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**Assistant Pastor Job description**

Fressingfield Baptist Church (FBC) is a vibrant, growing, FIEC affiliated church in the beautiful Waveney Valley on the Suffolk/Norfolk border. The village has a population of just over a thousand and is home to a primary school, an excellent medical practice, a shop, two pubs, three churches, a sports and socialclub, a Men’s Shed, and numerous clubs which cater for a huge range of interests from old cars to local history to croquet and bowls. It’s a great place to live!

With over 100 (and growing) regular attenders on Sundays, thriving children and youth ministries and a commercially run Coffee Shop, FBC has well over 200 people come through the doors of our 2021, purpose-built church every week and enjoy an excellent reputation in the village and local area. As a church we love Jesus, love the Bible and love sharing life together and have a heart to both share Jesus with as many others as possible as well as to grow in our own faith and relationship with Jesus. Our Sunday services feature practical, life-guiding Bible teaching, vibrant singing of modern and traditional songs led by our excellent band and great friendship and care for all.

To enable us to continue to grow both spiritually and numerically we are looking to appoint an assistant pastor to become part of the current leadership team of the pastor and five deacons: they will serve in all aspects of church life and specialise according to their own gifting. We believe that it will be an ideal position for someone with some theological training and looking for their first leadership position in a church, but would welcome applications from those with experience also.

We’re offering an initial fixed three-year contract, with the possibility for extension if it becomes clear this is the Lord’s will.

**Areas of responsibility to include:**

1. Sharing in regular preaching and leading of services
2. Sharing in pastoral care ministry
3. Leadership of a Life Group
4. Depending on skills and experience, leadership and oversight of our children & youth work.

**Required Skills:**

Essential -

* A mature and godly believer who embodies the characteristics required for eldership as laid down in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1.
* Agreement with our doctrinal basis of faith & doctrinal distinctives.
* Gifts of preaching and teaching.
* A heart for evangelism and discipleship.
* A team player who can relate well to others.

Desirable -

* A period of formal theological training

**Care and support we will offer:**

* This is a full-time paid position with pension contribution.
* If needed we can provide accommodation as part of the care and support package.

If you would like to know more or feel this could be the position for you please contact our pastor, Stuart Balmer, attaching your CV.

**Job Details**

* **Type**: Contract (3 yrs)
* **Hours**: Full Time
* **Location**: Fressingfield, Suffolk
* **Salary**: TBC (but in line with equivalent teacher’s salary) and housing provided
* **Start** **date**: By negotiation but preferably by summer 2025

**Important Requirements**

* The constitution of the church requires that pastor and elders must be male, so this is a male only position.
* Applications can only be considered from those who are UK citizens or who otherwise have a right to work in the UK.
* You will need to be able to declare wholehearted acceptance of the FIEC doctrinal basis and agreement with the FIEC ethos statements.

**Contact:** Stuart Balmer (pastor) email: stuart.fressingfieldbaptist@gmail.com