

September 2018

Seniors Team Lead, Crofton Parish

Thank you for your interest in the role of Seniors Team Lead for Crofton Parish. This letter and the Role Description/Person Specification should provide you with all you need to decide if you might be a suitable candidate for this post and details of how to apply.

Crofton Parish, in the coastal communities of Stubbington and Hill Head, is a thriving Parish in Portsmouth Diocese. We have two churches, St Edmund's and Holy Rood, with 6 Sunday congregations and a membership of over 500 adults and children. We have a breadth of Christian tradition across our churches, with a more liturgical approach at St Edmund's and modern, family-orientated services at Holy Rood.

Like many coastal communities, Stubbington and Hill Head are great places to retire to. As such, we have large numbers of 'active retireds' and older people in our communities. In Crofton Parish, we have always sort to serve and support older people in Jesus' name and to be aware of the particular challenges many face in later life, such as loneliness and isolation, as well as failing physical and mental health. We believe that all generations should be welcome in our churches and have something to give to our life together and serving our communities.

We wish to appoint a Seniors Team Lead to support our current work with older people and develop new forms of outreach and ministry among the elderly. This is a new role but will build on the excellent work currently being done by groups such as Cup of Tea and Company and our Bereavement Team. We are looking for someone who has excellent pastoral skills in one-to-one situations as well as the ability to grow teams and think strategically in developing new projects.

The Seniors Team Lead will be a part of our small staff team (a mix of volunteers and paid employees) who care for the life of Crofton Parish and help us live out our vision. They will develop and lead a 'ministry area', similar to our Youth work or Children's and Families work, as well as contributing to the life of the Parish as a whole.

As part of our 2020 Vision, our Aim is 'to prayerfully trust God to double the size of our worshipping community in the next 5-7 years.' We hope that this appointment will contribute towards this Aim by helping us connect with and serve seniors in our community in Jesus' name.

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How to Apply

You can apply for this post by sending your CV and a covering letter, explaining why you feel you might be a suitable candidate, via email to vicarspa@croftonparish.org.uk. The closing date for applications is 12noon on Friday 12 October 2018. You will be informed if you have been invited for interview the following week.

Interviews will held be in the week beginning Monday 29 October 2018. If you are invited for interview and would like to have an informal visit beforehand to get to know Crofton Parish better, please let us know.

Please be assured of our prayers for you as you consider whether to apply and through the application process.

Rev Richard England
Vicar, Crofton Parish