

## **PLACEMENTS FOR 2019/20**

Would you like to gain some hands-on experience of ministry in a local church? Are you excited about the idea of developing your gifts and exploring new ones? If so, maybe we have just the opportunity for you! We're currently offering two placements to spend a year with us from September 2019.

### **YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S WORK PLACEMENT**

We're looking for someone with a passion for working with young people, and who's excited about helping them find faith in Jesus and nurturing them to become disciples and Christian leaders.

### **WORSHIP PLACEMENT**

We're looking for someone who sings or plays a musical instrument, wants to learn more about creating spaces where people can encounter Jesus freely, and is keen to develop in leading worship, musical skills and personal faith. You will also be expected to spend some of your time involved with our youth and children's work.

### **OUR CHURCH**



Holy Trinity is an Anglican Parish Church about ten minutes' walk from Richmond Town Centre. We are a church with an open door, reaching out with God's love and power, and helping one another live for Jesus. We believe that the Good News of Jesus is a message of hope for people of all ages, and that meeting Him will be a life-changing encounter. We

believe that God's Spirit and word are active today, helping us to know Him personally and empowering us to minister for Him.

We have a Staff Team of seven people, some working full time and some part time, and a committed congregation who serve the life of our church in a huge variety of ways. We are part of Holy Trinity Brompton's Network of churches, which is committed to church planting and church growth.

## **OUR PARISH**

Our parish serves the eastern half of Richmond, sitting between the town centre and neighbouring Sheen. The church itself is about ten minutes' walk from Richmond Station, which has excellent train and underground links to central London; the train journey to London Waterloo takes just over a quarter of an hour. The parish is largely residential, with many people travelling to work in London. It has a mixture of single people, families and retired people.

Although close to central London, Richmond is blessed with plenty of open spaces, including the 2,000+ acres of Richmond Park, Kew Gardens and the River Thames.



## **YOUNG PEOPLE AND CHILDREN**

Young people and children are a hugely important part of our church life. We employ a Youth and Children's Minister and a Children's Worker, who are supported by a team of volunteers. We run Sunday age-based groups for children and young people up to age 14, with all age worship at least once a month. There are fortnightly Christian-themed clubs for children and young people in school years 4-6 and school year 7 (we plan to expand to school years 7-9), while young people in school years 10-13 meet every week.

We have strong links with local schools in the parish. Holy Trinity School is a Church of England Primary School and Christ's School is a Secondary School with a sixth form. Both actively encourage our involvement, and provide opportunities to speak openly about the Christian faith.

## **WORSHIP**

We aim to create a safe space for people to encounter Jesus at our Services, prayer meetings and wherever we go. We do this mostly, but not exclusively, using music and sung worship. This is done by leading worship at our Sunday and Wednesday Services, weekday prayer meetings and life groups.

Prayer is a key part of worship for us, and the two go hand in hand. We aim to encourage people into a deeper relationship with God and each other as we worship and pray together.

## **WHAT WE CAN OFFER YOU**

- Practical experience of ministry through working alongside Staff Team members and volunteers
- Opportunities to serve more widely across the life of our church
- Joining our Staff Team weekly to learn, pray and plan
- Training - on our Youth and Children's Placement you will probably take part in New Wine's Discipleship Year, and on our Worship Placement you will be part of Worship Central Academy. We will pay the fees for these
- Accommodation locally with a church member
- £80 a week towards living and travel costs
- Six weeks' holiday for a full 12 months, so your specific holiday entitlement will depend on the precise length of time you are with us.

The advantage of this way of setting up a placement is that you spend all your time with us, and we contribute a modest sum towards your expenses, rather than you needing to seek a part time job to support yourself.

## **WHAT WE EXPECT FROM YOU**

- To commit to being with us full time for 11 months from September 2019 to July 2020

- To fully embrace our church's vision
- To serve willingly, flexibly and enthusiastically
- To be reliable, teachable and a team player
- To be ready to try new things and step out in faith
- To give around 36 hours of your time each week to us and to your training.

## **WHAT NEXT?**

If you think a year with us might be God's next step for you, then complete an application form and return it to us at [office@htrichmond.org.uk](mailto:office@htrichmond.org.uk)

If you have any questions about the placements, please contact Georges Kesrouani for the Youth and Children's Work Placement ([georges.kesrouani@htrichmond.org.uk](mailto:georges.kesrouani@htrichmond.org.uk)) and Nico Marais for the Worship Placement ([nico.marais@htrichmond.org.uk](mailto:nico.marais@htrichmond.org.uk))

If you would like to know more about the life of our church, please explore our website at [www.htrichmond.org.uk](http://www.htrichmond.org.uk)