



Background information about St George's Church for applicants

July 2025

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 a number of housing estates in the parish, and 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 disabled people.

Ethos

St George's is part of the Inclusive Church network, and seeks to recognise Christ in Community. We have a real focus on environmental stewardship and are an Eco Church.

We value everyone's unique gifts and have a congregation which is diverse and which is growing.

Congregation

Our congregation is mostly local 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.

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.

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 communion services on Sunday and Wednesday mornings, Bubble Church once a month and seasonal groups during Lent and Advent.

The vicarage hosts an “open house” on Tuesday nights, where people come together to share a meal and each other’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 alternative 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 groups and the building is well used with hundreds of people coming through our doors each week.



Staff team

We currently have a Vicar, Rev Alexandra Lilley, a non-stipendiary Curate, a part time Operations and Development Manager, a part time Parish Administrator and a part time Children and Families Worker (the current post holder will be leaving us shortly and we are recruiting for his replacement).

In the autumn we will be joined by an intern and two new post holders – an Estates Ministry Apprentice and an Estates Ministry Operations Support worker. These are also part time posts.