

+ ST MATTHEW'S

St Matthew's Anglican Church Wanniasa is Seeking a Youth Minister

This is a really exciting opening within a terrific team to serve Jesus Christ, in a community that is seeking to honour our Saviour and to be a blessing to all we can.

St Matt's is a Bible-based, Christ-centred, evangelical Anglican church in South Canberra. Our vision or aim is to be a people who are gripped by God's great love in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:14). Our mission is to be used by God to see strangers to His love become believers in Christ, believers grow to be lovers of God, and lovers to find their place in the world as warriors in Jesus' name. Average weekly church service attendance is around 480 souls and growing.

Our youth ministry aims to guide young believers deep into His word, growing them as disciples of Christ so they help other young people move from Strangers to Christ to become Believers in Christ, who become Lovers of Christ who become Warriors for His kingdom.

Our church buildings are right next door to Trinity Christian School, so many of our teenagers are drawn from that school. However, the youth ministry has a far wider mission field. We seek to ensure that our young people understand that disciples of Jesus Christ, are called to be involved in making disciples, locally and into the whole world.

At present there are two main structures:

- Firstly, our Friday Night Youth Group (10 leaders, average 50 youth each week).
- Secondly D-Teams Discipleship Teams (8 leaders, 8 groups with up to 80 total participants).

Key Responsibilities

- Lead our Friday Night Youth Group and D-Teams ministry.
- A crucial and essential part of this ministry would be the raising up, training and over-seeing Godly leaders for the Friday Night Youth Group and the D-teams.
- The youth in D-teams are going deep in the Word, intentionally considering what it means to follow Jesus, praying together and taking the next steps to invite their friends to meet Jesus through the Bible.
- Training of their minds, hearts and lives also occurs through D-Team Retreat, KYCK and annual BASE Camp.
- We are very open to innovation to improve the implementation of our mission and ministry to young people. The D-teams seem to be wonderfully used by God.

About the role

- The Youth Minister would be a crucial part of the Parish Pastoral Leadership Team and would take part in general leadership discussions and decisions for the whole parish, along with the primary focus on how the Youth contribute to and are blessed by the whole.
- The Youth Minister will be expected to work closely with our excellent and experienced Children's and Families Evangelist and Pastor, with special focus on the transition between primary school to our youth programs, and also where their ministries naturally complement one another.
- The Youth Minister would be responsible to the Rector and/or our Senior Associate and would meet for review and discussions regularly.
- The Youth Minister, in partnership with others on Pastoral Team, will seek to develop our growing young adults ministry and to help encourage young men and women to consider distant missionary service and more local mission and ministry opportunities.

We see it as our responsibility to enable the Youth minister to grow and to get opportunities to develop their skills as a minister. We would pay for them to secure the services of an external coach or a pastoral supervisor.

They would be paid and housed in harmony with recommended levels from our Diocese and where our Diocese is lacking these, we tend to follow the guidelines of Sydney Diocese. We would love the right person to start early 2024, if possible.

Interested? Like to see if this might be right for your service of Christ?
Ring the Senior Minister, Ian Powell on 0410 609 552 or email blackpowell@gmail.com for a chat or more information.