



The Parish Church of  
*St Edward the Confessor*  
Dringhouses, York

# Youth Worker Information Pack



St Edward's is a lively and well-resourced Anglican parish next to the Racecourse on the south side of York. We are welcoming and inclusive congregation that enjoys fellowship with a wide range of people from our community. This is reflected in the variety of our worship, as well as in the different activities on offer during the week in our Church buildings.

We have a well-established children's group that meets during our 10am on a Sunday, as well as a recently formed Youth Group that meets during the week. We are aware that there are huge opportunities to build on what has been established, alongside our Children's and Families Minister, as well as reaching out to those who are not yet part of our worshipping community.

Do have a look at our [website](#) to see what our community looks like at the moment; hopefully you may also spot areas in which we can grow! If you have a desire to see young people grow in their faith and enjoy exploring opportunities to try something new to reach out to others, this could be the place for you.



### Youth and Children's work at St Edwards

The focus of the youth and children's work at St Edward's in the last year has mostly been at children, with 2 very small youth groups folding but more children's events happening.

We have a lot of families that attend regularly with Primary aged children, either weekly (for Promise our Sunday 10am children's group), monthly (as part of the family service on the first Sunday of the month), termly (special events that mostly link to church holidays) and annually (Holiday Club, Crib service, Remembrance Sunday).

One of the main challenges we have is the retention of these children as they grow into young adults, growing their faith as well as giving them a safe place to hang out as a group.



We have a Wednesday evening Youth Group that was meeting in the church building until Covid-19 put a stop to it. That group had between 5 and 10 young people attending. The Youth Group has not been meeting during the pandemic but we hope to run a couple of online meetings in the next few months in order to encourage the year 6's that will be moving up to attend.

There are many secondary school aged young people that attend our annual Holiday Club as young leaders. It's a great time for many of them to learn alongside the children that they are there to assist and to be part of a group of like-minded teens.

Promise, our children's group (community would probably be a better word for it) currently has reception to year 8 young people in it. The nature of this group, along with volunteer constraints, has meant that it hasn't been possible to run a separate secondary school group in addition to the 2 groups for primary school aged children. Promise usually has 15 - 18 children attending weekly, sometimes it is less and sometimes more depending on what is happening outside of church. This group holds semi-regular lunches to enable the families to meet socially and have fellowship time.



We have many committed families with Primary and Pre-school children attending St Edward's and the opportunities for nurturing the children that will become secondary aged children and supporting their grown-ups is huge.



<b>Job Title</b>	Youth Worker
<b>Date</b>	June 2020
<b>Line Manager</b>	The Incumbent.
<b>Location</b>	St. Edward's Church.

**Job Purpose**

The Purpose of this role is twofold:

1. To provide a Christian Youth service to our Youth group and grow their Faith.
2. To look for Outreach opportunities, within the Parish and beyond to grow a Christian presence through an appropriate mechanism.

**Main Accountabilities:**

1. To run and grow the current Youth group on one weekday evening.
2. To run the Youth discipleship group on Sunday Mornings in conjunction with the Children's and Families Minister during the 10 am service.
3. To work with the team in the delivery of the 10 am service on the first Sunday of the month.
4. To be responsible for the Youth provision on Good Friday and Easter Sunday in conjunction with the Children's and Families Minister.
5. To participate in running and co-ordinating the Church's annual Holiday Club, co-ordinating the Young Leaders as they support the delivery of the club in the morning.
6. To run an afternoon activity session for Young Leaders in the afternoons of the Holiday Club. The Holiday Club runs the first week of the summer holidays.
7. To search out opportunities for Christian ministry within the Parish and reach out to other parishes e.g. St. James to explore opportunities for shared Youth Ministry.
8. To attend the weekly York wide Youth Networking meeting (Unite) each Friday when possible .
9. To work with the Parish Safeguarding Officer ensure Safeguarding procedures are implemented and monitored.

**Work Pattern**

The role is for 18 hours per week and runs throughout the year, with additional hours in Holy Week, and significant additional hours in July to support our Holiday Club.

For the right candidate Term Time working may be considered.

Hours of work are a mixture of fixed and flexible hours. Sunday morning and Wednesday morning & evening are fixed, but there is some flexibility beyond that.

Ideally, the candidate would work at least some Friday mornings so they can attend the York wide Youth Workers meeting (Unite).