

Internship in the Emmanuel Group of Churches

- An almost short overview

SUMMARY Emmanuel Church is a vibrant and welcoming church family that tries to serve the local community and share the good news with other people.

CHURCH The church was founded in the 70s when the estates of Northampton East were built. Its building is directly connected to the Weston Favell Shopping Centre. From the beginning it has been an ecumenical church, nowadays Anglicans, Methodists, Baptists and Non-denominational worship and serve there together. Two "Church Plants" hold their services in Rectory Farm Primary School and Boothville Community Centre.

STAFF The church is run by a team of full and part-time ministers, employees and a multitude of volunteers. The church is led by Haydon, the Anglican minister. With his sense of humour and attentive listening he gains the trust of the people and creates an atmosphere of joy and acceptance. He organizes the staff and says what is to be done, but makes also space for people to implement their own ideas. There is also Phil, the Methodist minister and about ten lay ministers for preaching and leading services. In addition to that we have employees for youth work, administration, safe-guarding, community work, foodbank, the coffee shop, cleaning, etc. and volunteers for the manifold activities run in the church. People know and appreciate each other what creates a welcoming space for any newcomer.

SERVICES The Services vary in their form each Sunday. Some services have traditional communion (Anglican or Methodist), others emphasize common worship. There are also new forms like café church and sometimes special programs for children and teenagers.

OTHER ACTIVITIES The most visible activity is obviously the coffee shop, open Mo-Fr 10am to 2pm, offering cheap but reasonable breakfast and lunch and creating a room of encounter and welcome both for the church and the community. There are always people around and available for having fun but also serious talk. In the small sports hall next to it you'll see a tots group twice a week. Every Wednesday loads of volunteers gather to serve homeless and deprived people by offering them free food according to their needs but also by inviting them for a drink and a bit and, if required, also for a chat. This is made possible by many donations and lots of helping hands during the week weighing and sorting various rice, tea, cookies and canned food. For reaching young people Haydon, Phil and Doug speak in school assemblies and occasionally tell biblical stories in schools. Furthermore Melanie (always (!) called Mel), the Youth Pastor, runs two youth clubs every Friday, what allows children and teenagers to play, chat and laugh, do handcrafts, just hang around with their friends in a safe and loving atmosphere. She also does a biblical teaching once a month (as part from the youth club), and an extra bible study for older church kids. The congregation also seeks for other possibilities to engage with the community by events like messy church (every third month), the drop-in-centre in a local community hub on Thursdays, quiz events, carol services and public services in the shopping centre.

**POSSIBLE
TASKS**

Concerning to your personal abilities and preferences interns could work in the following areas:

- Youth work (preparing talk, playing and chatting with children and kids)
- Helping at food bank (preparing parcels, meet'n'greet with clients)
- Hanging around in the coffee shop and just being available both for small talk and kind of pastoral care
- Helping in the coffee shop (till, washing up, cleaning tables)
- Participation in services (reading, preaching, leading, making music...)
- Cleaning toilets and making coffee (just kidding;-)
- Watching and participating in school assemblies or visits
- Preparing and helping out at various missionary events (Experience Christmas, messy church)
- Participation in various church assemblies, meetings

QUALIFICATION

Required or helpful qualities:

- Do you pray?
- Do you enjoy being among other people?
- Are you willing to love people?
- Are you able to listen (and ask questions)?
- Do you work autonomous?
- Are you open to learn and try things you've never done before?
- Are you willing to reflect church activities?

**PROGRAMS
AVAILABLE**

Gen2: including biblical study and theological reflection led by the diocese of Peterborough) 12 months; for more information see: <https://peterboroughdioceseyouthmission.com/>

Internship (self-organized reflection, no seminars) from 5 months

ORGANISATION

Flat&Food: You can either stay together with other interns or live in a host family.

Costs: The church will pay rent and also for your food.

Other expenses, like public transport, general expenses, flights&train, tourist trips, coffee&snacks (in total referring to your life style maybe £ 150 – 300 per month), are to be paid on your own. If necessary the church can help you out. It's worth to apply at "The Vessel" for **funding** and maybe also to ask your "Landeskirche" or diocese.

Since "Brexit" in March 2019 maybe a **visa** is acquired

Health Insurance is required.

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