

Job Pack: Community Evangelist



St Luke's Church Canning Town

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Thank you for considering these new staff positions 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. 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

Community Evangelist

Introduction & Role Purpose:

The purpose of this role is to grow our ability to reach our community with the good news of Jesus. We are passionate about growing the church and seeing people come to faith. As our community evangelist you are key to that. You will be a pioneer, taking the good news of Jesus out further in our community, being present in spaces where community gathers and equipping our church family to all grow in their confidence in sharing their faith. You will be a key leader in our annual Alphas and will seek new ways to share of the love of Christ in our parish. As a church we want to be innovative in our sharing of the good news. You will also have a part to play in growing our online presence through our website and social media as we use digital means to reach out into our ever growing parish. You will spearhead our sharing of the Gospel by also training and equipping our whole church family to share of their faith and invite others to join in with God's plan for the world.

Responsibilities:

Leadership:

- Contributing as a staff member and a key leader to the Vision of the Church in how we share of the good news of Jesus with our community.
- Taking an active role in church life including participating in services.
- Take a lead role and responsibility for community outreach and pioneering new projects to see faith introduced, explored and grown.
- Take oversight of recruiting, training and supporting an effective volunteer team as every member of our church family is encouraged to take part in evangelism.
- To lead our Evangelism Team.
- To take a lead role in Alpha, planning outreach events and seeing people introduced to Jesus.
- Alongside the safeguarding officer, ensure safeguarding requirements are fulfilled.
- To co-ordinate our welcome rota in church to ensure all attendees to church receive a warm welcome. To also be mindful of those on their own at the end of services.
- To be an active part of a new digital communications team.

Evangelism:

- To co-ordinate evangelistic events and courses throughout the year in the parish and in line with other ongoing festivals and opportunities.
- To train and encourage members in their ability to share their faith.
- To encourage a culture of invitation and celebrating those who bring new people to church.
- Contribute to Sunday services, taking an active role in our Vision to see every church member engaged on their front lines.
- To grow the church through new disciples coming to faith and maturing in their walk with Jesus.
- To be present in places where community already gathers in our parish and where the church is not yet present. They will look to initiate groups to grow community and introduce faith.
- To consider where this role overlaps with other roles in Church to see joint projects and initiatives started and maintained.
- To expand our digital communications in order to reach new people.

Person Specification:**Skills, Experience & Qualifications:****Essential:**

- Experience in encouraging others to explore the Christian faith.
- Experience in initiating and co-ordinating evangelistic projects and events.
- A good listener and someone who is able to relate to a wide range of people.
- A track record of being able to build healthy relationships.
- A track record in mentoring and discipleship.
- Experience in preaching and giving short evangelistic talks.
- A good working knowledge of social media and how to use digital means to reach out to others.
- A gifted communicator who is able to sell a vision and inspire others

Desirable:

- Experience in running Alpha.
- Experience in cross cultural mission.
- An openness to exploring new ways to share the Gospel.
- Knowledge of the Fresh Expressions Movement or alternatives to traditional models of church.
- A desire to serve the church in the Diocese of Chelmsford and passionate about enabling church growth.

Personal Qualities:

- A committed Christian who loves and follows Jesus and believes in the relevance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to everyday life.
- A leader with a passion to see people encounter Jesus and walk with him.
- A self-starter who shows initiative and drive
- Friendly and approachable with an ability to build relationships with people.
- Resilient with a high level of determination and persistence.
- Ability to build strong and effective team relationships.
- Ability to get alongside others, accompany and walk with them through the challenges of life.
- Someone who radiates Christ's love as they serve him practically.

Role Details:

Start date: End of 2021

Working Hours:

This is a full time role of 40 hours per week. Some evening and weekend work will be necessary. Time off in lieu may be taken by agreement where this exceeds normal weekly hours. Depending on the successful applicants' personal circumstances there may be some flexibility with regards to working schedule.

Holiday Entitlement:

In addition to bank holidays (8 days) you will receive 22 days' paid leave annually.

Salary & Additional Benefits:

- £23,000-£26,000 per annum depending on knowledge and experience.
- Pension scheme.
- You will be provided with a work mobile phone in order to ensure safe working practices with those in the community.

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.
- Church membership- you will be expected to become a full and active member of the worshipping community at St Luke's.
- Disclosure and Barring Service- the post is subject to a DBS check.