

The Minister We Seek for B@tCH

Although B@tCH has developed a strong culture, it is open to a new vision and pathways so that the love of Jesus can be known more widely. The leadership and people of B@tCH hope to discover these new pathways as they work with a new leader or team. Could you imagine yourself working with us?

Role

We seek a leader to help us nurture the B@tCH community and to work with us to grow our mission to the people of our wider community: to encourage them to come into a relationship with God through Jesus Christ and to serve others.

Time

Up to 75% of full time stipend, flexible. This fits well with the high level of commitment and involvement from members of the B@tCH congregation, who provide pastoral care and are experienced in carrying out a variety of roles and tasks within B@tCH services. It also facilitates community connections by enabling the minister to be involved in other paid work, study or voluntary activities. This outward focus has been a strong part of the B@tCH culture.

Capabilities and Interests

- A deep and enduring personal faith with a commitment to spiritual growth and prayer; with a humble and approachable manner.
- A commitment to excellent communication of the Word, connecting the big picture with practical application, able to reach all levels of Christian experience, delivering a relevant message in everyday language.
- An ability to make connections with the wider community through occupation, positions on boards, volunteer work, schools or the like.
- Proactive pastoral focus with a high value on children and young people and reaching the 'un-churched'
- Strong leadership qualities; well organised and able to coordinate and work well with a strong leadership team and active volunteer base.
- Permission giving and adaptable.

Experience

Life experience and the ability to use it to connect God's Message with the congregation in worship, in small groups, and individually throughout the life of B@tCH. This experience may come from either a nationally ordained background (NOM) or not, with the opportunity to explore a local ordained ministry path (LOM) if needed.

Responsibilities

- Work with the congregation and the leadership to discern the future direction and mission of B@tCH
- Work with the leadership to provide Sunday service teams covering four school terms of approximately ten services each plus Good Friday and Christmas Eve
- Provide support to members or others taking roles in the Sunday services

Meetings:

- Meet with the pastoral team twice a term or when required
- Meet with the B@tCH leadership once a term or at times to be agreed
- Meet with the other Highgate minister (frequency to be negotiated)
- Attend weekly B@tCH prayers when possible

Co-ordinate/provide pastoral care:

- Oversee and encourage pastoral care within the congregation
- Share pastoral visits, hospital visits with the Pastoral Team
- Organise B@tCH pastoral care over the Christmas break and at other holiday times.