

150th Anniversary Project Co-ordinator

St Luke's Church
BUILDING BRIDGES WITH OUR COMMUNITY

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Canning Town**

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Thank you for considering this exciting role at St Luke's Church in Canning Town. This is an exciting time for our church and our community. St Luke's is a church rooted at the heart of its parish with a vision to see bridges built with our communities and people introduced to Jesus Christ. We seek to be a Church that is representative of its community, where all people play their part in God's service and where all ages take part in pursuing growth in our walks with Jesus and in seeing others come to faith. 2025 marks the 150th anniversary of our church and we want to be intentional in using this anniversary to engage creatively and intentionally in our parish. The presence of St Luke's is one of the only consistent things in our transient community and we think there is huge potential for a year of outreach, engagement and evangelism. We have lots of ideas but all take time and careful co-ordination and we don't want to miss any opportunities for funding, planning or engagement. Please prayerfully consider whether God might be calling you to join in with this new chapter in our church's life as we seek afresh to reach out to our community and to grow the church here in Canning Town.

What is the plan for St Luke's?

St Luke's has generously received a sizeable investment both from the Church Commissioners and Chelmsford Diocese to grow the church here in Canning Town. We want to grow upon our foundations as a church rooted in its community but to seek to share the good news afresh in these changing times. We want to see our church grow with new disciples and in terms of our reach within the life of our parish. We want to be innovative and pioneering as we seek to tell afresh the good news of Jesus but also practically stand with those in our community. We believe Jesus changes everything and want to be a church that is good news in practical as well as spiritual ways in our community.

What can I expect?

God will grow his church and here in Canning Town we are excited to join in and play our part. Building on the foundations of the past we are ready to courageously step into this new chapter in our church's life and be responsive to where God leads us. In joining the staff team at St Luke's you can expect to be challenged and encouraged as we seek to join in with God in the renewal of his church as we grow in size and impact bringing good news to Canning Town and seeing lives transformed by the love and power of Jesus.

The Vision

Our Vision is to be a vibrant local church that embodies the diversity of our parish and expresses itself as a movement of Jesus' good news and love for the people of Canning Town. We seek the transformation of Canning Town through Jesus by seeking to be a thriving church at the heart of our communities.

We would love you to consider the four available posts below and ask God and others you know and trust. Could this be my next big endeavour for the Lord Jesus Christ? We would love to explore that with you!

Please consider the job specifications and when you are ready, complete the application form and submit this by

We look forward to hearing from you.

PCC of St Luke's

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Introduction & Role Purpose

The purpose of this role is to co-ordinate our 150th year anniversary as a church. *2025 marks the 150th anniversary of our church and we want to be intentional in using this anniversary to engage creatively and intentionally in our parish. The presence of St Luke's is one of the only consistent things in our transient community and we think there is huge potential for a year of outreach, engagement and evangelism. We have lots of ideas but all take time and careful co-ordination and we don't want to miss any opportunities for funding, planning or engagement. There are at least 3 events we would love to have run alongside a community engagement program to capture memories of St Luke's and see a multi-layered approach to community listening and recording together. Our community is so transient but St Luke's remains and this anniversary provides a unique opportunity to engage many residents in the parish. There are multiple grants that could be available for a year of events and projects but that requires time and so we are looking for someone who can invest time to source funding, co-ordinate different events and equip us as a parish to use this next year to reach out, evangelise and see Canning Town transformed by Jesus Christ.*

Responsibilities:

Co-ordinate 150th Celebrations

- Alongside the incumbent, staff and PCC to co-ordinate a year of events
- To research and complete grant applications for celebrations
- To liaise with community partners to involve Old St Luke's and St Luke's school in celebrations.
- To lead on collecting memories of St Luke's through the years and the collation in an exhibition physical and digitally.
- To co-ordinate social media to encourage engagement in the anniversary year
- To capture stories and help tell them of St Luke's then and now.
- To help plan towards a weekend of celebrations next October 2025.

Person Specification:

Skills, Experience & Qualifications:

Essential:

- Experience in managing projects.
- Experience in working well with people
- Experience in event planning
- Experience in writing grant applications
- An understanding of various medias
- An ability to listen well
- A love of this part of East London and a desire to tell our story well
- A desire to serve the Church in Canning Town
- Locally based and committed to Canning Town.

Personal Qualities:

- A committed Christian who loves and follows Jesus and believes in the relevance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to everyday life so as to understand how as a church we are telling the history of our church and it's current values and vision now.
- A self-starter who shows initiative and drive.
- Friendly and approachable with an ability to build relationships with people.
- Ability to build and develop strong and effective relationships with a team.
- Focused and can work to a schedule

Role Details:

Start date: As soon as possible

Working Hours:

This is a short term contract (12 months role) to co-ordinate and lead on our 150th year anniversary. This role amounts to 32 hours a month or 8 hours a week. Some evening and weekend work will be necessary. Depending on the successful applicants' personal circumstances there may be some flexibility with regards to working schedule.

Salary & Additional Benefits:

£15 per hour.

Additional Requirements:

- Genuine Occupational Requirement- an occupational requirement exists for the post-holder to be a practising Christian in accordance with the Equality Act 2010 to fulfil all the elements of this role.
- Church membership- you will be expected to become a full and active member of the worshipping community at St Luke's.
- The post holder must have the right to reside and work in the UK.