

Could God be Calling You to St. Paul's?



St Paul's Camberley, with the support of Guildford Diocese, is looking for a title curate within the charismatic evangelical tradition, with a heart for evangelism and discipleship. In what is a new and exciting era for St Paul's, having gained many new members since the pandemic, especially among young adults and families, we have the opportunity to further build our outreach to our local community. We offer the opportunity to develop and flourish in a supportive environment, alongside a gifted staff and volunteer team, in a happy, committed and passionate church.

St Paul's has long been a great training ground, especially for younger curates, with a contemporary worship style for our main Sunday service, alongside more traditional provision at 9am. Having recently planted St. Barbarba's Deepcut , as well as the borough-wide youth congregation The Point, we have grown in our heart for mission and reaching new parts of our community and have seen God bless that in a number of ways.

This now includes a drop-in hub for Ukrainian refugees, the popular Oasis ministry to the older generations, a pop-up café, a fast-growing toddlers and schools based ministry, alongside very popular outreach events for families. With thriving men's and women's ministries also recently developed, we now seek to grow in confidence in connecting and sharing our faith, in prayer and spiritual gifts, as well as applying the Bible to our everyday lives. We offer the opportunity to grow in leadership in a variety of ministries, and a range of contexts, to suit the gifts, age and passions of the curate. This includes working collaboratively with other local churches and Christian organisations and ministries across Camberley and the deanery.

Camberley itself is an attractive, prosperous town, with excellent facilities and pleasant surrounding countryside, in which churches play a prominent role within community life. We have partnered with the Council in a number of ways and have worked with other churches in birthing a new prayer movement, #PrayForCamberley, to pray for new opportunities to reach out.

St Paul's has an active membership of around 230, and a staff team of nine, including Youth Minister, Children's and Families' Pastor, Administrator, Operations Director and Worship Intern. We are supported by four lay ministers / retired clergy, as well as ministry co-ordinators leading other areas of our church life.

Opportunities include:

- A variety of styles of worship on Sundays, including at the Deepcut church plant.
- Ministry to the sick, dying and deceased
- Regular Alpha courses and other forms of outreach to the local community
- Growing the church in discipleship, through courses, small groups, retreat days and seminars.

- Children's, youth and 20s/30s ministry
- Nurturing and reaching out to families within and outside the church
- Seniors' ministry through Oasis and supporting activities
- Ministry to refugees across the town
- Helping to lead the #PrayForCamberley prayer initiative
- Leading one or more ministry areas, including evangelism, worship, pastoral or church community
- Taking the lead in our Eco-Church development
- Helping develop our worship life as a church or our growth in spiritual gifts
- Development of our sermon series and preaching ministry, as well as preaching at other churches in the deanery
- Training and mentoring of leaders within and beyond the church

Ideally we are looking for someone who is:

- Charismatic evangelical, comfortable with contemporary forms of worship
- Willing to grow in more traditional ministry
- A people-gatherer and leader, with a warm personality
- Comfortable in a larger team, with a younger profile
- Receptive and open to the working of the Holy Spirit
- Committed to prayer and personal Bible study
- Willing to learn, grow and be stretched with new opportunities in the community as well as the church
- Someone with a love for Jesus, His Word and a variety of people, including the disadvantaged and vulnerable
- Willing to take a lead with one or more areas of church life
- Keen to help discern God's vision for the next five years here at St. Paul's

The title curacy is for 3 years and 1 month, a stipend will be in line with the diocesan stipend policy, and expenses will be covered. Attractive local housing suitable for a family will be provided, and good local schools are available. If you would like to be considered for this post, please email katrina.henderson@cofeguildford.org.uk, and cc in DDO@cofeguildford.org.uk. Please include your letter of release, your interim college report, a CV, and a letter as to why you are being called to apply for this title curacy.

In my first incumbency, I have been in post for six and half years, with the greatest period of growth over the last twelve months. It is a great time to join us, as we respond to the new opportunities God has brought. Why not come for an informal visit to meet us and find out more?!

I look forward to hearing from you as we discern God's call.
Revd Tom Darwent.