

Twinned with the Methodist Church of Sierra Leone

A unique opportunity has arisen to be involved in the leadership and growth of a group of Methodist churches in the south of the island.

As a lay pastor you'll walk alongside the people of God, sharing in the good times and bad.

You'll have experience of providing pastoral care, leading, assisting in or organising a variety of worship and be expected to be involved in a variety of regular and pastoral services.

Building up the churches, you'll be at the front of developing links with the local communities they serve, all with a focus on sharing the good news of Jesus.

If you have a love for people and heart for evangelism this role could be for you.

Initially this appointment will be for twelve months.

30 hours per week which will include some evenings and weekends.

Salary up to £16,000.00 p.a. dependent on experience and qualifications

For further information and an application form please contact the Superintendent Minister
Revd. Richard Hall on 07624 315315 or Circuit Steward Mrs. Sue Montgomery on 07624
322336 .

Deadline for applications March 7th.

Interviews will take place on March 14th between 10:00am and 2:00pm.

Job Description

Aims

- To care for and nurture the people of a group of churches in the south of the island alongside the ministers who currently hold responsibility.
- To help members of the churches grow spiritually.
- To encourage and work alongside the membership of the churches through pro- active involvement in the local community to develop mission opportunities.
- To encourage the development of the worship life of the churches.

Responsibilities

The job will include, but not be limited to, the following responsibilities which will be reviewed and monitored regularly.

Pastoral care

- To pray regularly for, and with, church members by name.
- To walk alongside members of the church and community in the good times and bad- visiting the sick - ministering to those in need and supporting the bereaved.
- To offer and develop the Church's pastoral ministry

Spiritual growth

- To take responsibility for your own personal spiritual development.
- To provide opportunities for church members to learn and pray together, through small groups and / or other events.
- To encourage members to engage in circuit events.

Mission

- To identify and take opportunities for self and members of the churches to share the goodnews of Jesus
- To develop relationships with the local community and community groups to enable the church to be a part of the local community.
- Attend and input into Church Council and other church meetings as agreed.

Worship

- To be actively involved in the planning, preparation and leading of worship on a regular basis.
- To lead or be involved in pastoral services such as funerals, baptisms and weddings, for members of the church and community and to take extended communion to the housebound.

Connections

- To be involved in the life of the Circuit, attending Staff, Circuit and other meetings as required.
- Identify and participate in relevant training opportunities.

Accountability

- The Lay Pastor is a circuit appointment accountable to the Circuit Meeting.
- The Lay Pastor will work in partnership with the named Presbyters in pastoral charge of the designated churches.
- The Circuit Leadership Team will appoint one named line manager.

Person requirements

There is a genuine occupational requirement that the postholder be a practising Christian. DBS required.

Person Specification

	Essential	Desirable
Education, qualification and training	<p>GSCE (or equivalent) Maths & English</p>	<p>Evidence of Biblical, theological or pastoral care study.</p> <p>Evidence of a qualification or training in Lay Preaching/Worship leading.</p>
Experience	<p>Previous experience of providing pastoral care.</p> <p>Evidence of good communication skills with a diversity of people.</p>	<p>Experience of leading worship and small groups</p>
Special knowledge and skills	<p>Basic IT skills</p>	
Special qualities and aptitudes	<p>Empathy with needs of congregations and the local community.</p> <p>Present a strong Christian example</p> <p>Able to contribute to a team</p> <p>Able to set and work to goals without direct supervision</p>	
Any other requirements	<p>Satisfactory enhanced DBS disclosure.</p> <p>The successful candidate will be asked to complete a confidential medical report.</p> <p>If the successful candidate is a preacher she/he will be expected to take approx. 12 appointments per quarter.</p> <p>A willingness to understand and engage with Methodism and be subject to its discipline and practices</p>	