

SPOTLIGHT ON...

DAVE CHAMBERLAIN

Dave oversees children's and youth ministry at St Nicholas, Tooting, where around 60 children and young people from all backgrounds attend their groups. During lockdown they provided online sessions for all but their crèche group.



which is offered both in-person and online by the Diocese. This includes learning about the Bible; what Christians believe; what it means to be Anglican; and how we live out our faith. The second is a course in children's or youth ministry (candidates can choose which area to specialise in), which is taught through a mixture of online and in-person sessions, and includes children's or youth spirituality and formation; faith development; and practical approaches.

Licensed Children's, Youth and Family Ministers

Licensed Children's, Youth and Family Ministers are leaders in mission and ministry with children, young people and families in a church, school, or community setting in a parish, cluster of parishes, deanery or external agency. They are supervised by their incumbent or other appropriate supervisor. The discernment and selection process for this ministry is coordinated by the Vocations Team in collaboration with the Mission and Discipleship and Ministry Teams.

Training consists of a CertHE (Level 4) course, usually taken part-time over two years, followed by further practical training and reflective practice for 1-2 years. The CertHE includes biblical and theological studies; courses in children's and family ministry and pastoral care; a placement; and reflective practice.

Note that all those discerning a call to children's, youth and family ministry will have to undergo a DBS check and safeguarding training.

Next steps

If you think you might be called to serve God in children's, youth and family ministry, talk with your incumbent or chaplain. They will be able to help you discern God's calling.

If you would like to have an informal conversation about your sense of call to lay ministry, please e-mail the Revd Dr Raewynne Whiteley, Deputy Director of Discipleship and Lay Ministry, at raewynne.whiteley@southwark.anglican.org. She can also put you in contact with Mission Support Officers for Children and Young People to talk specifically about this ministry.

Find out more about ministry with children, youth and families in Southwark on our website at southwark.anglican.org/mission-ministry/mission/children-youth



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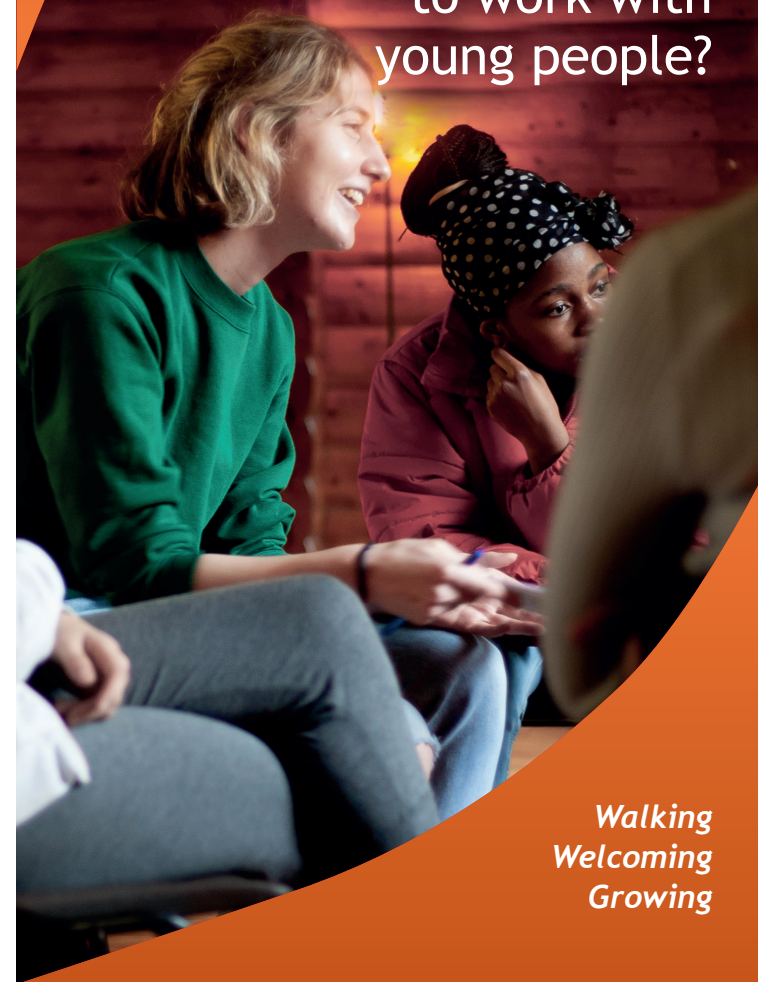
Loving God
Walking with Jesus
Led by the Spirit
Luke 24:13-35



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Children's, youth and family ministry

Are you called
to work with
young people?



Walking
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Growing

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MARY KENNEDY

Mary co-ordinates Sunday Club activities in the Merstham & Gatton Team Ministry for children aged 3-11. Activities range from crafts and treasure trails to sports, prayer and eco-challenges. Whilst the emphasis is always on fun, activities are firmly rooted in the Christian message of love, hope and charity.



Are you called to ministry with children, youth, and/or families?

Children's, youth and family ministry is about helping children and young people and their families to follow Jesus and to be full members of the church.

Are you someone who...

- enjoys working with children and young people and their families?
- wants to see them grow in faith?
- wants to gain more skills for this?

If the answer is yes, God might be calling you to children's, youth and family ministry.

"We believe that children and young people can follow Jesus and be full members of the Church, and that discipleship is possible at any age."

– Church of England website
www.churchofengland.org/about/children-and-young-people

Ministry with children and young people might include:

- Sunday School
- all-age/intergenerational worship
- midweek groups in schools and churches
- carer and toddler services
- youth groups
- Messy Church
- Godly Play
- holiday clubs and fun days
- confirmation preparation.

What does becoming a Children's, Youth and Family Minister give you?

- Affirmation of God's call by the wider Church.
- Tailored training and ongoing support in your ministry.
- A learning community.
- An opportunity to reflect as you go.

There are three pathways for children's, youth and family ministry:

Affirmed Children's, Youth and Family Ministers

Affirmed Children's, Youth and Family Coordinators, Leaders, or Helpers are part of a team in a parish. They coordinate, lead, or help other adults involved in ministry with children, youth, and families in a church or school setting. They work under the supervision of the incumbent or other staff member or a commissioned or licensed Children's, Youth and Family Minister. They are selected by the local parish and do

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THEO SHAW

Theo runs youth church at St Peter, Walworth, where she helps young people to make connections between the Bible and their everyday lives. She also runs an after-school youth club, a safe place to come together, relax and play.



basic training such as the CYP Basics Course run by the Diocese or an equivalent in the parish or deanery.

Commissioned Children's, Youth and Family Ministers

Commissioned Children's, Youth and Family Ministers are part of the ministry team in a parish. They coordinate, lead, and/or train other adults involved in ministry with children, youth, and families in a church or school setting, and work under the supervision of the incumbent or other staff member. The discernment and selection process for commissioned Children's, Youth and Family Ministers is coordinated by the Discipleship and Ministry Team in collaboration with the Mission Team.

There are two components to the training, which can be taken in any order. The first is the Bishop's Certificate, *Growing in Life and Faith*,

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