

Trinity Church Bristol: Seeking an Assistant Minister

About the church

Trinity is a fairly new AMiE (Anglican Mission in England) church which launched in 2017. The Lord has kindly blessed us with keen Christians who want to be involved with our new gospel work.

Our aim is to bring glory to God by prayerfully preaching the Word so disciples of Christ are made. We long for our hallmarks to be: servant-hearted evangelism; loving one another as a church family; and “every member ministry”, where the whole family joins in with the work. Despite being fairly small our output is fairly high for our size with a large training student group, two house groups, mid-week evangelism and more happening behind the scenes.

We are looking for a suitable gospel co-worker. It is a full-time job ideally suited to someone who has done a lay assistant role and Cornhill. This person should have the following convictions and competencies:

- A man of prayer with a close walk with the Lord and a love for His people.
- Committed to *expository* Bible teaching as the backbone of ministry.
- A clear theological mind with a sound grasp of the gospel.
- Someone who is happy to preach, lead Bible studies, and meet 1-1 to read the Bible.
- Someone comfortable with personal evangelism.
- Able to deal with the dynamics of being in a fairly small church.
- Essential qualities include being a self-starter and having excellent time management skills, particularly in relation to preparation tasks. Getting the church family to do appropriate work via delegation is encouraged.

We can offer

- A post moulded around the candidate’s experience and skills.
- Training as part of the job: the candidate would be encouraged to do something like the Moore Course with supervision from the Pastor. Regular feedback on talks and Bible studies would be provided.
- Attending something like Proclamation Trust “Younger Ministers” would be encouraged and funded.
- Stipend depends on experience.

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More details about the church can be found at:

www.trinitybristol.church

Trinity Church Bristol: Role Description



The role within church would largely be moulded around the candidate's gifting (e.g. musical or youth work etc.) but with the following ideals at the *centre*:

- A man of prayer who humbly turns to Father to provide each day.
- Good organisational skills – and humility – managing Every Member Ministry. In practice this will involve constant recruitment, trying to get as many people as possible serving. For example: setting up rotas to facilitate roles, chatting to people to “have a go” at some of the essential non-Word based tasks etc. What we're not looking for is an omniscient one-man-band who refuses to delegate. This important role keeps church ticking over on a week-by-week basis.
- Reading the Bible/praying 1-1 with church members and new people. At least one afternoon per week should be set aside for this enjoyable work.
- A willingness to evangelise in public, say, once per month on the streets. We have an active group who goes out every Friday around the University Campus.
- Leading and Preaching: in many ways this is the backbone of the job. We're looking for someone who has a humble love for the Word – since it is God speaking – and is keen to develop in this area. All the co-workers so far have positively reported how their Word ability has risen as their gift has been fanned into flame. This is something Trinity can really offer to a candidate: plenty of experience (at least one third) of preaching and leading Sunday meetings. However, it is necessary for this to be done without pride, not resenting feedback nor minding others taking this role. Key to this work is someone who plans ahead and can work on their own in the Word, preparing a series.

Related to this would be training: we commend the Moore Course and the Candidate would be encouraged to complete three modules per year.

- Leading a house-group: For years we have tried to launch a second house-group, now we are close to achieving this and will be trialling in April.
- Our fledgling church which started with two now has 43 “on the books”. But this number is variable and church is organic and changes. The candidate must be prepared to be flexible and to work with the people the Lord sends, not an *idée fixe* of how structures ought to be. One great advantage we have as a small church is flexibility and adaptability.
- Above all a person who sees himself chiefly as a servant of our Lord and His Word and His sheep, will flourish at Trinity and be adaptable to many roles.
- Salary¹ based on experience, starting at £25,000.

¹ Housing probably not provided (hence salary not stipend), but we would try to help & guide.