

JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: FULL TIME MINISTER
LOCATION: ERSKINE U.F. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, CARNOUSTIE
RESPONSIBLE TO: MINISTRY COMMITTEE
CONTRACT TERM: FIVE YEARS FROM DATE OF APPOINTMENT/INDUCTION

MAIN PURPOSE OF POST:

To work with the Kirk Session and Congregation to provide outreach to the community together with a full range of ministry to the Congregation.

MAIN DUTIES:

- Helping the Congregation to raise the profile of Christianity in the community and identifying ways in which the Church can serve/support individuals.
- Helping the congregation to further develop our present work with dementia sufferers and their carers e.g. Poppins Café.
- Helping the Kirk Session and Congregation through practice, example and teamwork to develop new pathways of outreach.
- Exploring ways in which all peoples can engage relevantly with the Bible in order to draw them into a living relationship with Christ Jesus as LORD.
- Leading worship.
- Helping the congregation to increase their knowledge of the Word through preaching, Bible study and prayer.
- Providing spiritual support for the members and office bearers.
- Being responsible for baptisms, weddings and funerals as required.
- Working with the Kirk Session to carry out pastoral visitation to the congregation whether at home, nursing home or in hospital.
- Taking responsibility for pastoral emergencies as may arise from time to time.
- Conducting Congregational Board and Kirk Session meetings.
- Encouraging the Congregation to be active in the life and work of the Church.
- Participating in the wider work of the Denomination e.g. Presbytery, Conferences, etc.
- Attending Carnoustie Ministers' Council.

WORK SKILLS - PROFESSIONAL

Essential Skills

- Experience in outreach.
- Ability to engage with people who have no Church connection.
- A proven record in carrying out a programme to completion.
- Ability to preach, teach and minister to a Congregation who have within it various levels of understanding of the Christian faith.
- Demonstrates an ability to encourage good practice in working with and motivating volunteers.
- Ability to lead teams.
- Experience in working with children, young people and families and an understanding of the issues that face them.
- Keeping abreast of new developments, both within the Church and in the wider community.
- Having current driving licence and own transport.
- Computer literate.

Desirable Skills

- A willingness to undertake ongoing professional development through active participation and internal or external training as required or as individually identified.

PERSONAL

Essential

- PVG disclosure or ability to apply.
- By example encourage personal /corporate prayer in others.
- Practising Christian whose lifestyle is In accordance with Christian truths.
- Christian commitment - *Equality Act (part 1, schedule 9)*.

(This role requires the applicant to have a personal faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord and to believe the Bible to be fully trustworthy, in all that it affirms and the highest authority for faith and life in keeping with the doctrine and practice of the United Free Church of Scotland. These principles require to be applied alongside the professional skills necessary for this role.)