plus Bank Holidays
Employer:	St Luke's Edgbaston, PCC
Reporting to:	The Parish Priest Churchwardens (during a vacancy)

## **KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

The key responsibilities of this post include:

### **1. Initiate a missional project**

- Evaluate the current activities of the church and along with the Parish Priest identify and initiate new projects such as an after-school club or an activity for older people

### **2. Contribute to current missional activity**

- You will be required, as appropriate, to contribute to activities the church currently undertakes such as the Toddler Group

### **3. Build connections within the church and within the community**

- Worship at St Luke's on a Sunday morning and contribute to services regularly.
- Make contact with community organisations associated with the initiated missional projects (Responsibility 1 above) eg if a children's based project; links with schools, if an older adult based project; links with Housing Association etc
- Identify and encourage lay people to become involved in missional activities
- Be visible in the community and grow connections with people not currently in church

### **4. Engage with support networks**

- Meet for line management meetings (fortnightly initially, then less by agreement)
- Attend ministry meetings regularly
- Meet with the Great Colmore Street Committee

### **5. Learning and development**

- To attend courses and undertake reading to increase knowledge and skills to enable development in this role
- To undertake staff training as required

### **6. Comply with policies and practices**

- To be aware of, and comply with, Diocesan and Parish policies and practices at all times. This includes safeguarding, health & safety, security, confidentiality and data protection

The essential and desirable requirements/qualities for the Community Missioner are as follows:

### **Essential**

- A strong Christian faith and sympathy with the ethos of the Church of England (this is a genuine occupational requirement since spiritual leadership within the parish is a fundamental component of the Community Missioner role).
- The ability to articulate a calling to missional leadership in areas of deprivation within the Church of England.
- A heart for growing the church numerically and spiritually.
- The ability to talk confidently and naturally of the love of God and the Good News of Jesus.
- A proven ability to relate to a wide variety of people and engage with different worldviews.
- Self-motivation and proven ability to take initiative, along with a willingness to work under leadership.
- A proven ability to work well with others and to show the potential to do so in ways which empower rather than disempower others.
- A willingness to learn.
- The intellectual and emotional capacity to undertake successfully the role of Community Missioner as outlined.

### **Desirable**

- Willingness to be immersed within the life of a disadvantaged neighbourhood.
- Awareness of the problems and possibilities of mission in deprived areas
- Experience of working with people who do not use the written word as their primary way of communicating and learning (i.e. 'non-book', 'text-shy' or 'oral' cultures)
- Ability to use ICT effectively
- Ability to work flexibly on a range of project tasks and to prioritise accordingly.

### **Further information**

For further information please contact Rev Amanda Featherstone, Parish Priest  
[revamand@st-lukes-church-centre.org.uk](mailto:revamand@st-lukes-church-centre.org.uk) or 0121 622 2435

### **Applications**

An application form can be obtained from:

[admin@st-lukes-church-centre.org.uk](mailto:admin@st-lukes-church-centre.org.uk)

or downloaded from <http://www.st-lukes-church-centre.org.uk/>

Deadline for applications: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July

Interviews will be held on: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July

Please send completed applications to: [admin@st-lukes-church-centre.org.uk](mailto:admin@st-lukes-church-centre.org.uk) by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July