



OAKLEY WITH WOOTTON

Evergreen Pastoral Coordinator

Are you a compassionate and creative leader with a heart for serving older people in both the church and wider community? The parish of Oakley with Wootton St Lawrence is seeking a **Pastoral Care Coordinator** to champion, develop, and lead our church's thriving pastoral ministry for older residents.

In recent years, our church has expanded its long-established Evergreen ministry in exciting new directions, including intergenerational collaborations between residential care homes and our local CofE Junior School, bereavement and mental health support courses in the community, an annual 'Holiday@Home' event for individuals who would otherwise struggle to get out of their homes, partnership with our local NHS social prescriber team to wrap community support and belonging around lonely or vulnerable residents, and so much more.

We believe that every one of every age has value, dignity, and something to contribute. Our heart is for the older people of our church family and wider community to flourish in body, mind and spirit. We long to see people step out of loneliness and isolation into a new place of connection and belonging. If that's your heart and passion, this could be the perfect role for you.



Key responsibilities

- **Provide spiritual and pastoral care** for older individuals and their families, including end-of-life guidance and bereavement support.
- **Coordinate and grow the church's volunteer team**, including managing recruitment, training, and safeguarding compliance.
- **Lead established programmes and events**, such as the Evergreen Fellowship and the annual Holiday@Home.
- **Develop and expand community outreach**, building new partnerships with local care homes and other community groups to reach isolated residents.
- **Champion the contribution of older people** within the church, fostering intergenerational connections and challenging stereotypes.
- **Innovate and develop new ministry initiatives**, exploring opportunities to engage with more residents within the wider community in creative ways.



Who we are looking for

The ideal candidate will have:

- A personal & active Christian faith.
- Significant experience in pastoral care, particularly with older people.
- Proven ability to lead, equip, & inspire a team of volunteers.
- Excellent communication & interpersonal skills, with an empathetic approach.
- A strategic & creative vision for ministry development.
- Commitment to ongoing professional development & safeguarding best practices.



Place of Work: **Parish of Oakley with Wootton St Lawrence (C of E)**

Hours of Work: **Part time, 20 hours per week;
28 days annual leave plus Bank Holidays pro-rata;
flexible working, including some evenings & weekends**

Salary Range: **£16,000 - £18,500 (for 20 hours per week)
dependent on post holder's qualifications & experience**

Pension: **NEST pension: 5% employee's contribution,
3% employer's contribution**

Length of Contract: **2 years fixed term**



Job description:

To access the job description, please contact the church office (office@oww.church) or visit the church website:

www.stleonards-church.co.uk

To apply:

Please send a copy of your **CV** with a **covering letter** outlining your suitability for the post to **Revd Ben Kautzer** (ben@oww.church). Please provide details of **two referees**, ideally one who has worked with you in a professional context and one from a church-based setting.

Closing date for applications is **5pm on Friday 14th November 2025**

Further information:

For an informal conversation about the parish and the responsibilities of the role, please contact **Katey Butler** (pastoralcare@oww.church).

