

Assistant or Associate Pastor – Ministry Opportunity

Emmanuel Church, Leftwich is a gospel centred, welcoming and growing evangelical church situated on the outskirts of the Cheshire market town of Northwich. There are currently over 70 church members and around 130 attending on a Sunday. The church consists of people from a wide variety of ages, backgrounds and cultures. Some members have been in the church for years while others have joined more recently. We are seeing a growth in the number of younger adults and families as well as older people joining the fellowship.

Role Overview: We are looking for an enthusiastic, gospel-hearted man, sensing a call from God into pastoral ministry, to join us as our Assistant/Associate Pastor. This is an exciting opportunity to help strengthen and grow our church family, encouraging and equipping believers in their faith while reaching out to the surrounding communities with the good news of Jesus.

We are seeking the Lord's will to call the right person with the necessary character more than someone to fulfill the criteria of a specific job description.

Depending on your experience and gifting you will be involved in some or all of the following:

- A share of the preaching on a Sunday
- Small group ministries
- Pastoral care
- Community outreach opportunities and initiatives and helping the church to think evangelistically
- Ministry specifically focussed on a particular aspect of church life, e.g. children, youth, young families or young adults
- Schools work (we have good links with the local primary school and have opportunities to take assemblies)

Suitability: This opportunity would be suitable for a man with a mature faith who has recently completed some form of theological training, demonstrated gifting in expository preaching and is looking for a first or second appointment. The successful candidate would be prayerfully-dependent and pastor-hearted, passionate about teaching God's Word, discipling believers, and working alongside our current pastor and an eldership team to lead and shepherd the church.

Requirements

- You will have been recognised by your current church as someone with the potential to meet the qualifications of an overseer set out for leaders in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1

- You will have shown evidence of the pastoral heart and attitude of an under shepherd expressed in 1 Peter 5:1-4
- You will be continuing to grow in your own personal daily walk and prayerful relationship with the Lord, which will be seen in your character
- You will have an awareness of your own strengths and weaknesses, can work well with others as part of an eldership team, willing to be accountable to others
- You have a heart to see the Church of Jesus Christ built up and increase for his glory
- There is a genuine occupational requirement for the role-holder to be a male Christian fully aligned with what we believe. You will need to be able to declare wholehearted acceptance of the FIEC doctrinal basis and agreement with the FIEC ethos statements
- An enhanced DBS will be requested in the event of a successful application
- Applications can only be considered from those who are UK citizens or who otherwise have a right to work in the UK

Location: Church office based in Leftwich

Salary: competitive range - to be discussed

Hours: Full time from September 2026. This will initially be for a fixed-term period of 3 years and then subject to review

Selection process:

- For an initial conversation and more information about applying for this role, interested candidates should contact Pastor Dyfan Williams (pastordyfan@gmail.com) **before 31/3/2026**
- Individuals will initially meet with the Senior Pastor and elders of Emmanuel Church prior to any next steps