

Holy Trinity Anglican Church Devonport



Mission statement:

To know Christ and to make Christ known.

Job Profile for Youth Pastor in the Parish of Devonport for 2018

The purpose of this position is to employ a person who will take the leading role in the Church's efforts to reach out to the young people of the Devonport Community; facilitate a safe environment for them to gather for social interaction and offer them Christian teaching and spiritual direction.

This is a 20hour per week, paid position

Position Title: Youth Pastor

Responsible to the Vicar of the Parish

It is expected that the youth pastor will connect with and relate to the young people especially of Intermediate, High School and Tertiary ages in the Devonport community.

The youth pastor will seek to attract the youth into a relationship with Christ and inspire them to serve the wider community.

Key Accountability Areas:

- The young people of Devonport will have a safe, regular weekly place and time when they can meet with other young people under adult supervision, in the context of both small and large groups.
- They will be encouraged to explore and deepen their relationship with Christ.
- As part of that [*encouraging youth in their relationship with Christ*], the person employed will share, teach about and offer discipleship in the Christian faith.
- There will be opportunities for those who are committed to the Christian faith to develop and exercise their leadership skills and other talents they may have to offer eg Music.
- The youth pastor will endeavour to create opportunities for the youth to be involved in and where appropriate take on leadership roles in the worship life of the Parish e.g. the Sunday services.
- The young people who are interested will have had opportunities to explore and discuss life issues in a context of mutual respect and receive input to resource them from a Christian perspective.
- They will be offered opportunities to be mentored and to receive appropriate pastoral care.
- It is expected that the youth pastor will plan and provide outreach events

- He or She will build and maintain positive relationships with leaders in the community (e.g. local schools) and reach out to the young people in the parish. This may involve working in the local schools where possible.
- The youth pastor will build bridges between the youth and the rest of the faith community and endeavour to integrate the youth ministry with the ministries of the faith community as a whole.
- Being able to retain a good relationship with the network of churches within the Devonport area and work collaboratively with the Auckland Diocesan Youth Ministry.

Person Specification:

Qualifications:

- The applicant will need to have had at least two years of experience as a Youth Worker, or similar experience.
- They must have had a minimum of 1 year tertiary theological training and be committed to living a life consistent with the Christian Faith.
- They will have a proven record of assisting and enabling young people to transition safely into adulthood.
- It is preferred that the youth pastor will live close to the Devonport area.
- He or she must be visionary and passionate about young people
- He or she must be sympathetic to the Anglican tradition and be comfortable with being part of a high functioning staff team as well as leading a ministry team for youth.

Experience: The applicant will have had at least two years of leadership involvement with young people.

Skills:

The applicant must

- be able to relate positively and attractively to young people and able to inspire them as they explore their faith.
- Be able to competently speak and lead prayer in a public setting
- Possess a reasonable proficiency in computer work (Microsoft Word, Powerpoint, etc)
- be an empowering leader.
- Have good organisational skills

It is expected that the successful candidate will attend Sunday Worship at Holy Trinity Church on a regular basis, become an integral part of the Faith Community with an enthusiasm and passion for youth.
