



FORMATION FOR MISSION

CURACY FORMATION AT ST PAUL'S
STOCKTON-ON-TEES

THE BEATING HEART OF GOD'S LOVE FOR STOCKTON



“We believe everyone has a part to play in the Kingdom of God.”

WHO WE ARE

We are an intergenerational church seeking to become the beating heart of God’s love for Stockton.

Rooted in worship, prayer and mission, we are passionate about helping people encounter Jesus, grow as disciples and discover their place in God’s Kingdom.

VALUES

ALL FAMILY

Intergenerational community where people belong.

ALL JESUS

Jesus shapes our worship, discipleship and mission.

ALL LED

Expectant of the Holy Spirit’s leading and empowering.

ALL REAL

Authentic, honest and grace-filled.

ALL IN

Wholehearted participation in church life and mission.

ALL CAN PLAY

Everyone has gifts and a role in God’s Kingdom.



MISSION & DISCIPLESHIP

We are seeking to grow a church that is spiritually alive, deeply rooted in community and courageously engaged in God's mission.

Our vision is shaped by prayer, discipleship, hospitality and a desire to see transformation in Stockton and beyond.



Church Growth

Developing worship, discipleship, leadership and mission that help people encounter Jesus and grow in faith.

Young People



Investing intentionally in younger generations through schools ministry, intergenerational worship and discipleship.



Challenge Poverty

Serving our community with compassion, hospitality and practical support through partnerships, presence and local mission.

Steward Creation



Encouraging rhythms of stewardship, sustainability and care for the world God has made.

FORMATION IN PRACTICE

A curacy here would offer a broad and varied formation context with opportunities to grow in leadership, discipleship, mission and reflective practice.

WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS

Leading worship, preaching and sacramental ministry across church life.

DISCIPLESHIP & FORMATION

Helping people grow through teaching, life groups, prayer and pastoral accompaniment.

MISSION & EVANGELISM

Sharing faith through community engagement, hospitality and local mission.

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Building relationships through schools, intergenerational ministry and developing younger leaders.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Growing in collaborative leadership, vision, strategy and team ministry.

PIONEERING & CREATIVITY

Freedom to explore new ideas, fresh expressions and emerging opportunities for mission.

"We will seek to shape the curacy around your gifts, vocation and developmental needs."

FORMATION CULTURE

We believe formation happens through prayer, worship, relationships, mission, reflection and shared life together.



PRAYERFUL

Rooted in worship, scripture and dependence on the Holy Spirit.



RELATIONAL

Growing through encouragement, hospitality and shared life.



MISSIONAL

Learning to live confidently and courageously for Jesus in everyday life.



REFLECTIVE

Making space for learning, feedback and theological reflection.



PARTICIPATORY

Creating a culture where everyone is encouraged to lead, serve and grow.

“We want to be with Jesus, become like him, and do as he did.”

MEET THE TRAINING INCUMBENT



Paul Arnold

Paul is passionate about forming disciples and leaders who are prayerful, courageous and rooted in the mission of God.

His ministry is shaped by evangelism, leadership development and creating cultures where people are equipped and released to use their gifts confidently in the life of the Church.

Before ordination, Paul worked in law and the civil service, experience that continues to inform his approach to supervision, strategy and collaborative leadership.



ENCOURAGING

Creating a supportive environment where curates are trusted and released into ministry.



REFLECTIVE

Making space for honest conversation, feedback and theological reflection.



MISSIONAL

Helping curates grow in confidence in evangelism, discipleship and leadership.



COLLABORATIVE

Valuing team ministry, shared leadership and mutual learning.



FORMATIONAL

Prioritising spiritual depth, wellbeing and long-term sustainability in ministry.

GROWING IN MINISTRY TOGETHER

We want curates to flourish spiritually, emotionally and missionally during their time with us. Training here would combine encouragement, challenge, prayer, reflection and practical experience within a supportive and collaborative environment.

YOU WOULD EXPERIENCE

REGULAR RHYTHMS

Weekly supervision, shared prayer, intentional reflection and healthy patterns of work and rest.

SUPPORT & ENCOURAGEMENT

Honest conversations, supportive relationships and space to grow in confidence.

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEAD

Freedom to develop gifts, take responsibility and explore new ideas.

FORMATION FOR THE LONG TERM

Developing sustainable rhythms for ministry, leadership and personal discipleship.

“We want curates to leave rooted in prayer, confident in leadership and equipped for mission.”

TEAM & COMMUNITY

Ministry here is shared, collaborative and rooted in relationships.

Curates would be supported by a committed team of lay and ordained leaders, alongside a church community that values encouragement, participation and shared ownership of mission and ministry.



WHERE WE SEE GOD AT WORK



"For me coming to St Paul's, finding Jesus and being baptised was like finding the family that I never knew I needed. I felt complete." – Jess

"If you had told me three years ago that I would be a loud and proud christian – let alone the church warden – I wouldn't have believed them, but now I would never think of being anything else!" – Adam



"When I first came to church I was really frightened, then the Holy Spirit 'zapped' me on Alpha, now I know my confidence is growing in Jesus." – Zoe

"I love the people in church who are so welcoming and supportive. I also love the chaos as someone always brightens the day on a Sunday, especially the children!" – Lorraine



LOOKING AHEAD

We believe this is an exciting season in the life of the church, with opportunities to deepen discipleship, grow younger generations, strengthen community engagement and explore fresh expressions of mission.

We are looking for curates who are prayerful, teachable, collaborative and excited to grow in leadership and ministry within a supportive and mission-shaped environment.

GROWING YOUNGER

Continuing to invest in children, youth and young adults.

DEEPENING DISCIPLESHIP

Helping people grow in confidence, faith and everyday mission.

DEVELOPING LEADERS

Encouraging and releasing new lay and ordained leaders.

EXPLORING NEW MISSION

Creating space for fresh ideas, partnerships and emerging opportunities.



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