

St Luke's Church, Cheltenham

Internship Scheme 2018-19



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St Luke's is an evangelical Anglican church in the town of Cheltenham. We are a small but growing congregation of around 70 adults and 15 under 16's. We are a local church, passionate about mission to our local area, and growing deeper as disciples of Jesus Christ. On the surface we look relatively traditional, but we are always open to trying new things. We are a relaxed and loving church family, faithful in prayer and to the gospel, but without the structures of a larger church. We believe it is an exciting time to be part of St Luke's and would love you to come and join us.

Our website will give you a flavour of life at St Luke's:
www.stlukes-church.org.uk

The role

We have provision for up to 2 Church and Community interns for 10-12 months from Sept 2018. The role is spread across St Luke's Church and the YMCA in Cheltenham. You will be overseen by the Vicar at St Luke's, Patrick Wheaton. The intention is for interns to gain an understanding of the breadth of day to day ministry in a local church, experience in Bible based discipleship, and a particular grasp of mission in the community. We hope that you grow in your identity as a follower of Jesus, explore the gifts He has given you, and be both equipped and inspired for a lifetime of discipleship.

Previous interns have moved on to church employment in youth and children's work, continued exploration of ordained ministry, Christian community work and employment in the secular workplace.

Church ministry – based at St Luke's Church

As an intern you will be welcomed into the family at St Luke's and given a chance to be involved in a wide cross section of our ministry. We would make this as flexible as possible to suit your passions and gifts, whilst also seeking to push you out of your comfort zone on occasions. This could be within children & youth, schools work, small group discipleship, musical worship, prayer, pastoral visiting, social media/communications or discipleship and evangelism.

Community Mission – based at Cheltenham YMCA

In partnership with Cheltenham YMCA our interns will spend 2 days each week involved with community orientated mission. This will be amongst the residents of the housing projects which offer support to individuals previously homeless or with distinctly difficult backgrounds. It will also involve developing a Christian community and witness amongst the students and young adults resident in the YMCA private accommodation. You will be provided with appropriate training and support in all areas by the permanent staff at the YMCA. We believe this offers a unique strand to an internship at St Luke's.

Training

Over the course of the year interns will be provided with opportunities for both informal and formal training. Formal training will be for 1 day per week through either the South Central Ministry Training

Scheme based in Oxford or through the New Wine Discipleship Year, based at Trinity Cheltenham. We are happy for you to choose according to which ever would be most suitable.

www.southcentralmtc.org

<http://trinitycheltenham.com/discipleship-year/>

St Luke's will provide opportunities for you to develop your Bible teaching and discipleship skills through working with our children and young people, leading small group Bible studies, and preaching where appropriate. At every stage you will be provided with support and feedback.

We will also seek to provide opportunities for further training through residential conferences. Each intern is also provided with a personal mentor with whom they meet regularly to pray, discuss and chat things through with.

Practical Support

At both St Luke's and the YMCA part of your role will involve practical assistance and support.

At St Luke's this will primarily involve administrative support. The church has no paid staff so everybody turns their hand to anything that needs doing. We hope you would be willing to do likewise and throw yourself in. That said, the church still has pews so there are no chairs to be moved! At the YMCA you would need to assist with reception duty and on call responsibilities.

Finance & Accommodation

St Luke's will cover all training costs relating to the internship scheme. Accommodation will be at the YMCA in the centre of town. Utility costs will be met, and you will be provided with a modest living allowance. We believe an internship is about training and service. You will be offering a year of your life to God's people and mission, so we do not think you should be out of pocket as a result.

If you have any questions, would like to know more, or to get hold of an application form, please contact our Vicar, Patrick Wheaton.

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