



## ST SAVIOUR'S GUILDFORD

St Saviour's, with the Diocese of Guildford, are really excited to offer a curacy post to begin in July 2024. The Church has a long history of successful curacies and sees itself as a 'sending church' to resource the wider Church of England. As a congregation, we love seeing curates grow and develop in their time with us. Graham Shaw, the Rector, is an experienced training incumbent and the church itself is energized for a new phase of mission and ministry. If you love collaborative ministry as part of a team, supporting people of all ages into deeper discipleship, reaching the next generation for Jesus and want to sharpen your preaching skills, read on.

### WHO ARE WE?

1. St Saviour's is a large, lively, gathered church located in the centre of Guildford. Guildford is a vibrant university town, with a strong sports and arts scene, surrounded by beautiful North Downs countryside and with easy access to London.
2. Our church is diverse in terms of evangelical spirituality, without being polarised; both Word and Spirit are central to our life together. Our work and witness as a multigenerational church community is characterized by:
  - Three distinct flourishing congregations (9.00am, 10.30am and 6.00pm)
  - Lively worship and a strong tradition of preaching that is biblically based, culturally and contextually relevant
  - A rapidly growing ministry to children, young people and their families
  - Trekkers – a significant ministry to children and young people with additional needs and their families
  - About half the adult congregation involved in midweek discipleship groups
  - A burgeoning ministry to students and young adults
  - Locally focused community engagement projects, including our midweek Toddler Group
3. To find out more about St Saviour's, please head to our website at <https://st-saviours.org.uk/> and watch some services on our YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/stsavioursguildford](https://www.youtube.com/stsavioursguildford)

### WHAT'S GOING ON AT ST SAVIOUR'S TODAY?

4. St Saviour's is beginning an exciting new season following Graham Shaw's appointment as incumbent in July this year. The church is fortunate to have a great clergy and staff team with skilled and committed practitioners in ministry and operational roles. We are a church in 'good-heart', with new people joining us weekly and we see 'God at work' in many areas of church life.
5. In this new season, we are currently re-examining what it means for us to minister as a 'town centre' church and have identified priorities in the following areas:
  - Reviewing the identity and ministry of each of our three Sunday services
  - Deepening our discipleship – corporately, in small groups and individually – through our prayer and worship life and missional engagement
  - Strengthening our work with children, young people and families, including our Trekkers community
  - Investing in the next generation of Christian disciples within our student and young adult community
  - Prioritising mission and outreach initiatives and partnerships in the local community



## WHAT TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES CAN ST SAVIOUR'S OFFER A NEW CURATE?

6. In this season, St Saviour's can offer opportunities to
- Lead services across a range of liturgical traditions
  - Over time, to co-lead one of the congregations and take responsibility for a significant area of ministry in the church
  - Work within a leadership team exploring and then implementing a vision focused on discipleship, mission and evangelism
  - Train in occasional offices including weddings and wedding preparation, funerals and infant and adult baptism, and baptism preparation
  - Explore chaplaincy through local partnerships including Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy
  - Learn from experienced clergy and highly skilled practitioners in children's, youth, student, young adult and worship ministry and our additional needs ministry
  - Receive training and support from Graham Shaw, and other members of the clergy team, in preaching and teaching.
  - Develop practices and habits that will provide a foundation for long term sustainable ministry.

### GRAHAM SHAW, TRAINING INCUMBENT

7. Before joining St Saviour's, Graham was Vicar of Christ Church, Chester for ten years, growing a large ministry to students and young adults and serving as a training incumbent, a role he really enjoys. Graham joined the church leadership team at St Saviour's 18 months ago and was the interim leader before being installed as Rector in July 2023.



8. As the leader of a large church, Graham has wisdom to share about leadership, collaboration, communication and team building. Drawing on his own experiences, he is particularly keen to reflect with others on maintaining good spiritual – and lifestyle - practices to remain resourced for ministry in the longer term. A key aspect of his own ministry is preaching and teaching and he will offer training relevant for different contexts.

### HOW TO APPLY

For an informal chat, please contact Graham on:  
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If you would like to be considered for this post, please email our DDO, Craig Holmes [craig.holmes@cofeguildford.org.uk](mailto:craig.holmes@cofeguildford.org.uk). Please include your BAP/Panel Report, interim college report, letter of release, a CV including work and ministry experience and a letter as to why you are being called to apply for this vacancy.



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