



HEAD OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

APPLICATION PACK





The Head of Children and Youth role is an exciting opportunity for a passionate, skilled leader to guide and expand the children and youth ministry at Ascension, helping young people in Balham and beyond come to know and follow Jesus.

This role involves creatively developing new outreach initiatives, particularly through our Parish Coffee Community Hub and partnerships with local schools and the sixth form colleges. The Head of Children and Youth will also manage and disciple ministry staff, build and train a dedicated volunteer team, and lead engaging services and sessions for children and youth.

The ideal candidate will thrive in a dynamic, innovative, and passionate team environment, playing a key role in family discipleship and contributing to Ascension's mission of reaching the 95% of the Balham population who do not yet attend church.



FROM THE VICAR

Thank you for your interest in joining the staff team at Ascension Balham as Head of Children and Youth!

This role is ideal for someone with strong organisational and practical skills who is eager to provide pastoral and missional oversight for children and young people at Ascension. You will creatively develop new outreach areas, manage, build and train a volunteer team, lead services, and develop impactful sessions for children and youth. We are looking for someone who is passionate about Jesus, Spirit led, and who wants to join in with all that God is doing at Ascension, and grow and be developed themselves.

I have been vicar of Ascension since September 2013 and am excited by what God is already doing here and what is yet to come. If you'd like to chat informally about the role do not hesitate to contact me at **marcus.gibbs@ascensionbalham.org**

Revd Marcus Gibbs



WHAT THE ROLE OFFERS...

- Be part of a healthy and happy church, which over the past years has doubled in attendance and become a bustling community hub for all kinds of local people.
- Live in a vibrant, green, and attractive area of London.
- A 21st century working environment with up-to-date technology, IT systems, and even a top-notch coffee shop!
- Support and friendship from engaged and kind congregations, a strong staff team, committed Church Wardens, and a wise and active PCC.
- Regular training.
- 50% staff discount at food and drink at Parish Coffee, our in-house café.
- Free on-site parking.
- Use of on-site bike racks and shower facilities.
- Be part of the church leading **Bubble Church** a service for families and little ones, running in 47 churches across the UK.
- A competitive salary of up to £36,275 with the possibility of subsidised accommodation



BUBBLE CHURCH

**Be excited and
passionate about
ministering to kids
and families.**

WHAT WE EXPECT FROM YOU...

- You will embrace the vision and values of Ascension
- You will have pastoral oversight of the children and young people (0-18s) who attend Ascension
- You will creatively explore and develop new areas of outreach for children and young people especially through our Parish Coffee Community Hub and links with the local schools and 6th forms
- You will line manage and disciple staff members associated with children and youth ministry
- You will build, develop and train up a team of passionate, capable and committed volunteers
- You will be skilled at leading services up front with children and young people
- You will develop and deliver great sessions for children and young people on Sundays and midweek
- You will be a key input into Ascension's ministry to the parents/carers of the children and youth, particularly with regards to family discipleship
- You will have an excitement and passion around spreading the love of God to Balham and beyond



**Grow and
mentor our vibrant
Youth Church.**

FROM A PAST HEAD OF CHILDREN & YOUTH

Hi, my name is Andy. For the last few years I have had the absolute joy of being the Head of Children and Youth at Ascension. God is really up to something amidst the children and young people of Ascension; as we have seen our ministries growth in number and in depth, and we have celebrated a number of young people coming to faith in Jesus. God is doing something special, and I'd love for you to be able to come and be a part of it.

From the moment I arrived at Ascension, I have loved being part of the team here. Marcus, the Vicar, is an exceptional leader and has created a wonderful culture within the staff team and life of the Church. Each member of the team is extremely gifted and it is a privilege to see God do great things through them and to collaborate for the Kingdom together.

It is impossible not to grow in a team like this!




I have loved being a part of the children and young people's lives here at Ascension. They are all so full of life and help me grow in my faith. During the last few years we have done some amazing things together, from Youth Church weekends away to holiday clubs, big lunches, community events, and collaborative events with other local churches. It has been so exciting to see how the Lord has expanded this ministry.



I personally have great excitement and expectation for what is to come in the next chapter of the children and youth ministry at Ascension. The launch pad is so well set, now it's ready for the rocket to blast off! There are not many roles in children's and youth work where that is the case. Being at Ascension at a time like this, would be a great privilege for anyone!

If you are reading this, I'd encourage you to pray, pray hard, and apply!

Be the light,
Andy Monks

A group of people, mostly seen from behind, are wearing bright red t-shirts and have their hands raised in the air. They are inside a large, ornate church with high ceilings, arched windows with colorful stained glass, and hanging lanterns. In the background, there is an altar with a statue and a large mural. A sign on the left side of the image partially shows the word "E" and "ONS".

**Live, work and
experience life in
a bustling part
of London.**

OUR SUNDAY SERVICES

9.30am - Bubble Church

Bubble Church is a Sunday church service especially for babies, toddlers, and young families. It's a puppet-packed, Jesus-centred, coffee-and-croissant-fueled, 30 minute kids and families adventure every Sunday morning! We launched this service in 2020 and it has been great to see local families meeting with God. We are currently planting Bubble Church in churches across the UK!

10.30am - Morning Worship

For those with children or those who enjoy mixing with a vibrant group of people of all ages, with modern music and a flexible structure. There are separate children's groups provided part-way through. Prayer ministry takes place at the end of every service.

10.30am - Youth Church

Youth Church is our provision for ages 11-18. Younger Youth meet during our Sunday 10.30am service, for fun, food and bible teaching, and Older Youth meet on Monday evenings. We also do regular trips and weekends away throughout the year.



**Parish Coffee, our
church café, is a
busy hub for the
whole community.**

HOW TO APPLY

For an informal conversation about the role please contact:
Revd Marcus Gibbs - marcus.gibbs@ascensionbalham.org

To apply please visit: **www.ascensionbalham.org/jobs** and complete the application form and attach a CV.

The closing date for applications is: **Wednesday 31st July 2024.**

