



Background information about St George's Church for applicants

Neighbourhood

St George's is based in Tufnell Park, in the London Borough of Islington. The immediate area is residential, although we are close to the busy town centre area of Holloway Road. There are two primary schools in the parish and a number of housing estates. The church is situated near to the former Holloway Prison site, which will soon be home to around 2,000 additional residents.

We have high levels of economic disparity in our community, with many people struggling with the cost of living, especially children, older people and people with disabilities.

Ethos

St George's is part of the [Inclusive Church network](#), and seeks to recognise Christ in Community, valuing the unique gift of each person. We appreciate creativity in worship, enjoy learning from the Bible and sharing Holy Communion together weekly, and seek to follow Jesus authentically. We draw on a wide range of traditions in the Church, with worship that spans traditional hymns, contemporary worship songs, lona, Taizé, children's action songs and more. We have a focus on environmental stewardship and have a Silver Eco Church award.

Congregation

Our congregation is diverse and growing. Most people live locally and we have a number of families with younger children. We usually have around 30 adults and 10 children with us on a Sunday morning, drawn from a worshipping community of around 100 people.

We have a good mix amongst the adult congregation, with some people who have been coming for decades and others who are new to the area.



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People are involved in the life of the church, and give generously of their time to support the services and activities.

Activities

We have an active programme of activities – with a Holy Communion service on Sunday; Morning Prayer on Wednesdays; Bubble Church once a month and seasonal groups during Lent and Advent.

The Vicarage hosts Open House on Tuesday nights, where people come together to share a meal and one another's company. We run a Wellbeing Café on Wednesdays, which includes activities, seated exercise and a lunch prepared from surplus food.

On Thursdays we have a stay and play session for under 5s and their parents and carers.

On alternate Saturdays we run a Sensory Drop in for children with additional needs.

We also run ad hoc activities such as a pancake party, fireworks party, carols at the pub etc, and once or twice a term we run a ReStart party, where people can bring electrical items to be repaired by volunteers.

Building

The church has recently celebrated its 50th birthday, and is a large building with level access.

There is a gallery workspace which we currently let out as a co-working space.

We have an office and a separate room which is used by our Children's Church on a Sunday and by community groups during the week.

There is also a small counselling room and a chapel.

The church owns a church hall which is let out to a nursery, with the income helping us to subsidise our core activities. The church is also let out to other



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groups and the building is well used with hundreds of people coming through our doors each week.

Staff team

Our Vicar, the Revd. Alexandra Lilley, is the only full-time member of staff. We also have a self-supporting Curate; a part time Operations and Development Manager, a part time Parish Administrator (filled on a temporary basis) and a part time Children and Families Worker (vacant). We also have an Ordinand and an Intern.