

What is a St Matthew's Internship?

The Internship is designed to be a starting point for any Christian wanting to explore their faith and calling while getting experience in specific areas of ministry. It provides the opportunity to grow in faith and in theological and Biblical understanding. It also aims to develop new and existing gifts, through a combination of teaching and practical ministry opportunities.

St Matthew's aims to take on up to 2-3 people this year, who will voluntarily commit to the intern programme. We would expect the Interns to specialise in either children's work, youth work, family work, administration or a combination.

We are also accepting applications from those with a musical background hoping to gain experience in leading/coordinating sung worship, who would like to combine this with their Internship.

Whatever your specialism, you will be given the chance to be involved in a wide range of activities, working alongside and learning from more experienced leaders and staff in the church.

More about St Matthew's Church, Jersey

Our mission is to create a vibrant family of loving and hope-filled believers who are passionate in their pursuit of knowing Abba Father more deeply, knowing Jesus our Saviour more intimately and knowing the presence and power of Holy Spirit more fully, as we love Him and love our neighbours in the way He loves us, and see His kingdom come into every area of our lives.

CORE VALUES

We are a community of believers who have a love and passion for God, for people, for family and for community

LIVING TO DRAW CLOSER TO GOD

- To seek God first above everything else and give Him the very best in our worship, as we live to draw closer to Him and build a personal relationship with Him each day
- To be like Jesus in all we are and do
- To welcome and embrace the presence, gifts and fruit of Holy Spirit
- To value the Word of God, the bible, and teach and encourage one another to walk in the truth
- To live as children of a loving heavenly Father

LIVING TO DRAW CLOSER TO OUR NEIGHBOUR

- To treat every person as special to God and to us
- To love the one in front and the one behind
- To honour and serve one another with humility
- To raise up and encourage one another in faith
- To support one another with prayer and practical help
- To heal and be healed, forgive and be forgiven
- To restore and be restored
- To enjoy life together and have fun

What does the Internship look like?

St Matthew's is looking for interns to work in the Children & Youth, Family or Administration Ministries, running from September 2016 until the end of July 2017. We also offer the option to stay on to help with our events such as the summer holiday club or to attend Soul Survivor with the church youth group.

The general holiday allowance is a statutory 4 weeks annual leave. In addition to this we often give time off over Christmas where appropriate and possible.

All holiday needs to be requested at least 6 weeks in advance and submitted in writing and agreed by the office before being booked.

Interns will have responsibilities 3 out of 4 Sundays (4/5) per month. Interns are expected to attend Ignite services as an opportunity for fellowship within the church.

Worship Interns will also have the opportunity to be involved with worship at St Lawrence church on a monthly basis.

Line of Accountability

The Internship will be managed on a day-to-day basis by the office, and you will also be delegated work by other ministry leaders within the church.

Our Interns are involved with regular weekly programme of activities, which include mid-week groups, as well as Sunday groups that cater for children and young people from babies to 18-year-olds.

You will be asked to work a 6 day week and so will have one day off per week guaranteed, but you will also normally have a second day with only minimal duties.

Your working week will include attending some courses and time set aside for personal development, and so you should be committed to a pattern of Bible reading, prayer and spiritual investment.

What does St Matthew's offer Interns?

Training

You will receive your main training directly from the leaders of each ministry area, but will also have the chance to attend ministry-specific courses and conferences throughout the internship.

There are opportunities to grow in very practical ways – to know your identity in Christ, to pray for people including prayer for healing etc, to listen to God, to pastor/disciple others, to read the Bible, to lead a Bible study as well as teaching and practice at preaching (or giving a youth/children's talk).

As well as your practical experience and ministry-specific training, we offer Level One teaching at Christian Life College. CLC (Christian Life College) is designed to assist the Christian to realise their full potential as they walk out their individual call of God on their lives. Once a week (during school term times) for one year, the students will enjoy fellowship during three hours of lectures. The church will cover the cost of the school fees, which is approximately £450.

There will also be the opportunity to attend other teachings, such as the prophetic workshops.

Accommodation

St Matthew's is offering accommodation in a room of your own with a member of the church family.

The Intern scheme is largely funded by the church, but we ask that each Intern considers a financial contribution towards their accommodation and food, and has funding for general day to day living.

Please do not let financial cost be an obstacle to you applying.

We would be very happy to discuss this with you, to see how the cost may be covered.

Support

St Matthew's will ensure that you are supported throughout your year with us. We want you to get the most out of your time here and so we aim to ensure there is always someone to call if you have any queries or worries. The Vicar, Children and Youth leaders will be key in guiding and supporting you, along with the office staff.

You will also have a personal mentor during your time with us who will meet with you regularly to talk and pray about your progress and who will look to encourage the development of your personal gifts. This will be a member of the congregation and be in addition to the support given by the staff team.

What does St Matthew's expect in return?

Service

In return St Matthew's expects around 40 hours each week from each intern. There will be some evening and weekend commitments and there will be a degree of flexibility expected as to when interns are available.

Commitment

Interns need to be fully committed to the life and vision of St Matthew's. It is anticipated that you will make St Matthew's your spiritual home, attending services regularly and participating in activities that are central to the life of the church. Each intern is expected to 'work' at three of the Sunday services per month and is then free to attend the fourth Sunday and Ignite Evening Services as their worship service. Once a term interns will help at Messy Church at St Lawrence Church.

Your Commitment is:

- To embrace the vision and values of St Matthew's
- To be teachable
- To be reliable and trustworthy and seeking to grow in Christ
- To be a team player and interact appropriately with other staff/congregation members
- To offer about 40 hours of your time and abilities on a voluntary basis each week
- To learn to follow good practice including child protection guidelines
- To participate in schools work as and when appropriate
- To integrate fully into the life of the church.

A Financial Contribution As mentioned previously, the cost of the internship is largely funded by the church, but you will need to consider travel to Jersey, a small contribution to your accommodation and general living expenses. Please do not let financial constraints restrict you from applying; we will work with you if finance is an obstacle. The Intern is responsible for arranging your own travel to and from Jersey, however we can provide you with assistance.

What Kind of person is St Matthew's looking for?

- Are you a passionate, committed Christian who wants to explore and extend the kingdom of God?
- Are you ready to learn new skills?
- Are you a person who cares for children/young people/family?
- Are you ready to commit to study and personally grow your faith?
- Are you flexible, willing and enthusiastic and prepared to work hard?
- Are you prepared to serve, honour and be accountable to others?
- Are you ready to work as part of a team?
- Have you studied to a minimum of A level or equivalent?

Finally, you should be passionate about encouraging children/young people and families in the Christian faith and seeing them reach their full potential through the power of the Holy Spirit.

If you're also applying for a role in worship, you should be a passionate worshipper who loves to lead others deeper into God's presence through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Where is Jersey?

Located some 100 miles (160 kms) south of mainland Britain, Jersey is the most southerly island of the British Isles. In fact, it's much closer to France, lying just 14 miles (22 kms) from its coast.

Jersey possesses a fascinating and complex history stretching back over a thousand years. Its very landscape - Norman style farmhouses, narrow winding lanes, small fields and French street names - reflects its entwinement with the fates of two great nations: Britain and France. Jersey lies in the Bay of Mont St Michel and is the largest of the Channel Islands. It has been an island for approximately 8,000 years and at its extremes it measures 10 miles east to west and six miles north to south.

Need more info.... Check out our website or email the office.
www.glasschurch.org

YES! I'm interested... How do I apply?

Please complete the application form attached

Please return your completed form by email to office@glasschurch.org or send it to:

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Thank you for your interest, we look forward to hearing from you!

Closing date 15th July 2017

If you are successful interviews will take place over Skype.