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IGNITE YOUTH LEADER

St Cuthbert's Church, Fulwood, Preston

Fired by the love of God

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Hello!

> *"We want to see God do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine."*

About our church

St Cuthbert's Church is a warm and welcoming church located in Fulwood, Preston, Lancashire. Fired by the love of God, our mission is to share God's love with the community and to see lives transformed through a lifelong relationship with Jesus. We offer a **wide embrace** to those we encounter; we aim for a **long outreach** into our community, we look for the work of God with **high expectancy** and as we follow Jesus, we look for **deep transformation** to grow deeper with him.

Our church family is friendly, lively, multi-ethnic, multi-generational and made up of people at all stages of their faith journey with Christ. We have people coming from within the parish and beyond. We strive to live out our faith in our daily lives under the authority of scripture and in the power of the Holy Spirit. St Cuthbert's Church has a rich history of evangelical Anglican worship. We value close links with the wider Christian community and play an active role within the Diocese of Blackburn. We have a strong evangelical tradition of Bible teaching and preaching, and we are members of the New Wine network.

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Our Youth Work

At St Cuthbert's, we have an established programme of children and youth activities happening every week. As well as children's and youth sessions on a Sunday, we have a bible and fellowship group for Y5-Y8 running on a Wednesday evening and an after-school drop-in for ages 11+ on a Tuesday.

Since January 2026, we have spent time prayerfully discerning the future of our Children's, Youth & Family (CYF) ministry, and felt the Ignite project was the best fit for us. We are so excited to be advertising this role for our own Ignite Youth Leader and look forward to seeing all that God will do in the future.



The Vision

The vision for this role includes developing a new youth provision for our community, establishing a presence in our local schools (primary (KS2) and secondary), developing our ministry with Y9+ and developing our existing ministry. On top of all that, we'll continue to host events like our Light Night, family Christmas & Easter events, and more.

Although we have a vision for our CYF ministry, we are keen for someone to come and help us make it happen, as well as developing it with us. Our Ignite Youth Leader will be well supported by our enthusiastic CYF Focus Group, and the vicar will provide day-to-day line management.

The Role

We are looking for a Ignite Youth Leader to **lead, develop and grow** ministry with young people, helping them **encounter Jesus, explore faith and grow as spirit-filled disciples** through outreach, schools work, discipleship and development of team members.
Our main aims are:

Friday night youth group
Develop a vibrant community for KS2 and secondary ages.

Discipleship pathways
Grow The Way (Y5–8) and Thirst (Y9+) along with identifying opportunities to serve.

Schools partnerships
Serve, and build mutually relationships with, local schools.

Outreach
Create outreach pathways for new young people and families.

Team Support
Recruit, train and support team members for various aspects of the CYF ministry.

SALARY
£27,000–£30,000

HOURS
35 per week

CONTRACT
Permanent

REPORTS TO
Vicar / line manager

LOCATION
Fulwood, Preston

AGES
Main focus 10+



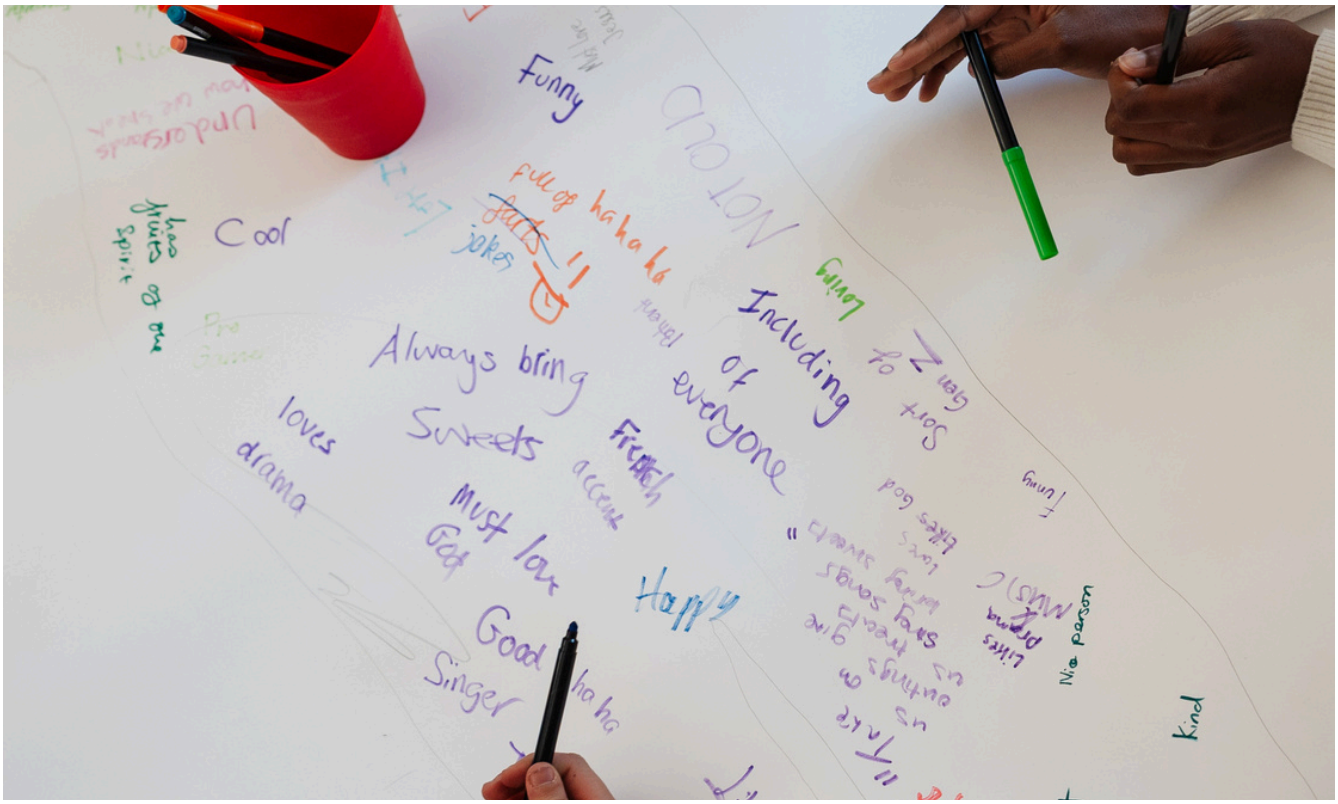
WHAT YOU'LL DO

Key Responsibilties

- Join the CYF — Children, Youth & Families — Focus Group and help shape its vision
- Plan outreach events, away days and residentials
- Build relationships with local schools
- Develop young leaders and volunteers
- Undertake study and training through Emmanuel Theological College, if not already qualified
- Lead Friday evening youth provision for KS2 and secondary ages
- Develop discipleship groups and faith formation opportunities
- Develop an after-school club (venue to be confirmed)
- Take part in the Ignite network, including monthly FORGE Community days
- Ensure safeguarding best practice at all times

Key relationships

Vicar / line manager · CYF Focus Group (which reports to the PCC) · Youth and children's ministry team · Young people and families · Safeguarding Officer · Local schools · Ignite team and wider diocesan youth and children's team





The Ignite Project is part of Diocese of Blackburn's ambitious vision to see Jesus made known amongst children & young people in Lancashire. We seek to equip the local church to more than double the numbers of active disciples of Jesus in these ages.

We know that employing a youth or children's minister is the biggest common factor to seeing sustainable growth of youth and children's ministry. Therefore, we are strategically supporting 30 parishes across Lancashire to employ youth and children's leaders – to **enable** greater engagement with local young people; to pioneer vibrant, faith-filled communities, events and activities that inspire and **nurture** young people's spiritual growth; and to support children and young people as they become lifelong **disciples** of Jesus, whose faith roots run deep and who find a home in their local church family. Each parish that employs an Ignite Leader shares the vision and works together with the Ignite Project Team to see this vision come into fruition, reaching growing numbers of children and young people with the love of God through supportive and Spirit-filled ministry.

Ignite Leaders will receive monthly training (Forge Days), regular mentoring, and have the option of **a fully-funded, University-validated qualification in Children's, Youth, and Family Ministry provided in partnership with Emmanuel Theological College**. The Ignite Project seeks to be a catalyst for growth, creating lasting change through equipping churches to nurture faith and disciple future generations for a life discipleship to Jesus, whilst developing a network of passionate and dedicated youth and children's ministers who are valued, care for and invested in across the Diocese.

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Person Specification

ESSENTIAL

- Committed, practising Christian who can model and articulate faith
- Passion for youth discipleship, mission and outreach
- Experience working with young people
- Ability to inspire and develop young people and the ministry team
- Ability to build relationships with young people and families through a warm and approachable manner
- Safeguarding knowledge and a firm commitment to it
- Strong organisational and administrative skills
- Able to work independently and manage multiple projects
- Ability to communicate well with key stakeholders
- Initiative, creativity and resilience
- Flexibility for evenings, weekends and residential trips
- Commitment to professional, spiritual and personal development
- Relevant qualification, or willingness to work towards one

DESIRABLE

- Understanding of Church of England ministry and ethos
- Experience planning and delivering youth activities, groups or events
- Experience recruiting, supporting or leading volunteers
- Experience working collaboratively as part of a team
- Experience of schools work or community outreach
- Good IT and social media skills
- Educated to A-level or equivalent standard in order to access the degree through Emmanuel College.
- Experience of working with neurodivergent young people
- Access to own transport (there is an element of travel as part of the requirements of the role).

Occupational requirement

Due to the nature and context of the work, the post holder must be a communicant member of the Church of England, or a full member of a church within Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

Diversity and safeguarding

The Diocese of Blackburn values diversity and welcomes applications from UK Minority Ethnic / Global Majority Heritage backgrounds. The Diocese is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults, and expects all post holders and volunteers to share this commitment. A satisfactory enhanced DBS check is essential for this role.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

The Details

CONTRACT	Permanent
SALARY	£27,000–£30,000 per annum, depending on skills and experience
HOURS	35 hours per week over 5 days, with some evenings and weekends; Sunday is a working day
LOCATION	Based at St Cuthbert's Church, Fulwood, with some home-working possible
TRAVEL	Required for the role and diocesan training
PENSION	NEST pension scheme — 3% employer contribution, 5% employee contribution
ANNUAL LEAVE	25 days per year plus bank holidays; TOIL if required to work bank holidays or additional events e.g. residential.
PROBATION	6 months, with an initial review after 3 months
NOTICE PERIOD	2 weeks during probation; 2 months after probation
EXPENSES	Reasonable work-related expenses reimbursed by agreement
RIGHT TO WORK	Must have the right to reside and work in the UK

How to apply

Need more information or a chat about the role? Contact the CYF Focus Group Chairperson, Dan Wood: 07903 818360 / cyf@stcuthbertsfulwood.church
Ready to apply? Complete the application form and send it, including a covering letter, to cyf@stcuthbertsfulwood.church by 30th November 2026.
Interview date: Tuesday 15th December 2026.

Applications are assessed by application, interview and/or references.