

Where will you be based?

SHIRLEY | About a mile from the city centre, Shirley boasts a vibrant High Street and several amazing open spaces – including St James' Park and Southampton Common nearby. The local area includes a real socioeconomic mix; from the Shirley Towers estate, to the wealthier area of Upper Shirley.

St James is a moderately large church with a variety of people of all ages who meet every Sunday to worship, and throughout the week in missional communities and cell groups. This includes a 20-30s cell group who are very welcoming and may be able to offer you peer friendship. We are ordinary people following the extraordinary Jesus together, and our vision is that God is calling us to turn our church community inside out. St James is made up of people mainly from the Upper Shirley area, but we hope that with better engagement with the High Street our church may come to more accurately reflect our parish.

As well as opportunities to explore your gifts in leading and preaching in our Sunday services, you would also be able to work alongside our pioneer curate (developing a missional hub on the High Street), our primary schools' worker (taking lessons and assemblies), our youth worker (being involved in youth programme), our local mission coach (developing missional communities), our pastoral care co-ordinator (seeing how pastoral care is approached), and our vicar (taking weddings and funerals).

Your Placement Supervisor will be Dan Clark, who has been the vicar in Shirley for three years. You will also work alongside Amy Powis, our pioneer curate, who is also the Personal Development Coordinator for the CEMES scheme.

