



St Luke's Church

YOUTH MINISTRY Co-ordinator



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Who are we?



St Luke's is a contemporary, caring, diverse and Christ centred Anglican church, drawn together by our desire to know and follow Jesus. We seek to provide a safe place where all people can find faith, friendship, support and direction and where we can be inspired to be a blessing in our families, neighbourhoods and networks.

At St. Luke's we enjoy worshipping God! Our services are fun, engaging and relevant. Our musical style is predominantly contemporary, with band-led worship, and our preaching style is informal, seeking to explore what the Bible says and to interpret and apply it within our 21st century context.

Who are we?

We believe we are called to be those who follow Jesus, seeking to live as he lived: serving the needy, including the outsider, standing up to oppression, speaking out against injustice, loving our neighbour and, by words and action, pointing people towards God. At St. Luke's, we believe that we are just as much 'church' when we are dispersed as when we are gathered. We seek to encourage all our members to live lives which bless others and glorify God. We also run outward-looking events, such as our youth café, coffee drop-in, a toddler group and Alpha, and are involved with other charities and organisations, such as foodbank, Eco Church, Safe Families, Operation Noah and Christian Aid.



We are a growing church based in Hedge End on the outskirts of Southampton, with around 100-120 people on a Sunday. We hope this growth will continue and believe that our youth ministry will be an important part of this.

See our website
www.stlukeshedgeend.co.uk for
more details on what we do and
who we are.

OUR CURRENT Youth Ministry

We run a youth café on a Thursday where around 140 young people come for pizzas, toasties and milkshakes. Some grab food and head off, but many stick around, hang out with their mates and chat with us. It's absolutely brilliant and we love it! We've overheard kids calling it 'Thursday Church' and even calling St. Luke's 'my church'. It's so good that they feel safe and welcome.

We have a small but growing youth group called Junction 7, which meets every Sunday morning during the service and twice a month on a Sunday evening. This group now has between 10 and 20 young people attending each session. We play games, eat snacks and do something spiritual/biblical. Over the last year we have done Youth Alpha, studied the beatitudes and looked at the life of King David. There is also a sixth form group called The Bridge, which runs monthly. We have just taken 18 young people away for a youth weekend at an outdoor centre, which was amazing fun! They are a great bunch of kids and we feel that we have enough of a 'core' to build on.

We have good relationships with our two local secondary schools and our previous YMC went into both on a weekly basis, offering mentoring sessions and drop-in clubs in partnership with a neighbouring church.

We also have a youth band, with 8 or 9 young people playing instruments at various levels of proficiency. They have now led worship several times in our all-in services and it's so exciting to see. Some of the young people have also begun playing in regular worship services, which is great.



WHO ARE WE Looking For?

We are looking for someone with passion and fire for sharing the Good News with the 11-18 year olds in the area and who can help us take our youth ministry to the next level.

The seeds of growth are encouraging, and the fact we have 140 young people through our doors each week is genuinely amazing and we want to build on those things.



Our key strategic aims are to:

- To develop events and clubs which form a pathway for young people from youth café into deeper spiritual engagement
- To facilitate and grow church youth activities which foster deepening discipleship in a fun and engaging environment
- To continue to build strong relationships with our local secondary schools

There are more details in the job description, but if you feel excited by the three aims above, that's the most important thing. We are looking for someone who is passionate about youth ministry, is theologically open, and who is up for having some fun. We want the right person, not just someone who ticks the boxes. We will tailor the role depending on the skills, experience and character of the successful applicant.

HOW TO Apply

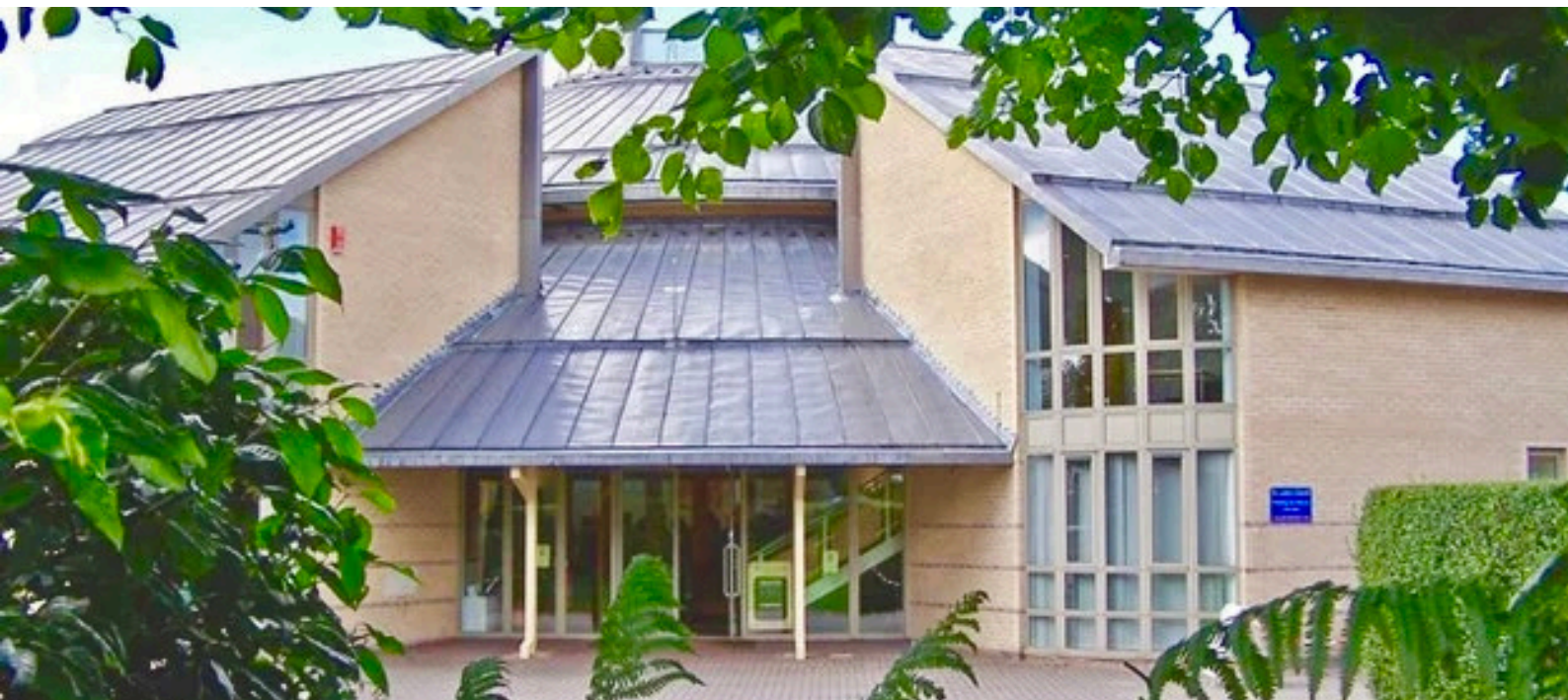
Please fill in an application form and send to ben@stlukeshedgeend.co.uk by Friday 7th November.

Interviews are scheduled to be held on Friday 21st November.

If you'd like an informal chat before submitting an application, please contact our vicar, Ben, by emailing ben@stlukeshedgeend.co.uk or calling 07779 494372

St Luke's is committed to safeguarding the welfare of young people and expects all employees to share this commitment. All appointments are subject to a satisfactory DBS check being received.

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