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**FAMILIES WORKER – COLINTON PARISH CHURCH**

**Purpose of Role**

To work collaboratively with the Minister, Kirk Session and Congregation to build upon and develop ministry to and with children, young people and families, including Sunday Club and Messy Church. This will include taking responsibility for planning specific activities and events and also initiating new ways of connecting with children, young people and families**.**

**Role Description**

* Become an integral part of the ministry team at Colinton Parish Church under the overall leadership of the Minister, sharing in the spiritual and pastoral care of children, young people and families
* Work with and support leaders, children and their families in Sunday Club
* Engage with children, young people and families in Colinton who are not already involved with church through Messy Church and other appropriate activities and channels of communication
* Consult with children leaving or having left Sunday Club, explore their ongoing involvement in church and plan appropriate activities
* Plan, in collaboration with the ministry team, intergenerational events for the whole congregation
* Contribute to worship services, with the children and young people, at festivals and special occasions
* Collaborate with the children and youth workers at St Cuthbert’s Scottish Episcopal Church and Juniper Green Parish Church in areas of shared interest
* Keep the Kirk Session informed about developments in this area of work

**Person Specification Essential Desirable**

* Experience of and enthusiasm for working with children, young people x

and their families with the ability to identify, plan and implement   
relevant activities (previous experience can be voluntary or paid)

* Commitment to the Christian faith and live church connection x  
  (Genuine Occupational Requirement in terms of the Equality Act 2010)
* Computer literate, including the use of different social media platforms x
* Good organisational skills x
* Able to work creatively and independently x
* Good planner and timekeeper x
* Ability to relate to and communicate effectively with people of all ages, x  
  including those who may have little or no church connection
* Have a relevant youth work qualification with recent experience

of involvement in this area x

* Knowledge and understanding of the dynamics of family life and the issues x  
  facing families today
* Ability to demonstrate good practice in recruiting, working with and x  
  motivating volunteers
* Excellent planning skills with the ability to prioritise work and workload x

**Terms and Conditions**

* This will initially be a temporary post for 18 months with the possibility that the duration could be extended by mutual agreement.
* Normal hours of work will be 15 hours per week. The working pattern will be mutually agreed and will involve daytime, evening and weekend work (e.g Sunday Club on Sunday mornings and Messy Church monthly on Saturday afternoons) and is expected to vary from week to week.
* The Families Worker will be required to obtain a satisfactory PVG Scheme Record Disclosure