



## Who we are :

**Identity :** we have a growing congregation numbering about 100 including many children. We are connected to the Pioneer Network of Churches through City Gate Brighton. We are a member of the 'UK Evangelical Alliance' and 'Churches Together for Eastbourne'.

We are currently seeking to formalise links with other community churches to establish a network of Community Churches in Eastbourne.

We would consider ourselves to be an evangelical, charismatic church although labels aren't important to us.

**Church family :** we have a mix of ages - 50% are retired people, a growing number of families with young children and about a dozen teenagers. We currently do not have any university students who are part of our fellowship but have done in the past.

## How we are organised :

**Leadership Team :** we have a leadership team which includes Elders, Family Group Leaders & Task Group Leaders. Howard Wardle as full time Church Leader chairs these meetings.

**Elders :** are Hazel Mottram, Graeme Bunn & Howard Wardle

## What we do :

**Worship :** we meet to worship our amazing God at St Anthony's Centre every Sunday morning. On the first Sunday of the month we hold an all age service. Every other week, age appropriate groups are arranged for the children and youth – Creche : under 4's, Kids Congregation : 4 – 11 yrs & Rock Solid : 11 – 14 yrs.

Our style of worship is informal and relaxed but lively.

**Teaching :** our teaching is aimed at life application rather than just increasing biblical knowledge. We use a range of preaching / teaching styles and aim to cover a broad range of subjects relevant to our lives.

**Prayer :** our main prayer focus is within mid week family groups but we do meet every Wednesday morning for one hour for an open prayer time. Once a month we hold a focussed prayer evening event. We recently held a day & night of prayer.

**Mid week Groups :** we encourage everyone to be part of a bi weekly mid week 'Family Group' for friendship, on going discipleship & pastoral support. We currently have 5 adult groups meeting

each fortnight.

**Alpha** : we have had great success with the Alpha Course & continue to use it twice a year.

**Discipleship Groups** : are organised and targeted to meet the needs as required. We run a number of courses during the year for new Christians, those seeking an in depth Bible Study Group & other specific topics.

**Local mission** : we have been operating as a 'Christians Against Poverty' Centre since September 2008. This project is currently on hold as we are currently seeking a new Centre Manager. We operate a food bank & clothes bank as part of this project.

**Centres** : both of our busy buildings are operated as Community Centres available for use by anyone. We host training courses, group events, clubs & children's parties.

- The Bridgemere Centre employs a Centre Manager for accounts and administration and 9 playwork staff.

Activities include :

- a daily Breakfast & Afterschool Club for children aged 4 – 11yrs.
- Acorns – Parent & Toddler Group
- Indoor Carpet Bowls group
- Brownie & Guides Pack

- St Anthony's Centre is managed by a volunteer Centre Manager.

Activities include :

- a Portuguese congregation
- Scallywags pre school – independently run
- Spotlight theatre group.

The Bridgemere Centre is on a 25 year lease. St Anthony's Centre is owned by the charity.

Our website [www.churchinthecommunity.co.uk](http://www.churchinthecommunity.co.uk) is a good place to look for more information.

**Principle objective :** To lead, grow and develop the work of reaching and discipling secondary school aged young people in the knowledge of and relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Secondary objective :** To have potential to take on a senior role within the wider church ministry.

**Tasks :**

To lead the work among secondary school aged young people within Community Church.

- Through developing the current Sunday morning 'Rock solid' group
- Attracting new young people through existing friendships
- Creating a mixed and varied programme of activities
  - Attending camps and/or Christian festivals
  - Link up and build relationships with other church youth groups
- Through detached work into the local secondary schools

To model a lifestyle and ethos that is attractive

- Through actions and lifestyle model what it means to be a Christian in C21.
- Encourage young people in their faith and with issues of growing up
- To pastorally care for the young people and be available one to one as required

Involvement in the wider church

- Lead worship on Sunday morning as required
- Keen to develop a teaching / preaching gift

**We believe that this position would be suitable for a number of situations :**

- **Someone looking for a placement during a college training course**
- **Someone looking for part time work to fit with other employment**
- **Someone with/without a family looking for limited hours**

**Person Description**

- **Passionate Spirit filled Christian** : someone who has both an infectious faith and relationship with Jesus Christ
- **Male or Female** : *we recognise equally the ministry of men and women.*
- **Preferably aged over 25** : *for experience and maturity. Practically our minibuss can only be driven by anyone over 25yrs.*
- **Experience of growing a youth group** : *a track record of doing similar work is essential.*
- **Comfortable within an evangelical, charismatic church** : *we want our young people to grow in the gifts of the Holy Spirit, be baptised by immersion and be confident in sharing their faith*
- **Some experience of leading worship** : *although not essential we see this as a way to encourage our young people in worship*
- **Keen to develop in other areas of church leadership in the future** : *we are looking for a person who is keen to develop a preaching/teaching gift and in the future take a senior role within the wider church.*
- **Able to work alone or as part of a team** : *not requiring constant supervision, but has initiative, ideas and is flexible in working arrangements and responsibilities*
- **A good communicator** : *good with young people but also able and willing to communicate with the wider church*
- **A team builder** : *able to build a team of workers as the work grows*
- **Willing to work evenings and weekends** : *as our young people are at school during the day, the majority of contact will be out of school hours.*
- **Interesting and enthusiastic** : *young people are attracted to anyone with a wide interest in life and an infectious enthusiasm*
- **Must hold Full UK driving licence**
- **CRB cleared (or willing to be checked)**
- **Computer literate** : **we use** MS Office suite for administration and promotional work. Knowledge of a photo manipulation package or DTP package an advantage.
- **Ecumenically open** : *keen to work together with other churches to see a strong town wide youth work*



## Community Church – Eastbourne

### Employment package

**Salary :** £21,000 per annum pro rata (£10,500)

- Expenses for petrol will be paid

**Holiday :** 25 days & 8 Bank Holidays per calendar year pro rata (16.5 days)

**Hours worked :** 20 hours per week – flexibility will be required

**Office accommodation :** we provide office space with telephone & computer

**Living Accommodation :** we are unable to provide living accommodation at this time.

**Length of contract :** initially 2 years

**Probationary period :** this will be in two stages - 3 months & again in 6 months

There is a Genuine Occupational Requirement that the successful candidate is a Christian, as they will become a central part of the church leadership team and contribute to its wider work.



If this opportunity is of interest to you and you would like to find out more or visit Eastbourne for a closer look before submitting a formal application :

Please contact :        Howard Wardle

[howard.wardle@churchinthecommunity.co.uk](mailto:howard.wardle@churchinthecommunity.co.uk)

If you wish to submit a formal application please complete the application form enclosed in this pack and return it together with a letter explaining why we should consider you for this position.

Completed application forms and letters should be posted to :

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**The deadline for applications is JANUARY 21<sup>st</sup> 2011**