

TULLYCARNET CHURCH



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Welcome

Hi!

Thank you for showing an interest in the Internship Program at Tullycarnet Church. We are a new Church Plant from the Church of Ireland Diocese of Down and Dromore and we aim to be a vibrant and alive Church marked by the message, lifestyle and love of Jesus, reaching out to the people of Tullycarnet and renewing our local community in Jesus' name. Please find attached in this pack some information about our Internship Programme and an application form.

Have a read of this and spend some time seeking the Lord in prayer, is this program for you? Certainly, we are excited to see how God will grow and stretch our interns, forming them into people who are more and more like Jesus, and we are also expectant that our interns will have an amazing impact upon our area as we go on mission together.

The internship program will officially run from September 2022 and finish in June 2023, however, Interns will also have the option to continue to help over the summer in children's and youth outreaches as well as to attend the New Wine Ireland conference. The deadline for applications will be 29th July at 12 noon.

Upon receiving your application form, we would be happy to have a chat over a coffee or Zoom to talk about our vision, values and simply to get to know you.

Yours in Christ,

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Core Values of Internship Programme

The core values of the Internship programme are inspired by the example and Kingdom lifestyle of the early Church. These values are found in Acts 2.42-46:

1. Teaching vv.42-43
2. Fellowship together v.42
3. Prayer v.42
4. Community vv.44-46
5. Worship v.47
6. Acts of Mercy and Proclamation vv.43, 45

Mission of the Internship Programme

Our Mission through this Internship programme is based upon the Great Commandments cf. Matthew 22.37-40 and the Great Commission cf. Matthew 28.19-20.

We want to fall more and more in love with God

We were made to know God in relationship and to love Him with the entirety of our being. Through the ages this has been recognised by the Church, for example, the Westminster Shorter Catechism summarised the main reason for human kind existing as to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever. In our Internship, we want to cultivate this by creating spaces of encounter in which we get to know God better and worship him with reckless abandon. This will be through time spent in his Word together, prayer, worship and through the various serving opportunities.

Who is your neighbour? Everyone...

We want to call our interns to love their fellow brothers and sisters in the Lord and everyone else. On our pilgrimage and journey of becoming more and more like Jesus, we want to be a compassionate people like Christ. We will seek to form this by doing life together. Relationships are so important. God Himself is relational in His very being, the Trinity, and Human Beings created in His image, are by nature relational. We also believe that God uses the community of the Church to display His wisdom and achieve his purposes cf. 1 Corinthians 12.12-31; Ephesians 3.10; 1 Peter 2.9-12.

We are disciples

The programme will seek to engage in spiritual formation. We believe that this is of vital importance, cf. Matthew 28.16-20; Ephesians 4.15-16, and that God is in the business of building people ahead of program. When we engage in this, we also believe that there is an outcome, an overflow, impacting our area in mission. We want to also prepare the interns for their lives post-internship.



We make disciples

Our interns will have a key role in the facilitation of this, especially as we pioneer new outreaches to the people we love in our area. This will be through assisting existing ministries and also pioneering new and exciting outreaches. We want to create a climate of challenge, opportunity and service.

The Vision of the Internship Programme

“To equip disciples of Jesus to follow Him more closely, to partner with the Father in his mission in Tullycarnet and to do this in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Finance and Costs

The internship is free. The intern will be able to claim ministry expenses as agreed with the intern line manager and books will be provided for.



Rules and Expectations of Interns

Each intern will be expected to work between 20-35 hours each week, attending as part of this, our services of worship on Sunday. We will also ensure that our interns have two days per week off. The nature of the internship will require flexibility given the nature of the life of a Church. As previously mentioned, once a week the interns will meet together with their leader for a time of worship, prayer and teaching from the Scriptures.

As a Church, we want to pursue holy lives cf. Leviticus 20.26; 1 Peter 1.16, and interns, as representative of the Church, will be held to a high standard in their personal walk with Jesus.

A commitment to discipleship

We require that our interns have a Christian faith and are not recent converts. We also require from our interns a commitment to grow as disciples, having placed Jesus at the centre of their lives above all else. We also require that our students agree fully with the 39 Articles of Religion, the doctrinal statement for the Church of Ireland.

A commitment to holiness

We seek in all we do to be holy as we are in relationship with a Holy God. Whilst we recognise that no one is perfect and that the essence of our faith is that we are flawed and in dire need of forgiveness, which we receive in and through Jesus, we seek that our students pursue holiness in their lives cf. Leviticus 20.26. Therefore, we expect purity of walk. Each intern must be committed to a Biblical view on human sexuality i.e. that sexual relations ought to be expressed within a marriage between a man and woman. We also ask that our interns abstain from tobacco and narcotic substances, and also that our interns are not given to drunkenness or irresponsible enjoyment of alcohol. We also ask that our interns make good choices in speech, entertainment, television and internet use.

A commitment to the task at hand

We expect our interns to work their required hours, attending worship services, programmes, prayer, teaching, small-groups and their areas of serving and mission. We expect each task to be done with excellence and care unto the Lord, arriving on time and preparing well.

A commitment to mission

The internship exists to aid the mission of the Church. Whilst we seek to grow as disciples, our internship is not designed as an environment of recovery from lifestyle sins or inward hurts and hang-ups. We require that our interns have a healthy relationship with Christ. We would not recommend the programme for those recovering from an illness as your personal wellbeing and healing is our primary concern.



A commitment to obedience

We believe that as disciples we are to be obedient to Christ, and also that we are to submit to and accept the authority of those in leadership. The intern will report directly to the Church Plant Leader.

If the intern is engaging in poor choices, we will, for the benefit of student, confront and call the intern to a life of more.

If the intern's behaviour becomes unacceptable and we have to end the intern's placement, we will follow the following procedure:

Strike 1: An official verbal warning.

Strike 2: An official written warning.

Strike 3: Termination of internship, asked to leave.



Teaching Programme

Each week we will meet for a time of prayer and worship, before a time of teaching together from the Scriptures. These meetings will also allow us as a group to share encouragements and challenges as the year together progresses. Each month we will also have a spiritual discipline and book to focus on as a group. At Tullycarnet Church, we are passionate about discipleship and want to ensure our interns have an environment for input into their lives in addition to their areas of service. There may also be opportunities to receive teaching and training at special events and conferences.

Mentoring system

Once a month, each intern will have an informal chat with Matthew, to chart the intern's progress as a disciple and in serving.

Serving programme

Our interns will focus on pioneering and leading new ministries that are missional in focus. There are a number of "core activities" that the interns will contribute to as a baseline. In addition to these "core activities", we would ask the intern to pick **one** "focus area" from the below list:

Core activities (shared by all interns)

- Prayer events and prayer walking.
- Set-up and take-down at Sunday services and other events.
- Leading worship (if intern is proficient in playing an instrument).
- Leading Sunday services (welcome and announcements, Bible readings, prayers, kids talks etc.).
- The invitation to preach (interns will have at least one opportunity to share a talk from the front).
- Hospitality and welcome teams.
- AV teams.
- Prayer ministry teams.
- Administration.
- Publicity and Comms.



Focus Area: Youth Ministry

In this particular area of ministry, the intern will have the responsibility of pioneering a youth ministry seeking to reach de-churched or largely unchurched young people in the area. There ought to be a focus on plugging gaps in provision for young people in the area, a critical engagement with issues that affect the young people including the lure of anti-social behaviour and reaching young people with the Gospel. We would hope that the relationships built with young people will result in the raising up of disciples. The intern will also seek to forge links with local community groups.

Focus Area: Families and Children's Ministry

In this focus area, we would like to see the intern pioneer effective children's ministry in the context of our Sunday service. In addition to this, we would love to see effective outreaches established to reach single-parent families, young families and children. Practically this could look like one-off events, summer schemes, school work, parenting courses and "Messy Church" style ministry.

Focus Area: Evangelism and Discipleship

If an intern has a particular interest in growing in the area of evangelism, there will be a number of opportunities to be involved with existing ministries as well as pioneering new outreaches. Most likely this would take the shape of prayer walks, door-to-door ministry, one-off events, relational Bible study and Alpha campaigns. We also believe it is important to equip all existing believers to live-out and share their faith with others.

Focus Area: Compassion Ministry

If the intern has a passion for justice issues, the poor and the vulnerable there could be the opportunity to help pioneer a compassion ministry in the area. The area does suffer from high levels of deprivation. The intern would also have the opportunity to partner with the local food bank and CAP style ministries as well as building relationships with other community groups.

