



Midhurst Parish Church

Youth and Children's Minister

Thank you for your interest in the post of Youth and Children's Minister at Midhurst Parish Church. This letter includes some background to the town and the church. Enclosed are a copy of the job description & person specification and an application form.

Midhurst is an historic market town in the heart of the South Downs National Park with a population of around 6,000. The town is a great place to live, with a number of good pubs, restaurants and cafés and access straight out into the countryside for beautiful walks. Midhurst boasts a successful Church of England Primary School with excellent links to the church and a secondary school rated outstanding by Ofsted (Midhurst Rother College).

Midhurst has been hailed as one of the best towns in England in which to live by Country Living magazine, but the town is not without its needs. In 2014 church members founded the Midhurst satellite of the Chichester District Foodbank and the church hosts a monthly Friendship Tea aimed at addressing the issue of loneliness especially amongst older people. The town also offers little other than sports clubs and uniformed organisations for young people to get involved in, so in 2015 we launched our youth group 'ignite' which has grown to 20+ young people of secondary school age. We have a small, but lively Sunday School and a busy Messy Church congregation. Lots goes on during each year between the church and the primary school including weekly assemblies, church visits, an annual prayer week, yr6 helpers at the Friendship Teas, and festival services. A ministry in the secondary school is ready to be carved out by our new Youth and Children's Minister, who will have use of the school Faith Room as well as an opportunity to gather young Christians to meet together there.

Midhurst Parish Church has an electoral roll of 120 and an average attendance at the Sunday Parish Communion of around 70 people. Last year over 2000 people attended services at Christmas, many of them children and young people. Our worship is very much in the central liturgical tradition of the Church of England and we try hard to do it well. Worship at Messy Church and other services aimed at a younger congregation is loud and fun and we hope that our new Youth and Children's Minister will have ideas and skills that will help to create new worship opportunities for younger people in the parish.

I hope that this pack provides all the information you need, but if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to call me on 07851 721756, to email me at vicar@midhurstparishchurch.net or to contact the lead PCC member for this project, Dave Griffiths at david.griffiths@midhurstparishchurch.net

The closing date for applications is Thursday 4th July 2019 at 12 noon. You can email your application to david.griffiths@midhurstparishchurch.net or post it to Rev Dave Willis, The Vicarage, June Lane, Midhurst GU29 9EW. Interviews will take place in Midhurst on Saturday 20th July.

We hope to hear from you.

With best wishes

Reverend Dave Willis, Vicar