

# **Bethel Church, Bath Road, Stonehouse, Glos.**

## **Job Description: Lead Pastor**

As our current Pastor is retiring, we are looking for a new Lead Pastor with evident leadership, pastoral gifting, and energy to enable Bethel Church to grow, and to reach the town with the gospel.

## **We are looking for**

- Someone who can show a clear call of God to ministry upon their lives, is filled with the Holy Spirit, with strong Biblical and spiritual understanding to teach the Word of God in line with the Fundamental Truths of Assemblies of God.
- Someone who is an accredited minister with Assemblies of God with pastoral experience, or has completed Bible College training and willing to apply for ministerial status with Assemblies of God.
- Someone with a drive for outreach and evangelism (especially among children and youth), and able to disciple people.
- A motivator and encourager, who is able to communicate vision, and build quality leaders.
- Able to foster relationships with other fellowships in and around the town for mutual development of outreach.

## **Role and Responsibilities**

- To organise the church program, and to preach and lead services.
- To work with the Leadership Team (Church Council) to seek God for vision, and to take the church forward.
- To continue to build a culture of love and faith in line with the Values of the Church.
- To be responsible for general pastoral care.
- To work with the Treasurer to ensure finances and budgets comply with financial requirements.
- To ensure that Bethel Church adheres to the Fundamental Truths of Assemblies of God and its by-laws, the Church Constitution, and Charity Commission Regulations.

**Hours:** 37½ hours per week

**Salary:** Starting at £19,000 - £21,000 plus agreed expenses.

**Holidays:** 20 days per year (max. 6 Sundays per year), plus Bank Holidays.

**References:** Please provide references from current employer or Bible College/voluntary organisation, and a character reference.

## **Description of the church/ town/ location**

Stonehouse is a town next to Gloucester and Stroud (with links to numerous small villages and settlements) with a population of approx. 8,000 people. Bethel Church has a congregation of 30 - 40 people, with it's own building with potential to expand, strategically located on the main road through the town.

## **Proposed Time-line**

We intend to interview during June and July with a proposed start date in September.

**Applications to:** [bethelstonehouseoffice@gmail.com](mailto:bethelstonehouseoffice@gmail.com)

### **We Value...**

**Jesus Christ:** As our Saviour, Healer, Baptiser in the Holy Spirit, and coming King. [John 3:16, Matthew 8:16, Acts 1:8, John 14:31]

**Prayer:** Everything we accomplish is done through prayer. (Philippians 4: 6)

**The Bible:** We read it, we teach it, and we live by it. We are committed to the Bible as the Word of God, and as our rule for life and conduct. [2 Timothy 3:16]

**Praise and Worship:** We are so excited about God that we want to give Him Extravagant Praise. [Psalm 96:4, Psalm 103:2]

**Sharing the Love of Jesus with Everyone:** Taking every opportunity to share the exciting Good News that we can have Eternal Life because Jesus died on the Cross for us, and rose again. [1 Peter 3:15]

**Positive Forward-Looking Faith:** Always pushing forward to what is ahead. Looking for reasons why we "can" rather than why we can't. [Philippians 3:13-14]

**Encouragement, Honour and Respect:** Love and respect for God means love and respect for each other, so we talk each other up, not down. [John 13:34]

**Excellence:** The Lord deserves our best, and so do the people we serve. [Colossians 3:23]