

Community Pastor

The role

1. To work with the community of Holmer Green and nearby areas to spread the knowledge of the gospel outside the church.

This will include

- Building relationships with community groups
 - Liaising closely with the Families' Worker
 - Inspiring and equipping church members to share their faith with confidence
 - Facilitating topic based groups (eg bereavement and parenting) in the wider community
 - Creating and leading events that have an impact on the community and that provide a context for evangelism
2. Within the church to join our leadership team as lead elder, helping to discern what God is saying to us and designing our response to Him.

This will include – working with the other elders

- designing our preaching programme and allocation of speakers,
- ensuring that we have systems to ensure that our church members and friends receive high quality pastoral care,
- taking responsibility for the overall direction of the church.

The Candidate

The successful candidate will

- be a Christian, able to clearly articulate their faith to those outside the church,
- be deeply rooted in Scripture,
- be able to inspire and lead volunteer groups within the church,
- be a self starter able to work on his/her initiative,
- be willing to learn humbly from others,
- be able to remain calm under pressure,
- be able to demonstrate the call of God to church leadership,
- ideally have some experience of church leadership,
- **Be in agreement with the Evangelical Alliance statement of faith**
- **Have the ability to preach, lead worship and provide spiritual direction**

Occupational Requirement

This post has a genuine occupational requirement for the post holder to be a practising Christian due to the nature of duties in support of the Christian ethos of the church.

Terms and Conditions

Hours: This is a full time position. It will include some weekend working and regular Sunday church attendance. The successful candidate will be expected to manage their own working pattern

Benefits: We are offering a stipend of £30000 to £35000 plus the use of a manse (three bedroom detached house with a study). There is a scope for negotiation over a generous housing allowance rather than the use of the manse. We will also make a 10% employers' contribution to a pension scheme. The total value of the package will be in the order of £50000.

Holidays: 28 days per year and bank holidays (or days in lieu of worked bank holidays)

Pension: The successful candidate will be auto-enrolled in the Baptist Union pension scheme. The employer will contribute 10% and the employee 8%

DBS: the appointment will be subject to the individual obtaining enhance disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service

The Employer

Holmer Green is a village between Amersham and High Wycombe. Although close to these towns the community sees itself as being a village. The Baptist Church relocated to a new building in 2000 which overlooks the large village green.

We are a member of the Baptist Union and the Evangelical Alliance with links to other churches in the area. Our Sunday attendance is 50+ and we have a mid week service on Wednesdays that attracts members who prefer a more traditional service. This meeting is preceded by lunch twice a month.

We run a full range of activities across the age spectrums including 'Pop-In' lunches, a mid-week service for seniors, mothers' and toddlers' group, schools' work, youth clubs and more.

As a Christian community we affirm that 'Jesus is Lord'. He is Lord over our individual lives, the life of the church, and the life of the whole world.

We believe the bible is the 'Word of God' and that its writers were inspired by God's Spirit.

We believe in and practise 'believer's baptism by immersion', representing a desire to die to self and to live for Christ.

We are a registered charity (CIO) and have a gifted team of trustees/deacons. Our spiritual leadership comes from three elders.

Most members belong to one of our four life groups.

For more information about the Church please visit www.holmergreenbaptist.org.uk or contact our Church Secretary, Derek Brown
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The Area

Holmer Green is served by primary and secondary schooling. There is a village centre where the pond, common and local shops and amenities can be found. Public transport is also only a stone throw away where bus links provide access into nearby towns of Amersham, Chesham and High Wycombe. . Mainline train station & underground links can be found in High Wycombe (30 minutes) , Beaconsfield and Amersham providing access into London, Birmingham and Oxford respectively.