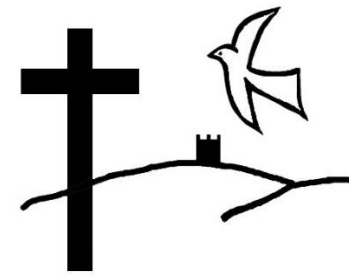


If you would like to make any comments about the project, please feel free to use the space below or contact a member of the clergy.



A YOUTH MINISTER FOR THE HORWICH & RIVINGTON TEAM CHURCHES

What is our Vision?

- ✦ We recognize that young people are today's church and tomorrow's church leaders.
- ✦ As part of our vision we want to employ a Youth Minister. This has been part of our thinking over the last 2 years as we looked to the future.
- ✦ The Youth Minister will work initially for 3 years, to build up our work with young people and families.

Why do we need a Youth Minister?

The Team has identified that this is an area in which we struggle and need to commit resources in order to move forward and develop further the work that is already happening. A Youth Minister would:

- ✦ enable young people to grow as disciples of Christ, that this may shine through their lives and in their worship and service.
- ✦ develop the gifts and abilities of those who work with our young people and families. If we are to grow our Team, we will also need to grow the number of leaders. They will be better recruited and supported if we have a Youth Minister in post.
- ✦ enable our Team churches to reach out to young people in our local communities, including Rivington & Blackrod High School and to enable the young people themselves, to reach out to their peers.

What will the Youth Minister do?

The objectives of the post have been agreed by the church leadership:

1. Nurture the faith of young people (11-18 years) within our churches and communities.
2. Offer leadership and support to existing volunteer Youth Leaders within our churches and to recruit and train more leaders.
3. Develop new initiatives for the young people within our parishes.
4. Be involved in the pastoral care and nurture of young people and be a voice for them within our churches.

Where are we now?

We expect to pay a salary of £25,000 a year (approx.), reflecting national scales for a Youth Minister post with responsibility. The person will be expected to provide their own housing. When on-costs are added, this means we need to raise £30,000 per year. Before making the final decision to go ahead, the Team needs to have secured pledges of £90,000 to ensure that the salary is covered for the first 3 years.

Therefore, we are asking everybody to prayerfully consider how much they might pledge or give towards this project. We need to have pledges or gifts before the end of October (sooner if possible) so that we can determine whether we have the resources to proceed. We would like to be able to advertise the post as soon after that as is possible.

How can we make it happen?

- ✦ How much are you able to pledge towards this project?
- ✦ Why not pledge to give a sum every week or month?
- ✦ You can also make a lump sum gift or complete a standing order using the envelope or form available. If you are a Taxpayer, remember to gift aid it by completing the details on the 'Youth Minister' envelope.

We need £90,000 pledged by the end of October this year. Across the Team we have approximately 300 people worshipping each Sunday. Therefore, breaking this figure down, we could achieve our target if:

- ✦ 100 people gave £25 per month for 3 years
or
- ✦ 200 people gave £12.50 per month for 3 years
or
- ✦ 200 people gave a lump sum of £150 per year over 3 years
(that's equivalent to giving less than £3 per week!)

Are you prepared to invest in the next generation?

'Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not turn from it.'
Proverbs 22:6

Horwich & Rivington Team Churches YOUTH MINISTER PLEDGE

Name.....

Address.....

..... Post Code.....

I pledge to give in total the sum of £.....

I will give by (lump sum)
..... (weekly gift)
..... (monthly gift) (please tick as appropriate)

Signed

Please complete this tear-off slip (before the end of October) and put it in a 'Youth Minister' envelope. Please remember to fill in the details on the front of the envelope. The returned envelopes can be placed in the yellow postboxes to be found in each church. Thank you. PTO