

Curate: Christ Church Fox Chapel

The job

We are looking to appoint a new assistant minister, known as a training curate, for a three-year curacy. The successful applicant will be an ordained minister in the Anglican Church of North America or expects to be ordained by Summer 2019. They may serve a diaconal year or at least several months before being ordained as a priest (presbyter) by the Bishop.

The curate will commit to serving at least two years, during which time they will experience every aspect of church leadership, ministry and administration as set out in detail in a learning covenant. The third year is designed to provide ample time for the successful applicant to enjoy their time here and to seek employment elsewhere when the right job comes along. It is anticipated that they will be well-prepared to become a rector or senior associate in a larger church by this time.

Our vision is to provide a rich environment to understand how to develop, renew and grow a lively church.

The Church

Christ Church Fox Chapel is a healthy church with about 155 in attendance each week. Our style is fairly relaxed and relatively low-church as we seek to be an authentic and orthodox gospel voice in our town for everyone but at heart we are a distinctly evangelical church in the Anglican tradition.

We have grown consistently in the last five years. With some natural turn-over of members about half in attendance are “new”. They come from a diverse spiritual background but have found the way we present the gospel to be familiar and attractive.

As a multi-staff, multi-congregation church, with several well-developed programs and a broad variety of worship styles, we believe that we have a lot to offer as a training parish.

The staff team and vestry are particularly good and many of us are firm friends who like to spend time together when we can. We are confident that several years of ministry here will provide a good springboard into the next phase of ordained ministry and be really enjoyable too.

Our goal is to equip a leader for a long and fruitful ministry and to enable them to set healthy patterns of work and faith at the outset of their public ministry so that they and (if applicable) their families won't just survive a life in public ministry, but thrive.

The successful applicant

The person we have in mind will be a gospel-focused minister, who loves Jesus Christ and is passionate about sharing the good news with others. They will be comfortable in somewhat conservative or charismatic settings, academically bright, a good communicator, administratively competent, pastorally sensitive, have a proven ability to draw people in, and be pro-active in getting things done.

We are also looking for someone personable, warm, fun to be around and teachable, who is willing to experiment and hone their skills in a nurturing and godly team environment and so whilst they will be a highly competent if not outstanding candidate, we do not expect to hire someone who has nothing to learn.

The process

To find out more about our church and the job please write to Bridget, our Church Operations Manager at office@christchurchfoxchapel.org simply letting us know of your interest.

We will send you a copy of our latest annual report and a job description so that you can read a little more about us before deciding whether to apply. We suggest praying about it, sharing it with those you trust and seeking the godly counsel of someone who oversees you before applying.

If you are then interested in applying, please simply write again with a copy of your resumé and a covering letter expressing why you think you are interested in this role and why you believe that you would be a good fit. There is no need to be too worried about the contents of that letter, just tell us about yourself and your passions, your faith and hopes or concerns and how they relate to this job.

Depending on the number of applicants we may schedule informal visits or calls for those we have not yet met before drawing up a shortlist of candidates for formal interview. Shortlisted candidates will be asked to provide an essay of their choice and a sermon, if they have one, before interview.

Interviews will be by a panel consisting of Bridget Michael, our Church Operations Manager, Anne Malone, our Senior Warden, Joe Nawrocki, our Deputy Treasurer and Alex Shuttleworth, our Rector. As part of that process we may ask you to give a simple five-minute teaching or homily on a verse of your own choosing.

The deadline for applications is close of business Friday February 22nd 2019. Informal visits or calls will take place by Friday 8th March 2019 and interviews will be scheduled as soon as possible after that.

Details

Job title: Curate Christ Church Fox Chapel

Compensation: \$43,000 plus benefits of up to \$17,000.

Hours: full-time (50 hours per week)

Time off: Sabbath (one day a week); personal or family time (half day a week); vacation (21 days a year); vocational development time (7 days a year)

Duration: up to three years