

St Giles' and St George's Ashted Surrey



**Leader of Youth Ministry
Information Pack**
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Who We Are

One church on two sites, St Giles' and St George's is a vibrant, multi-congregational evangelical Anglican church in the Diocese of Guildford. We actively seek to serve the local community and contribute to the wider mission of sharing the transforming love of Jesus Christ. Usual weekly attendance across the congregations is 760 adults and currently 170 young people and children.

Each congregation has its own identity and expression of worship, ranging from spoken BCP, robed choir with organ to modern, informal and creative contemporary services. Two of the morning services particularly cater for families with children and The Six has a focus for late teenagers, students and young adults.

A wide range of ministries are offered by the staff team and dedicated volunteers. Mid-week small groups for adults and young people (LIFE groups) are at the heart of the church.

The church is part of the local community that has a strong village feel. 98% of the congregation live in the parish.

Vision & Strategy

To fulfil our Mission Statement, we follow a ministry strategy ("pathways strategy").



There is the need and opportunity to review, re-build and re-energise our ministry to teenagers and work particularly closely with colleagues who lead ministry to children, families and students/young adults.

Ministry to young people is branded under two streams – HOUSE (school years 7-10) and LIFE (school years 9-13). This connects with ministry to children, families, students and young adults.

Our Mission Statement:

A transforming community for Christ – knowing Christ and making Him known.

Our Core Values

We believe that:

INSPIRED WORSHIP glorifies God and builds His people up.

BIBLICAL TEACHING is foundational for a whole life faith.

PASSIONATE PRAYER reaches God's heart and enlarges our own.

COMPASSIONATE MISSION is our response to God's purpose for His church in the world.

MATURE DISCIPLESHIP should be the goal of every follower of Christ.

AFFIRMATION OF DIVERSITY should be celebrated as an expression of our unity in Christ.

LOVING RELATIONSHIPS should permeate every aspect of church life.

Blessed by talented staff and volunteer teams, excellent premises and resources, this is an exciting appointment to shape, lead and develop ministry as the church continues to deepen, grow and change.



Leader of Youth Ministry – Key Responsibilities

1. To review, develop and implement the strategy for ministry to young people and assist with ministry to students/young adults.
2. To lead, nurture and empower volunteer leaders and young people as disciples who share in ministry through teaching, mission, pastoral care and service.
3. To be an active member of the leadership and ministry team of The Six congregation with responsibility for LIFE.
4. To be active member of the senior leadership team of the church.
5. To network, connect and develop relationships within the community, deanery, diocese and nationally.



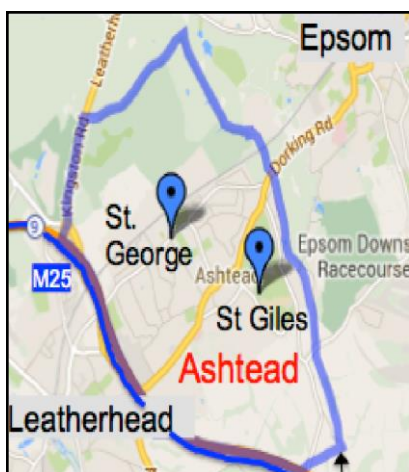
Some guests enjoying the Snow Ball

Ashtead is recognised as comprising the Village to the south and Lower Ashtead to the north. The Village incorporates many of the larger detached houses, the main shopping area either side of the busy A24 and Ashtead Park where St Giles' Church is situated. Lower Ashtead is more densely populated with the majority of houses being semi-detached. The station, common (owned and maintained by the Corporation of London), pond, youth centre and another parade of shops are all situated here together with St George's Church, as well as the Roman Catholic and Baptist Churches. The parish is mainly a middle class, owner-occupied area. There are few starter homes and a former council house area. Due to property prices, it is a difficult area for young adults to rent or buy property. However, Ashtead is a popular place for young families moving out of London. The parish has a strong 'community' feel and sense of identity.

There are a substantial number of public and private retirement and nursing homes as well as a private hospital. Many people commute from Ashtead to work either by train, mainly to London, or by car, the M25 being so close.

Ashtead still considers itself to be a village despite having a population of approximately 14,800. There are sufficient shops to serve the local needs but there is the inevitable shift to 'out of town' shopping. It is self-contained in respect of doctors, dentists and community help. There is a health clinic, library, cricket, tennis and squash clubs. In addition, there are many local organisations (eg U3A; Rotary; Fine Arts Society; Scouts).

The Parish of Ashtead



Situated 15 miles south-west of London between Epsom and Leatherhead, Ashtead is close to junction 9 of the M25 and has excellent rail connections to London, Guildford and

Horsham. Heathrow and Gatwick airports are easily accessible by car.

Schools are a mixture of state and private and are well supported by parents and boast a good standard of facilities and results. There are several pre-school playgroups. As part of our strategy of pathways, our connection and ministry to children and families is deepening, growing and bearing fruit.

Under a new leader, there is the need and great opportunity to similarly develop our ministry to young people and with young people. Mole Valley Council provides a very limited youth service in the youth centre next door to St George's and aside from sports and an oversubscribed scout troop, there is little provision for young people in the community.

'One church' on two sites

St Giles' Church



Built in 1115, St Giles' Church is set in peaceful surroundings with a Churchyard.

Next to St Giles' Church is the Dell Centre. This modern and well equipped centre for ministry complements St George's.



The Dell Centre



What next?

For further information and/ or to arrange a confidential conversation with the Rector (Rev Richard Jones), please contact Mrs Elizabeth Sansom (Ministry PA):

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Complete the application form and return (email or post) with a covering letter explaining why you feel a sense of calling to the role of Leader of Youth Ministry in Ashtead.

Closing date for applications: 4th March (noon)

Shortlisting: 4th March

Interviews: 11th March (visit 10th March)

Start Date: now

Address:

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Thank you for expressing an interest. You are in our prayers.

St George's Church

Built in 1906 as a plant of St Giles' to serve Lower Ashtead, St George's has been progressively enlarged and developed for ministry and service to the community.

The church centre is open 7 days a week. Facilities include a café (Mon-Fri), hall, meeting rooms and office space for parish administration.



The café in St George's