

JOB DESCRIPTION

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PASTOR

Job Title: Community Outreach Pastor

Responsible to: Senior Pastor

Job Purpose: To lead and develop the Community Outreach Ministry Area at Shoeburyness & Thorpe Bay Baptist Church (hereafter referred to as STBBC) and to contribute to the overall Leadership of STBBC as a member of the Leadership Team. This work will include identifying new evangelistic opportunities and developing both existing and new work by motivating, building and training teams of church members and/or in partnership with other groups in our community and beyond.

Church Context: STBBC is a 'Purpose Led' church that seeks to make a difference in our community and world by expressing God's love in our relationships, words and actions. We demonstrate our ethos by who we are and what we do. The Community Outreach Pastor will support this work by both promoting and demonstrating good Christian witness and by training and encouraging all church members to share their faith in their everyday situations and in their area of church service. He/she will at all times demonstrate our ethos in teaching the Christian faith, in relationships with all who attend STBBC and by his/her lifestyle in general.

Job Tasks:

Community Outreach Ministry Area

- To give clear vision and direction to the Community Outreach Ministry Area
- To help the church to forge relationships with local people, helping them to engage with church and ultimately come to saving faith in Christ
- To review and implement any required changes in current Church Organisations within the Ministry Area
- To identify, set up and develop new evangelistic ministries
- To identify, train and develop new Organisation Leaders and those with the gift of evangelism
- To develop the church's work overseas and to give the congregation opportunities to engage in overseas service
- To initiate productive relationships with other agencies serving our community and beyond

Leadership Team

- To regularly attend and contribute to Church Leadership meetings with regard to the overall direction and business of the Church
- To report back to the Leadership Team with regard to the Community Outreach Ministry Area
- To meet with the Community Outreach Ministry Leader regularly to pray and discuss the direction of the Ministry Area
- To undertake occasional preaching as appropriate at Sunday Services under the direction of the Word and Worship Pastor
- To attend Sunday Services and to be part of a Small Group

Person specification/key competencies:

Essential

- Have a clear sense of call and passion for evangelism
- Be an active, committed Christian, having been baptised as a believer in Jesus Christ (normally by immersion) and supportive of Baptist principles and practice
- Have an active and on-going devotional life
- Be fully committed to, and supportive of, our Church Vision and Mission Statement and able to reflect the ethos and mission of STBBC in all dealings with staff, congregation members and visitors
- Be committed to working in team ministry with the Leadership Team
- Be committed to helping and encouraging the church to engage in mission both as individuals and as the body of Christ
- Have good interpersonal skills
- Be able to work as part of a wider team
- Be well motivated, proactive and able to work with minimal supervision
- The successful applicant will be required to undertake a successful CRB check prior to appointment

Desirable

- Be ordained or seeking ordination as a Baptist Minister
- Have a theological/Bible college qualification
- Have experience in evangelism within the context of a local church and/or para-church organisation
- Have good basic IT skills (able to use e-mail and Microsoft Word)
- Hold a full current UK driving licence and have use of a car