

Where will you be based?

BITTERNE PARK | On the east bank of the River Itchen, Bitterne Park is a mixed economy parish roughly two miles from the city centre, with a great sense of community focussed on the Triangle area with many shops and conveniences. The parish has many families and young people as the schools in the area are very good. There is also a large deprived estate which is cut off from other parts of Southampton; this is one of top priorities is to creatively and prayerfully explore new ways to minister and work within this estate.

Ascension Church is a growing, worshipful community is based in a diverse parish; our aim is to know God and to make him known. On Sundays, we have two services, a 9am formal service and a 10:45am informal service, with a thriving kids ministry. We are constantly seeking to be innovative in our engagement with the local community, through drop-ins for vulnerable adults, toddler groups, cell groups, and alpha courses. We strives to be outward looking and creative in the ways in which we seek to love others – in particular seeking to reimagine ministry in ways which enable the surrounding community to engage with the love of Christ. .

Your Placement Supervisor will be Andy Smith, who has been the vicar at Bitterne Park for 2 years and is the CEMES Scheme Coordinator. Andy is passionate about mission and the local church, and has gathered a growing ministry team – including a Church Army evangelist based in the parish, and two ordinands on placement at Ascension.