



THE CHURCH  
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Diocese of St Edmundsbury  
and Ipswich

Growing in God

## Children and Families' Outreach Worker (Part-Time)

St John the Divine, Elmswell, Suffolk

10 hours per week • £16 per hour • 3-year fixed term contract

### About Us

St John the Divine is a warm, evangelical parish church at the heart of Elmswell. Our desire is to *know Christ and make Him known*. We are a friendly, all-age church family with a mix of contemporary worship and traditional hymns, strong Bible teaching, and a commitment to prayer, discipleship, and outreach.

We are now excited to rebuild and grow our children's and families' ministry—and are seeking a creative and committed Children and Families' Outreach Worker to help lead this work.

### About the Role

We are looking for someone who will:

- Develop and coordinate our outreach to children and families throughout the year
- Re-establish a summer **Messy Church or holiday club**
- Build strong relationships with the **local school, nurseries, and uniformed organisations**
- Organise special events that help families engage with church life
- Recruit, support, and encourage volunteers
- Pray for and nurture children and families as they explore the Christian faith
- Encourage families to become part of St John's church community
- Ensure good safeguarding practice in line with Church of England requirements

You will be supported by the Rector and a line manager, with regular opportunities for training and development.

### About You

We're looking for someone who is:

- A committed, practising Christian with a passion for sharing faith
- Experienced in children's ministry and confident working with families
- Creative, enthusiastic, and able to plan engaging activities and events
- A good communicator with children and adults
- Able to work independently and as part of a team
- Familiar with— or willing to learn about— Church of England ministry and safeguarding
- Warm, approachable, reliable, prayerful, and supportive of others

Experience with schools or community projects is essential. Confidence with technology and social media is desirable.

## Key Details

- **Hours:** 10 per week (including some evenings/weekends; regular Sunday attendance required)
- **Pay:** £16 per hour
- **Contract:** 3-year fixed term
- **Location:** Home working + St John's Church, Elmswell
- **Holiday:** 25 days pro-rata + bank holidays + discretionary days
- **DBS:** Enhanced DBS required
- **Pension:** Church of England Pension Builder (after probation)

A genuine occupational requirement exists for the post-holder to be a practising Christian.

## How to Apply

For further information and application details, visit: [www.stjohnselmswell.org.uk](http://www.stjohnselmswell.org.uk)

**Application deadline:** 22 November 2025

**Interviews:** 25 November 2025

**Send applications to:** Rev Peter Goodridge

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