**Youth Evangelist and Discipler**

**JOB DESCRIPTION**

**TITLE OF POST:**

**Youth Evangelist and Discipler**

**RESPONSIBLE TO:**

Vicar

**MAIN PURPOSES:**

1. To lead and develop ‘The Hub’, (the network of youth leaders, paid and voluntary, in Burgess Hill) in collaborative schools’ ministry in local secondary schools, primarily in Burgess Hill, organizing training as appropriate.
2. To lead ‘youth’ (11-18 years) ministry within the parish of St Andrew.

**KEY TASKS:**

**The Hub Schools team leadership**

* Build existing relationships with local secondary schools, primarily in Burgess Hill and lead the ministry from relationship building to evangelism and discipleship
* Co-ordinate The Hub’s schools ministry, matching ministry to resource.
* Lead liaison, with the Vicar of St Andrew’s, between The Hub and secondary schools.
* Ensure the ministry meets the requirements of the safeguarding policies of St Andrew’s Church and the partner secondary schools, including training as appropriate.
* Identify key training needs, in line with key developments in youth ministry, and organize continuing professional development for The Hub.

**St Andrew’s Youth ministry**

* Take responsibility for youth outreach and evangelism in St Andrew’s Parish.
* Take responsibility for provision of Sunday morning youth activities and the midweek youth home group(s) at St Andrew’s.
* Disciple young people, including growing their understanding and knowledge of the Bible, and experience of the life of the Spirit, and developing their ministries.
* Organize and facilitate occasional youth and children’s social and outreach events
* Lead assemblies in local primary schools
* Take responsibility for residential trips, including May Camp, and others as appropriate.
* Develop the St Andrew’s youth team: organizing in house training and recommending diocesan and national training programs as appropriate.
* Undertake regular training to develop your own skills and develop areas of expertise according to gifts and experience.
* To attend PCC and staff meetings.
* To ensure the ministry meets the requirements of the safeguarding policies of St Andrew’s Church. Including training as appropriate.

**Adhoc**

Undertake ministry tasks and any other duties that may be reasonably required by the Vicar to fulfil the vision of St Andrew’s.

**Please note**: There is a genuine occupational requirement for the post holder to be a Christian by conviction and practice.

St Andrew’s church is committed to safeguarding and safe working practices.  This role is a regulated activity, it will be subject to an enhanced criminal records check.

**Person Profile:**

In order to fulfil this role, St Andrew’s Burgess Hill will be looking for someone who is/has:

**Faith** (*all essential*):

* Committed to orthodox Christianity, the authority of Scripture and the catholic creeds, reading the Bible daily
* Excellent knowledge of Bible and ability to draw on biblical studies for ministry
* Excited by and called to evangelistic ministry
* Prayerful and open to the work of the Holy Spirit, having daily prayer time
* Clear vocation to work with young people both inside and outside the church
* Wholly committed to the life and ministry of the local church

**Skills, abilities and experience**:

*Essential*

* Experience of youth work in a church setting
* Able to work with a team to ensure work administrated efficiently
* Able to handle own administration effectively and efficiently
* Able to manage a budget
* Able to disciple young people
* Able to communicate the faith evangelistically to young people
* Able to help young people worship God
* Able to lead a team
* Able to think strategically about ministry and mission within a leadership team
* Able to learn from and encourage others to learn from in-service training
* To have a youth work qualification or equivalent
* To undertake all necessary safeguarding training
* To work within the ethos of St Andrew’s Church, Burgess Hill

*Desirable*

* Experience of Christian work in secondary schools
* Able to work effectively with children’s workers in church setting
* Experience of leading a team of Christian youth workers
* Able to help plan in-service training with help from others
* Able to disciple adults
* Able to communicate the faith evangelistically to adults
* Able to help adults worship God
* Able to lead musical worship
* Holds a valid driving license