

**Family, Children and Youth Adviser**

These are exciting times for Chester Diocese. In the past year people from every part of the diocese have taken part in a six month Vision Consultation: this led to a Diocesan Vision, agreed by Synod in June 2023. This vision urges us to be people with a growing, braver, fuller faith, in which churches and Christians are a blessing to the 1.5 million people of the diocese who do not know the love of God in Christ Jesus. **It encourages us to loving service, bringing transformation to communities including, explicitly, to young people**. It recognises that the local church has a central place in God’s mission to the world, **and** also that we work better when we work with others, in our immediate locality and more widely. The question this Vision asks of our initiatives and activity is: ‘**Does** this make a difference to the 1.5 million?’

The diocese has committed itself to bringing transformation and hope to a new generation, **enabling our churches to be younger and more in touch with those disconnected from church**, and the Family, Children and Youth Adviser has a key role in bringing this about. **There is a huge work to be done in this area.** We long to see churches, chaplaincies and schools stepping out creatively and boldly in new areas of mission: the Adviser will use their experience and insight to help them to do this. We also long for every church and meeting to be a place of **safety and** the Adviser will work with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team towards that goal.

The Adviser will be part of the Outreach Team, which is itself part of **the Church House Team**, the central support services of the Diocese of Chester. Our purpose as a team is to enable churches, chaplaincies and schools of the diocese as they work towards the Diocesan Vision and make a real difference for God in their communities. We have different specialisms, but a common goal; and although each team member has their own responsibilities we aim to support each other by working collaboratively, within the team and across Church House.

We are inviting applications for the role of Family, Children and Youth Adviser. If you feel God is calling you to this hugely significant missional position and you would like to be part of a committed and supportive team, please read on and see the Job Description and Person Specification.

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