Overview

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| *Employer* *Line manager*  | Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St John the Baptist, Burley The Vicar of St John the Baptist, Burley  |
| *Contract* *Hours* *Salary*  | 2-year fixed term with likelihood of extension Part-time: 22.5 hours (equivalent to 3 days) per week. Must be willing and able to work flexibly, including core work on Sundays. We are open to job sharing arrangements. £27,500-£29,500 pro rata, depending on experience  |
| *Annual Leave* *Pension*  | 30 days pro rata 4% Employer contributions into a NEST scheme  |
| *Essential requirements*  | This post is subject to the applicant having the right to work in the UK, satisfactory references and an enhanced DBS disclosure.  The postholder will need means to transport themselves around the Benefice area through the duration of their employment. As this role involves teaching, leading, and representing Christian faith and values, there is a genuine occupational requirement that the postholder be a practising Christian, in accordance with the Equality Act 2010, Schedule 9, Part 1.  |
| *Application process*  | Application deadline: Aug 1st, 2025 Interviews: Aug/ Sep, 2025As well as an interview, we may ask candidates to lead two 10 minute sessions - one for children and one for youth.  |

Who we are

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| The New Forest Edge Benefice is five churches under the leadership of a Team Vicar and an Associate. Our vision is to serve our local communities with the good news of Jesus Christ, who gave his life as a ransom for many. Our passion is to see our congregations thrive, growing in Christian maturity, generous love for one another, and servant-hearted witness to the world – in the power of the Holy Spirit. 92daa686-90b0-45cd-90ab-87e91980140c.pngChildren and young people are well represented at St Mary’s, Bransgore, with a growing core at Burley and a modest intergenerational work in Sopley too. Whilst the successful post holder would be ministering across the Benefice, they would be based primarily in Burley. There are three primary schools in the Benefice and loads of young people who attend secondary schools from within it - we are seeing signs of spiritual hunger amongst these children, young people and their families. We need more help to make the most of the opportunities to make Jesus known, through new and established outreach and discipleship ministries. 92daa686-90b0-45cd-90ab-87e91980140c.pngAs a Christian organisation, our culture is shaped by Scripture and the work of the Holy Spirit. Every member of our ministry team plays a key role in contributing to the culture and vision as apprentices of Jesus – in life and ministry. The postholder will help cultivate an environment where children, young people and their families can grow as lifelong disciples of Jesus. In practice, this will involve three strands: * proactively engaging with children, young people and families in our local community, e.g. through schools assemblies, one off events, church hospitality and regular clubs;
* leading intergenerational/all-age teaching and worship as part of the wider ministry team;
* facilitating a safe ‘home’ for children and young people where they: feel heard; can invite friends; can find out more about Jesus through engaging and biblically grounded teaching; and over time to live Spirit-led lives as active members of their local church.

This is an exciting time to join our team as we seek to discern God’s leading in a time of transition and transformation, trusting in Jesus’ promise to give life to the full, restore hope and transform hearts. For the right person we would be delighted to facilitate their formation as a Christian leader more broadly should they wish to explore ordination and ministry beyond.  |

Key responsibilities

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| *Building on established ministries*  | Oversee the practical and spiritual aspects of the Benefice ministry programme for ages 0-12; oversee and grow our ministry to 12-18s.Contribute creatively to our evolving intergenerational worship, including Sunday service leading and preaching Work with the ministry team as ambassadors for Christ in the community and local schools, fostering good relationships with staff and families  |
| *Experimenting with new ministries*  | Pioneer gospel-centred outreach strategies that connect with children, young people and families beyond the church, offering clear pathways into church lifeExplore creative ways to integrate technology into ministry  |
| *Leadership and team work*  | Grow, equip and empower a team of volunteers to lead/support kids and youth ministries Foster a collaborative, prayerful team culture where volunteers feel valued and inspired to serve Work closely with the clergy and leadership team to shape and contribute to the church’s visionRecruit volunteers safely, ensure safeguarding policy is followed, undertake risk assessments Invest in personal spiritual development as the foundation from which to serve and lead others.  |

Person specification

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| *Essential*  | *Desirable*  |
| Committed Christian who is passionate about making disciples of Jesus Excellent at communicating the gospel, both upfront and person to person Creative, self-motivated and flexible in attitude and work ethic Proactive approach and committed to seeing initiatives through to completion Excellent interpersonal and relationship building skills Excellent organisation skills, with attention to risk and the ability to plan ahead Sense of humour and fun! Experienced in church leadership or working with children, young people and families within a church setting Competence in using technology to support ministry effectiveness  | Relevant training and/or qualification Ability to think strategically and to pay high attention to detail Ability to deal with difficult situations and issues calmly and effectively Knowledge of relevant health and safety, child protection and Safeguarding policies. Experience in planning and delivering events and managing projects   |

Next steps

If this exciting opportunity appeals to you, feel free to contact us for more information...or go ahead and apply:

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| *Contact us*  | For more information or an informal conversation: email John and Katie Ash (burleyvicarage@gmail.com) or WhatsApp/call John on 07886 892995  |
| *To apply*  | Please click on the link below to apply via Google forms:[**New Forest Edge Children's, Youth and Families Lead: application form**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScGrvdXE0xxHOTSpGhUPM6OFKysA-oHdJd_sApO2xHAJlKyQA/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=105470411856402902649)If this format does not suit you, please email burleyvicarage@gmail.com to request the application form in an alternative format. |