



JOB TITLE: Full Time Evangelist

SALARY: £30k per annum

TIMESCALES: An initial three year contract

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JOB DESCRIPTION:

Summary:

1. To be an Outreach and Community Worker making Jesus known in Dewsbury
2. To enthuse, encourage and equip the whole church to love and reach out with the Gospel to the people of Dewsbury
3. To develop a vision and strategy for evangelism at DEC

Specific Responsibilities:

Evangelism & mission:

- You are to seek to build contacts with people in the local community in order to share the gospel
- You are to be constantly looking for new opportunities to share the gospel in the local community
- You are to share the gospel proactively through cold-contact evangelism and other creative ways

Equipping:

- Together with the leadership, you will seek to equip God's people to be salt and light in their various walks of life
- Together with the leadership, you will seek to encourage the church to reach the lost and share the gospel

Organisation:

- You will seek to enthuse and lead an evangelism team to help the church reach the lost
- You are to help organise the evangelistic events of the church
- You are to help the church reach out with the gospel into the local community

Prayer:

- You are to be constantly prayerful for every aspect of your work

JOB SPECIFICATION:

Essentials:

- A heart for the gospel and making Jesus known to whoever, wherever, whenever
- A heart for reaching the lost in the context of the challenges facing us in Dewsbury
- A heart for minority groups, the marginalised and disadvantaged
- Willing to be a team player
- Able to show initiative and lead the church in reaching out
- Willing to become a member of DEC & enter fully into the life of the church
- Agreeing with the doctrinal basis and practices of DEC

Desirables:

- Experience of working in deprived areas
- Good knowledge of Islam and experience reaching Muslims

ABOUT DEWSBURY:

Dewsbury is a post-industrial northern town of over 63,000 people. Once known for its thriving market and wool industry, it is now a spiritually needy town (46% Muslim, 23% no religion) with large areas of economic deprivation. It has good local, regional & national transport links.

ABOUT DEWSBURY EVANGELICAL CHURCH:

We have Three Loves at DEC: Love God, Love One Another, Love Dewsbury.

Affiliated with FIEC, we are a family of around 75 members ranging in age from young to, well, not so young.

Our church life is centred around Sunday services (both morning and evening), with a mid-week prayer meeting that alternates between meeting all together and meeting in small groups.

Sunday morning is a typical reformed evangelical worship service with expository preaching.

Sunday evening worship is based on a monthly rotation of different activities: Preaching; Communion; 'Dig Deeper' (a more in depth Bible study); 'Table Talk' (a topical discussion evening); a 'Missionary & Outreach Prayer Meeting', and 'Tea and Praise'

In addition, there are outreach activities for different groups, for example, 'Sharing Skills' and 'Time for a Cuppa'.

We usually hold our Christmas Carol Service in Dewsbury Town Hall.

We have an active youth work. On Sunday mornings, Bible Explorers is for children aged 3 to 11. The remainder of the youth work takes place on Fridays during term time with Good News Club for children of primary school age, followed by Friday Club for children of secondary school age.

In its time, the church has planted two sister churches, firstly, Mirfield Evangelical Church back in the late 1980s and subsequently, around ten years ago, Grace Church Wakefield.

We run an annual youth event, MaD Camp, in partnership with the churches at Mirfield and Wakefield. This takes place for one week during the summer in Wales and is always a great time, and from which the church has seen a number of conversions.