

Lliswerry Baptist Church Youth worker

Purpose of the position:

- To lead and develop the work with the young people at Lliswerry Baptist Church and the community.

Responsible to:

God's leading with guidance from the minister and deacons.

Key responsibilities:

- To lead and develop a programme with the young people at Lliswerry Baptist Church which combines discipleship and social events.
- To look to develop outreach to young people in the community.
- To help to develop gifts in others to look to build up a team in this area.

Key tasks:

- To look to lead a programme which disciples our current young people.
- Work with our minister to look to help to integrate young people with the rest of the church.
- Builds links with youth groups from other churches.
- To encourage participation by young people in the youth work programme, the wider church life and their local communities, through youth forum work and other means.

Resources:

The church will look to provide –

- Expenses (Travel mileage)
- Training opportunities
- The church currently owns a flat which could be offered for accommodation.
- Mentor/regular support

Hours:

- Part time (15-20 hours)
- Subject to references/DBS

Salary:

£9,380 plus accommodation

Persons specification

Requirements	Essential for position	Desirable for position
Experience	Experience of working with young people.	Experience of working with other Community Groups and organisations e.g. schools
Special qualities	<p>Commitment to Christ and a passion for bringing people into the Church.</p> <p>A passion for working with young people.</p> <p>Strong interpersonal and communication skills.</p> <p>Good organisational skills.</p> <p>Self-motivated with ability to plan and execute own work, to deadlines where appropriate.</p> <p>Ability to work as part of a team.</p>	Willingness to try activities outside comfort zone
Special knowledge/skills	<p>Awareness of issues relating to safeguarding of Children, young people and vulnerable adults.</p> <p>Good knowledge of God's word and a desire to learn more.</p> <p>Relevant IT skills to aid communication.</p> <p>Hold a level 2 certificate in youth work or a commitment to obtaining within the first 6 months</p>	Knowledge of Baptist Church and its organisation.
Practical /Intellectual	<p>Ability to manage many different activities at the same time.</p> <p>Active worshipping member of the Church, supporting the Church family and its activities.</p> <p>Commitment to continual professional development.</p>	<p>Holder of full driving licence.</p> <p>Living locally.</p>

Appointment will also be dependent on the applicant being issued with a DBS.

Church profile

Our Church

Lliswerry is a loving, friendly and busy church with its doors always open and welcome to all. There is a reliance on the Holy Spirit to accomplish God's work through us and so prayer is emphasised.

The church is committed to honouring God in worship, fellowship, discipleship, service and evangelism. With a membership of around 110, the morning and evening services are both well attended. The Sunday morning services tends to be lively with a crèche and bible club offered for children and young people. In comparison Sunday evenings lean towards a more reflective worship and preaching style.

Our Church's Ministry and Mission

During the week there are a wide range of activities taking place at the church and in the community which ensures that all ages are catered for. For full details of all current activities please refer to our website www.lliswerrybaptist.org.uk.

As a church we are looking to develop a ministry which connects to all ages. Currently we recognise that we have a greater need to disciple and reach out to young people. Therefore that is where we are looking to focus in our mission.

There is also a weekly Wednesday evening Children's Club (Xalt) which similarly draws in children from outside the church as well as children from church families. These are attended by junior school age children, which also highlights our need for provision for teenagers.

Outreach to all age groups is also a priority. This work has involved visiting, prayer walking, and other street work in our local community, along with church-based community events e.g. barbecues, patio parties, social evenings. We also have a successful choir that has seen steady increase in numbers since inception and brings a lot of non-church goers into the building. There are also monthly house group meetings.

Various different evangelistic courses have been run (e.g. Alpha, Christianity Explored, Questions) as a means of introducing people to faith. For the last eight years we have also hosted the Newport Night Shelter each Friday night from Feb to March.

We have appointed a full time minister in September 2018, however he had been placed with us as a student for the two years preceding this, so he has already become familiar with the church and community. We currently have a family and community worker, who is currently undertaking very successful work with younger families.

Our Location

Llswerry Baptist Church is located on the south-east side of the city of Newport, South Wales, very close to the border with England. We are 20 minutes from the Severn Bridge on the M4.

Newport is a multi-cultural community with a large student population which has seen rapid expansion in recent years. It is a city which has lost its traditional industries such as iron and steel manufacture and is now benefiting from growth in the electronics, financial and service sectors. The M4 motorway runs through the northern edge of the city, and the A48 is a major relief road skirting the southern edge. We have good road and rail communications to the rest of the UK. We are within an hour's drive of two international airports, and the capital city, Cardiff, is within thirty minutes' drive, and even quicker by train. The Brecon Beacons, the Wye Valley, and many other delightful locations are all within an hour's drive away.

Llswerry is a residential area comprising a mix of old and new housing. There is a primary and secondary school within walking distance of the church. Newport's International Sports Village (complete with velodrome) is located a mile from the church. Also close by is a large retail park which includes a cinema, restaurants, large Tesco supermarket and other stores.

Newport city centre has recently undergone a considerable redevelopment – the Friars Walk Centre is a major complex which opened in November 2015. This has created a need for a number of new housing developments on both sides of the river, particularly on the east side (i.e. within a mile from the church).

For further information see www.newport.gov.uk

For demographic information on Llswerry Ward see:

www.newport.gov.uk/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=population.populationstats&titleid=12