**Job Title:** Student Pastor

**Responsible to: Youth Missional Worker**, St Matthew and St James (known as Mossley Hill Church)

**Location:** Based out of Mossley Hill Church

**Hours:** 7.5 hours per week. Flexibility will be required as the role may involve some evenings and Weekends.

**Salary:** £3,212.28p.a (30 weeks term time only) plus 12.07% holiday pay of £387.72

**Duration of contract:** Permanent dependant on finances and grant funding. 6 month probation period.

**Introduction**

We are looking for a passionate Student Pastor who can be part of an exciting project which seeks to support the students of Greenbank Halls and others within the Mossley Hill Parish.

The role will be 1 day a week during university term time and is to support and engage with the university students at Liverpool Greenbank Halls and any others within the parish.

You will work with the leadership team at Mossley Hill Church to implement and develop the strong mission and discipleship strategy for this student engagement work. Working with volunteers and other people will be central to that task. You will also work alongside the university chaplaincy team delivering quality support work and building strong relationships with students and staff at the Greenbank Halls.

**Mossley Hill Church pathway**

**Our Vision Statement:** *Living your best life with Jesus*

**Our Mission Statement:** *Inspiring and serving our community by sharing faith and working for justice*

**Who we are**

Mossley Hill Church is a busy, warm, welcoming and growing church. We actively offer and support different traditions in our services from a Common Worship Holy Communion at 8.30am (attended by approximately 30 including 10 children, and growing); a Service of the Word/Holy Communion at 11.00am (approximately 75, mainly adults) to a fully contemporary style family service at 9.30am (approximately 120 adults and 100 children) with children and adult teaching groups. Once a month we have a baptism service at 12.30 for up to two families. As a result, we regularly welcome 300 people into our church every Sunday, and many others use our facilities during the week. For certain festivals we bring the 9.30 and 11am service together at 10am for an all-age act of worship, including café style at Pentecost. About once a quarter on festival Sundays we offer BCP Sung Evensong.

The worship tradition is fairly middle-of-the-road with robes at the 8.30 and 11am service and a variety of music from traditional organ and choir to contemporary music group. We are building up our musical provision at the 9.30 service and have several very gifted and able musicians helping to grow this area of our ministry. We see this as a likely area to further involve our young people.

We are journeying towards signing up to become an Inclusive Church. We are also actively taking steps towards achieving net-zero carbon emissions, and advancing our Eco Church credentials.

As a result of an extensive re-ordering project of the church and adjoining rooms we now have a well ordered and maintained multi-functional church space and superb Hilltop Centre facility for both church and community use.

We want to live out our vision and mission statements through 6 missional priorities divided into 3 focused on our community and 3 internal ones for those attending our church. Our Student Support Work is one of these missional priorities which the successful applicant will help develop.

**University Chaplaincy**

The successful candidate will also be part of the Anglican University Chaplaincy Team at the University of Liverpool and Liverpool John Moores University. This role is a key part of the LNG (Liverpool Next Generation) development, focusing on 11-29 year olds in the city of Liverpool, seeking to amplify and multiply existing best practice in Student ministry linked in with Resource Churches and missionally intentional parish Churches. They will demonstrate a commitment to mission and pastoral care, and an ability to work effectively within the parameters of the role at broadly secular universities. As a member of the University Chaplaincy team they will work within the Chaplaincy framework of pastoral and spiritual care, faith and learning, University and Chaplaincy life, relationships with other faith groups and additional responsibilities. Although the main part of this role is to engage with students at Greenbank Hall, there will be opportunities to be involved in other Chaplaincy events and activities on the main campuses as well as supporting one another in new initiatives. The successful candidate will be invited to join the Chaplaincy Team for their weekly prayer and business meeting and have a 1-2-1 with the Lead Chaplain at least once a term.

**Objective of post**

To engage with and support the university students who live at Greenbank hall and anywhere else within the parish.

**Main Duties**

* **Support:** Support the students as they experience one of the biggest changes of their entire lives and where appropriate offer ministry.
* **Welcome:** Manage the team delivery the welcome activities which are already planned in the run up to Christmas. Current plans include a welcome presence at the halls, guided walking tours and events involving home cooked evening meals.
* **Plan subsequent Programme Student support and engagement events:** You will be responsible for planning and delivering the programme of student events after Christmas. It is important to listen to the students and respond to their wants and needs.
* **Social media engagement strategy:** Manage and develop the social media channels of the student support and engagement work of Mossley Hill Church to enable swift and effective communication with interested students.
* **Point of contact:** You will be the point of contact to Mossley Hill Church and the wider university chaplaincy team.
* **New missional community:** Discern whether God is inviting us to set up a new missional community within the halls of residence.
* **Safeguarding and Health & Safety:** The Student Pastor will be expected to make sure that policy and practice for Safeguarding, Health and Safety and all other regulatory requirements are excellently, and sensitively, communicated, implemented and followed, working in partnership with the Mossley Hill Safeguarding Committee.

And any other duties as required by your line manager that are commensurate with this role.

**PERSON SPECIFICATION**

The successful candidate will need to demonstrate that they meet the following criteria which are either essential or desirable requirements for the job unless otherwise specified.

The Student Pastor will be expected to be part of the worshipping community at Mossley Hill Church and a committed Christian who feels a sense of God’s call to this role alongside others.

Because of this focus, the Student Pastor will need to:

* Be a committed Christian with a servant heart. (essential)
* Be passionate about engaging with young adults, and have a clear heart for mission, discipleship and integration of young adults into the life of local churches. (essential)
* Be able to develop a team of volunteers who are energized and equipped to lead the student mission. (essential)
* Be a strong and proactive advocate for student ministry within the Church. (essential),
* Have proven ability of working with young adults. (desirable)
* Have a solid understanding and be a champion of safeguarding best practice in church life. (essential)
* Be able to work well and communicate with everyone. (essential)
* Be self-motivated, well organized and proactive, able to take initiative and organize regular tasks whilst being willing to adhere to guidance from those in positions of leadership. (essential)
* Be a good communicator whether face to face or through any other media with young adults, our volunteers, colleagues, the church family and the wider community. (essential)
* Be flexible over working hours to facilitate student activities and meeting with volunteers (many of whom are in full time employment). (essential)

The successful candidate will actively work within and to promote the Christian faith/ethos of Mossley Hill Church and the Church of England.

Due to the nature and the context of this role, and as Mossley Hill Church is a faith-based organisation and place of Christian worship, there is an occupational requirement for the role holder to be a Christian in accordance with the Equality Act 2010, Schedule 9, Part 1 S.3

**The holiday entitlement is reflected in the salary. Pension is also available.**

**Mossley Hill Church is committed to safeguarding the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expect all to share in this commitment.**

**Satisfactory references, evidence of the correct permission to work in the UK and an enhanced DBS Disclosure will be required before the successful applicant can take up the post.**