

Bristol and South Gloucestershire Circuit

**LAY WORKER TO SUPPORT MINISTER IN
SOUTH BRISTOL METHODIST CHURCH (SBMC)**

A post is available for a part time lay worker for South Bristol Methodist Church (SBMC) to supplement the work of the minister in pastoral charge.

Part time: 17.5 hours per week (half time appointment)

A fixed appointment of 12 months from the start date.

The post is subject to an occupational requirement that the holder be a committed Christian under Part 1 of Schedule 9 to the Equality Act 2010.

The person appointed will:

- Undertake pastoral work in the congregations alongside the minister.
- Work as part of a team with the minister and others to offer nurture groups/Alpha courses, Bible studies and other opportunities for learning in the church.
- Lead/co-lead regular services in care homes.
- If suitably qualified, lead/co-lead worship services on Sundays in the churches.
- Work as part of a team with the minister, other lay staff and church members to help the church move forward in its mission.
- Attend SBMC Leadership Team and Church Council Meetings.
- Ensure that all Safeguarding protocols are followed.
- Meet regularly with the minister to review the progress and direction of the work.
- Attend other church meetings as required.

Support for the role:

- To meet, pray and discuss the development of the role with the minister each month and communicate in between
- To have Supervision, in line with Connexional policy for those in pastoral ministry roles

Person specification

Essential:

- Self-motivated, well organised, a good communicator
- Pastoral skills
- Ability to lead small groups for discussion and Bible study
- Able to relate to church members and others, encourage good use of local talents and build good relationships
- Able to work as part of a team
- Good IT and administrative skills
- Willing to keep learning and growing in faith
- A heart for sharing the gospel with others in appropriate ways
- Sympathy with the aims and values of the Methodist Church

Desirable but not essential:

- Experience of working with older people
- Mental Health First Aid training and experience of working with people suffering from mental ill health.
- Experience of leading worship and preaching (local preacher or worship leader in the Methodist Church or equivalent)

Further information about the appointment can be obtained on request. If you sense God may be calling you to this exciting opportunity, please contact the Senior Circuit Steward, Mr Pete Jones at:

petecircuitsteward@bsgc.org.uk

Closing Date: Friday 28 November 2025

To learn more about our Circuit, the South Bristol Cluster and the work that we do, please visit our websites:

<https://www.bsgc.org.uk/welcome.htm>

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