



 **Church of the Good Shepherd/Families
Outreach Worker Application Pack**



WHO WE ARE

Church of the Good Shepherd, Monkstown is a Church of Ireland/Methodist local covenant partnership church in the heart of Monkstown estate, Newtownabbey. We are a family of believers who have a heart to see Monkstown transformed by the good news of Jesus.

Our main Sunday service is at 11 am and currently we have an average of 80-100 people attending each Sunday, with around 20-25 of those under 18. Currently, we are seeing our numbers of children and teenagers grow both on a Sunday morning and in our youth fellowship. Our worship on a Sunday is informal and contemporary. We begin worship together as a family and then after a kids' talk and song, our children and teenagers go to either Creche & Smile (0-11) or Bible Class (12-18). Our youth group Sprockets has around 18-20 teenagers who meet twice a month, and we currently have a group of 14 heading to Summer Madness. We also have a youth band that leads worship on a Sunday around once a month and a number of young people who serve in the worship team each week. We have a strong and committed team of leaders currently in place who have been instrumental in the growth we've been experiencing.

Nathan Ervine has been our minister since December 2023 and has a heart to see people coming to know Jesus and seeing them released in their gifts as they serve him.

JOB PROFILE

Title:	Families Outreach Worker
Hours of work:	Fixed Term - initial one year contract (extension possible with funding)
Reports to:	Minister - Rev Nathan Ervine
Hours per week:	20 hours per week
Special conditions of employment	There is a genuine occupational requirement for the post-holder to be a committed Christian.
Start Date:	September 2024
Application deadline:	Monday 3 June @ 12 pm
Interview date:	W/C Monday 10 June
Application process:	Please send completed application by email to nathan@cogsmonkstown.org before application deadline.

JOB PURPOSE

This is a great opportunity for someone who has a passion to see children, young people, and their families hear the good news of Jesus and become his followers.

We believe that children and young people are a key part of our church family. We desire to see them engage with Jesus in a fun and meaningful way. We also want to invest in them and enable them to grow in their gifts and talents, knowing that they are the future leaders of our church. There are so many families in the Monkstown area that have little or no connection with church, but we believe there is a real hunger among them to hear the good news of Jesus. Therefore, we are looking for someone who has a heart for the lost and a passion to see families reached for Jesus.

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT

Pattern of work:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 20 hours per week over 4 days (including Sundays, staff meetings and evening work). The role requires working flexible hours to accommodate families and children. Hours will be agreed upon with Line Manager.● Required to work a selection of key times during the year including Christmas Day and Easter Sunday.● It is expected that the post-holder will be an active member of the Church of the Good Shepherd.
Salary:	£16,000
Support:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Additional time for one retreat/conference a year in addition to holiday entitlement● Considered support toward on-going training applicable to role
Holiday entitlement:	17 days plus bank holidays ((maximum of 6 Sundays, excluding Easter Sunday))
Probation period:	6 months

MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

- Develop and implement an evangelistic vision to reach families in the Monkstown area
- Develop creative ways of reaching children, young people and families during the week
- Work alongside volunteers to disciple young people connected to the church
- Build good relationships with young people and parents
- Attend our weekly Parents and Toddlers group (Wednesday mornings)
- Build good relationships with our uniformed organisations and help where needed
- Build good relationships with the local schools
- Help lead and co-ordinate Creche, Smile and Bible Class on a Sunday morning
- Participate in leading Sunday worship - including teaching at all-age services, and being involved in Sunday worship
- Encourage and recruit volunteers
- Attend Youth Activities (Sprockets, Connect Youth Service, Youth Home Group)
- Help co-ordinate and lead groups of young people going on residential events - eg; Connor takes the Castle, Autumn Soul, Soul Mates, and Summer Madness
- Co-ordinate church social media to communicate and inform young people and their families of events and initiatives
- Commit to praying for the children, young people, and families of the church and those we come into contact with

PERSONAL SPECIFICATION

	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications:	<p>GCSEs / O Levels at Grade C or above in Maths and English</p> <p>Educated to degree level (2:2 or above)</p>	<p>Accredited qualification in relevant discipline (e.g. theology, evangelism, youth and children's ministry)</p>
Experience:	<p>A proven track record in youth and children's ministry, in a paid or voluntary capacity</p> <p>Experience in recruiting and working with volunteers</p> <p>Experience in teaching the Bible to children and young people</p> <p>Experience in organising outreach events in a youth and children's context</p>	<p>Experience of leading and teaching in a Sunday worship service</p> <p>Experience of delivering school assemblies and/or RE lessons</p>
Skills:	<p>Good organisational skills</p> <p>Good interpersonal skills</p> <p>Good written and oral communication skills</p> <p>Ability to work on own initiative</p> <p>Ability to work well in a team</p>	<p>Online / Social media skills</p>
Faith	<p>A committed follower of Jesus</p> <p>A passion to see others come to know Jesus</p> <p>Committed to the authority of Scripture and sensitive to the work of the Holy Spirit</p>	

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