



## Ministry Intern 2022



We are looking for a gospel-hearted man or woman who is seeking experience of real church life and ministry for one or two years, starting September 2022.

We offer Biblical training through the [South West Gospel Partnership's Ministry Training Course](#) (only 3 miles away), and reflectively supervised ministry experience alongside the Rector Jonty Frith and with potential opportunities in a wide range of service in parish activities. Our aim is to invest in training and building vision in someone for future ministry elsewhere and to help discern whether that should be through ordination (or equivalent) or as a keen member of a local church. We aim to think “train, train, train” and we expect the Intern to think “serve, serve, serve.” Like many similar schemes, the aim of this Internship is to develop character, competence and convictions. Categories overlap, but the ideal is to divide one's time equally between:



- Biblical and theological training
- Ministry experience handling the Bible with people
- Experience of practical service in the life of the local church



Our last Intern, Hugh Cornes, had a part time job as School Crossing Patrol (lollipop man) for the Primary School outside St Nicholas church in Bathampton. We would encourage the next Intern to apply for this vacancy as an excellent way to get involved in the community.

We are in a Benefice of two quite small parish churches on the outskirts of Bath. Probably 80% of the role is in Bathampton, which includes a growing number of young adults and families, and 20% in the smaller church and community of Claverton, although the

University of Bath is in Claverton parish. The [Kennet and Avon Canal](#) passes through both parishes, bringing boaters, walkers and cyclists to our doorstep. We normally have a lot of Australian visitors because [Admiral Arthur Phillip](#) is buried in St Nicholas'. Many of our activities closed down during the pandemic and we are looking to rebuild better, and to develop our evangelistic outreach and care for those in need. The particular emphases of the role can be adjusted depending on interests, gifting and experience, but could potentially include:

- Pastoral visiting of older and housebound people (with a senior member of the pastoral visiting team to start with)
- Lunch Club for older people: Sharing a “thought” from the Bible, or chatting with them
- Technical support for the Office and Service Leaders (Powerpoint, Zoom, PA System, etc)
- Toddler group: chatting to mums, playing with children, telling a bible story, supervising craft
- Junior Church: joining the rotas to lead Sunday morning sessions with different age groups
- Youth: leading a Bible study; personal work with teenagers

- Students: supporting [Bath University Christian Union](#) and being ready to welcome any students that want to attend St Nicholas or St Mary's (there are presently none but we want to be ready for some!) A previous Intern, Dan Mak, helped the campus Chinese Christian Fellowship bible study leaders.
- School assemblies: the primary school next door is not a church school and an open door is not guaranteed, but the Rector and Interns have taken regular assemblies and hope to continue.
- Home group: participating as a committed member with other adults
- Preaching
- Joining the Cleaning Team (especially if not Lollipopping)
- Leading worship
- Bible reading partnerships with one or two other adults
- Evangelism: joining in with new programmes and having an organisational role in events
- Social life: Interns are encouraged to develop their personal witness for Christ outside the church, perhaps by joining a club or society

Desire to grow in relationship with the Lord Jesus is essential, as is a shared understanding of the Gospel with the Rector for a good working relationship and effective supervision and growth. See the [Church of England Evangelical Council's Basis of Faith](#). The Rector is on the committee of CEEC Bath & Wells.



A salary will be paid (pro-rata if the Lollipop job application is successful). We intend to offer lodgings with a household of the church family at a reasonable rate.

The appointment is initially for one year, extendable by mutual agreement to two years including the second year of the Ministry Training Course.

For an **informal conversation** please contact Jonty Frith [rector@stnicholasbathampton.org.uk](mailto:rector@stnicholasbathampton.org.uk) or Churchwarden [annamollieyoung@gmail.com](mailto:annamollieyoung@gmail.com).

To **apply for this post**, please send:

1. A letter explaining why you might like to be an Intern
2. A CV including contact details of two referees, at least one of whom should know you well in your church context
3. A *brief* account of how and why you became a Christian, and your thoughts on God's work in your life since

to [rector@stnicholasbathampton.org.uk](mailto:rector@stnicholasbathampton.org.uk). There is no closing date; applications will be considered as and when they are received until the post is filled. A DBS check will be required for this role.