

Children and Families Pastor

As Children and families pastor at Riverside Church, you will envision and offer strategic oversight to all work at Riverside Church with children and families, both on Sundays and during the week. We are looking to reimagine and develop our children's and family ministry focusing on discipleship, equipping families and mission into our local area. Connecting children to the Family of God, leading them into the presence of the Holy Spirit and enabling them to participate in the Mission of Jesus Christ. This is an exciting role to shape and re-envision a key ministry at a Church in a process of change.

We are looking for a passionate pursuer of Jesus who can carry the culture and values of Riverside church, who is a skilled individual with a keen understanding of church leadership and a heart to see the children and families within Riverside Church grow.

You will be a highly motivated individual with strong initiative and a passion for bringing bible-based Holy Spirit led teaching into our children and families. Activating them in prayer, biblical wisdom, prophecy, healing and all other spiritual gifts. Teaching them Christian principles to set a firm foundation for faith and salvation. Whilst implementing new church wide strategies to reach our community as we bring life to the families in and around our local area.

The Children and Families Pastor will be a senior member of the church staff team, and as such will be an active participant in regular staff and senior team meetings and activities, including core programmes. The role will require working closely with the Senior Pastors of the church in relation to the whole worship life of the church.

The Children and Families Pastor will resonate with the vision and values of Riverside Church and see their role as a key part of pursuing this vision and furthering the Kingdom of God on earth as in heaven.

Key Aims:

- To develop and cast a clear vision and strategy for our work amongst children and families within the wider vision of Riverside Church.
- To lead, recruit, and train other leaders and helpers, developing their skills through encouragement, enabling, coaching and resourcing.
- To create a curriculum that helps children to grow in their faith, as well as encouraging and equipping parents, grandparents and carers for their part in this.
- To develop outreach work with children, their families and organisations from across the community.
- To provide a safe environment for children to belong, grow and flourish.

Essential

- An innovative, creative and professional approach to helping build Riverside Church
- Excellent people management and interpersonal skills

- Committed Christian
- Sense of humour and enjoy having fun
- Computer literate
- Ability to prioritise and co-ordinate work loads
- Flexible attitude
- Reliable and proactive team player
- Excellent organisation and communication skills
- Secure understanding of safeguarding and data confidentiality

Desirable

- A relevant qualification or previous experience in children's work
- Ability to communicate effectively through different social media platforms
- A desire to learn and develop personal skills and leadership
- Willingness to develop towards AOG ministerial training

Role Expectations

- Depending on experience and availability of the person, this role is 15 - 37.5 hours per week
- Working hours can be flexible, but it would be expected for one of the days worked to be a Sunday
- The role holder must be available to work at a selection of key events at Riverside Church which could include Christmas services, Easter services and Annual Church meetings when required.
- Attend weekly staff meetings
- It is expected that staff members will be active members of Riverside Church.

It is anticipated that staff will contribute additional hours to these into the life of the church in the same way that other church members contribute above their work hours.

Your line manager will be the Senior Pastor.

Salary: From £20,000 to £26,000 pro-rata, depending on experience.

Due to the nature of this role, we believe that this post is subject to an occupational requirement that the holder be a practicing Christian under Part 1 of schedule 9 to the Equality Act 2010. The post is subject to our safeguarding requirements including an Enhanced DBS disclosure which will be obtained by the church.