



St Peter's West Molesey, within the Diocese of Guildford, is looking for a pioneering and missionally minded title curate to join in with our vision of seeing a transformed West Molesey where every single person knows the love of Jesus.

Life at St Peter's

We are aiming to be more than just church on a Sunday. We are a group of people who love our local community and want to share God's love with everyone around us. We aim to be Good News people for West Molesey and build community with others.

Our Sunday gatherings include an Anglo-Catholic Sung Eucharist at 10am and an Informal Charismatic Contemporary Service at 4pm held at the Hub (a former youth centre) which was started as part of a church plant 5 years ago led by Alex Munro, our Rector (previously Pioneer Curate). We are part of the Focus (HTB) Network. There are about 120 people who regularly attend our Sunday services, as well as approximately 50 people attending our monthly Messy Church.

Vision

In the last 5 years we have been investing in building relationships within the local community with individuals, families and local organisations, including local schools and businesses. Our current priorities for 2022 from our church development plan are:

1. Facilitating deeper discipleship through our Connect Communities and other activities;
2. Equipping our whole church to feel bold in building connections with others both within and outside of our church community;
3. Continuing to grow relationships with children, young people and their families;
4. Seeking justice and supporting those in need.

We have **Connect Communities** (missional communities) which are focussed around various areas including a Curry Club, Young Adults, Community Breakfast, Litter Picking, a toddler group, a baby group and Youth Drop In. Through these communities we are seeking to help each other on the journey of following Jesus.

We are actively involved in all the local **primary schools and Esher C of E High School**, where we run lunch clubs and weekly assemblies with the help of our Pais team. We have a team who regularly visit our local **care homes** doing intergenerational story telling with pre-school children.

We began a **youth ministry** to unchurched young people in 2019 and in May 2021 took over the local youth centre, which has become the St Peter's Community and Youth Hub. We now have 8 different sessions for young people and children each week, including a drop in, year group specific sessions and a music project, which are largely attended by around 80 unchurched young people.



We provide the governance for the **Molesey Churches Night Shelter** which began in 2019 and the **East Elmbridge Food Bank**. These are core parts of the ministry of St Peter's.

West Molesey

West Molesey is the most deprived Parish in the Borough of Elmbridge, which is the 9th most unequal Borough in the UK. There are many challenges for those living within our community, but we are also surrounded by areas of great beauty, such as the River Thames and Bushy Park. Molesey was once the deer park for Hampton Court Palace.

All local primary schools received at least good Ofsted reports when last inspected and all have been open to Christian input. There is a local C of E Junior School and High School, which we have good relationships with.

We have had a particular focus on youth ministry and growing our ministry to young adults. This would be a significant part of the responsibility of a Curate and we have a vision to plant new worshipping communities for those demographics of people.

Alex Munro – Training Incumbent

Alex practiced as a Barrister for 17 years. Having become a Christian in his late 20s he moved to Molesey to become a worship pastor at St Mary's East Molesey. He trained for ordination at St Mellitus College and had a sense of calling to church planting. He served a Pioneering Title Post at St Peter's from 2017-2021 in a Parish with no Incumbent and was supported by a team who joined him from St Mary's East Molesey and St John's Hampton Wick, a church plant from Holy Trinity Brompton.

Alex is passionate about finding ways to help the church be missional and reach the 95% of people who do not attend church regularly. He is comfortable with a breadth of worshipping traditions. He loves helping people realise their potential and journeying with people seeking to grow as disciples and leaders in God's church.

This 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.

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.