



**Taunton  
Baptist  
Church**

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## Could you be our Children and Families Leader?

Taunton Baptist Church is seeking an enthusiastic and passionate follower of Jesus with a heart for children and families to join our staff team as Children and Families Leader.

The role involves working closely with our Minister and volunteers to develop our existing ministry among children and families.

You will oversee the 0 - 11's work in the church, including the Sunday morning children's work as well as midweek Toddler Group, Baby Group, a monthly Messy Church and an annual Holiday Bible Club.

There will also be opportunity to provide pastoral care for parents and grandparents.



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## Who are we?

Taunton Baptist Church is a large town centre church in Somerset. We have an active fellowship and a Sunday children's ministry of around 10 - 15 children.

A team of volunteers deliver engaging sessions to help the children develop and grow in their faith and knowledge of Jesus. Our annual Holiday Bible Club enables us to share the Gospel with a wider range of children from the local schools and community. During the week, we run Toddler and Baby Group sessions which have given us valuable opportunities to support and engage with local, usually non-church families. In addition, we run a monthly Messy Church sessions with crafts, worship and a cooked meal. This attracts around 15 - 20 families each month.

In previous years we have provided a weekly evening club for primary aged children, but unfortunately we have been unable to restart these following the Covid pandemic.



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## Your role

This role will involve working closely with our Minister (your line manager) and volunteers to develop and grow our existing ministry among children and families. You will be an integral part of our staff and ministry team.

The main roles and responsibilities are outlined below:

- Provision of practical outreach activities for children under 11 and their families, e.g. Toddler Groups, Messy Church, seasonal and special events; this will include planning, preparation, and supporting our volunteers.
- Supporting the spiritual and faith development of children within the church family through the provision of effective All Age worship, age group teaching, and informal discipleship. This will include finding appropriate teaching materials for Sunday morning groups and assisting the volunteer team in planning and delivering the sessions.
- Promoting awareness of the importance of Children and Family work, including spiritual and faith development of children, to the wider church family.
- Co-ordinating, supporting and managing volunteers in adherence to our safeguarding and recruitment procedures.
- Providing practical and pastoral support to families of all ages, signposting to other organisations if necessary e.g. Foodbank, debt advice, etc.
- Being creative in developing new thinking for children's and family work in the church, with flexibility to deal with new situations and initiatives as they arise.
- Promoting our services, groups and activities through our social media channels and website.

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## You must have

- Accepted Jesus as your Lord and Saviour and be willing to be an active member of Taunton Baptist Church fellowship
- A heart and passion to show God's love through relationship and
- A desire to bring children and adults to a faith in Jesus Christ
- Experience working in a Christian environment with children and families
- Ability to lead safely and sensitively, dealing with pastoral concerns appropriately and maintaining a strict level of confidentiality within our safeguarding guidelines
- Excellent communication and relationship building skills with children, parents and adults in small or large groups
- Good administrative and IT skills
- Ability to work on your own initiative, but also as part of a team
- Flexibility to adapt and manage varying workloads and prioritising tasks



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## Job info

- This is a role which can be full or part time depending on the right person
- You will need to have a flexible approach to the working week, understanding that evening and weekend work is required on a regular basis as part of the role
- Annual leave - 25 days plus bank holidays
- Salary £25,000 to £27,000 full time, part time (pro rata) depending on experience plus pension contribution
- There is a genuine occupational requirement that the post holder is a committed Christian in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 9 of the Equality Act 2010
- This post is subject to a successful enhanced DBS disclosure
- **Closing date Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup> 2022**



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## Contact

If you wish to talk with someone about this position please email:  
richard@tauntonbaptist.org (Pastor)  
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**Closing date Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

For full application pack email:  
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We are excited to receive your application.

**Our verse for 2022**

**"I have made you a light for the Gentiles,  
that you may bring salvation  
to the ends of the earth"**

**Acts 13:47 & Isaiah 49:6**

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