

Role Overview

We are looking for someone with a passion for young children knowing the Lord, and some experience of teaching the Bible with a focus on Jesus, to lead the growing children's ministry in the church.

Contract: Part time, 1 year (potential to be extended)

Hours: 21 hours per week, and 1 day of study (fees covered)

Total pay: £14,000 per year, with option of accommodation with a church family

Annual leave: 17 days

Location: Bedford, UK

Reports to: Pastor

Key responsibilities

The role is suitable for someone who loves the Lord Jesus and is passionate about teaching children about Him from the whole Bible. This role will also equip the post-holder for further gospel ministry in the future through formal training, either the Cornhill Training Course in London or TEAM in Cambridge.

The main duties of the role would be as follows:

- Be a committed member of the church family by, among other things, attending and participating in Sunday services, and a midweek home group
- Be an active member of the staff team by, among other things, attending and participating in the weekly staff prayer and planning meetings
- Regular teaching of the children's classes (ages 0 to 4, and 5 to 10) at church on a Sunday
- Leading upfront children's Bible talks
- Involvement in or leading a holiday Bible club
- Regular involvement in planning and delivering the Bible clubs and assisting the Pastor with R.E lessons at Wilden and Sharnbrook schools

Person specification

- A living and growing relationship with Jesus; a passion for the gospel; a commitment to living out and modelling the Christian life in line with the ethical standards of the Bible
- An ability to relate to a broad range of people, particularly children and parents

- Self-motivation; the ability to manage your own workload and to respond to shifting priorities; the ability to work effectively both in a small staff team and with volunteers
- Flexibility and creativity to function well within the unpredictable and varied stages of a church's life
- Some experience of and ability to teach the Bible clearly, creatively and engagingly
- A willingness to learn and develop in this training role and to be flexible dependent on the needs of the church and your training

About Hope Church Goldington

Hope Church Goldington is a growing, FIEC-affiliated church in Bedford. We have around 40 adults and over 20 children on Sundays. We are committed to loving God, loving others, and telling people the good news about Jesus.

Safeguarding

This post is subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults, and all staff are expected to share this commitment.

Other requirements

We are an equal opportunities employer. There is a Genuine Occupational Requirement for the post-holder to be a practicing Christian under Part 1 Schedule 9 of the Equality Act 2010. It is an additional requirement for the job holder to share the beliefs and doctrines, ethos and values of the church and of the FIEC, and comply with Hope Church Goldington's code of conduct and policies. Applicants must also have the right to work in the United Kingdom prior to taking up this role.

How to apply

To apply, please send a cover letter explaining your suitability for this role and a CV to Gareth Jones, Pastor, at gareth.jones@hopegoldington.org.uk

Deadline for applications: Friday 29th May 2026