

St Giles' and St George's Ashted Surrey



Holiday club in St George's Church

**Leader of Children & Families' 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').



Ministry to children and families comes under the heading Flames. This includes Sunday groups for ages 0-11 at both churches; two mid-week groups for pre-school children and carers and a recently started monthly Messy Church. In addition there are regular outreach events which are usually very well attended as well as work in local schools. Overseeing a large number of volunteers is key to this role, as is team building and initiative.

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.



Pathfinder Weekend Away

Leader of Children and Families' Ministry – Key Responsibilities

1. To review, develop and implement the strategy for ministry to children and families.
2. To lead, nurture and empower volunteer leaders as disciples who share in ministry through teaching, mission, pastoral care and service.
3. To lead and oversee Sunday and weekday ministry in this area, both within the church and wider community.
4. To be an active member of the senior leadership team of the church.
5. To network, connect and develop relationships within the community, deanery, diocese and nationally.

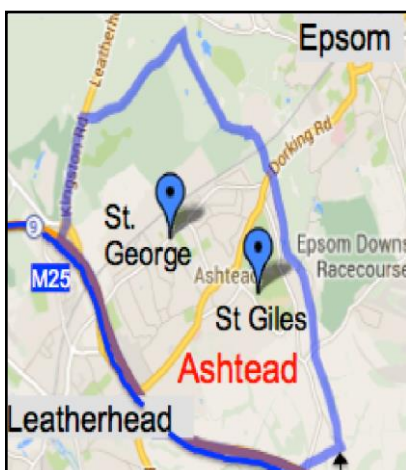


Ashtead is recognised as comprising the Village to the south and Lower Ashtead to the north. The Village incorporates many of the larger detached houses, the main shopping area either side of the busy A24 and Ashtead Park where St Giles' Church is situated. Lower Ashtead is more densely populated with 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, and following a year of maternity cover, there is the opportunity to lead and develop a ministry that has strong foundations and many willing volunteers. As well as building on existing ministry, there is scope to expand, particularly the work with local primary schools and outreach to a wider range of families (including those who will be affected by the planned closure of the local Children's Centre).

'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:	25 March (noon)
Shortlisting:	25 March
Interviews:	15 April (visit 14 April)
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