

## **Ministry Assistant (Worship, Youth & Children's Ministry)**

South Chingford Congregational Church, London, UK

12-24 month volunteer placement with accommodation, meals and living allowance provided

### **About the role**

South Chingford Congregational Church is a welcoming, multicultural, family-friendly church in East London. We exist to be disciples and to make disciples.

We are offering a 1-2 year Ministry Assistant placement for a committed Christian with gifts in worship, youth and children's ministry. This role is ideal for someone exploring a call to ministry or seeking practical experience in a vibrant UK church setting.

The placement provides the opportunity to serve alongside our Pastor and Leadership Team, contribute to church life, and develop spiritually, personally and in leadership.

### **Main tasks**

The Ministry Assistant will serve under the supervision of the Pastor and may contribute in the following ways, depending on skills and experience:

#### **Worship & Music:**

- Support the planning and leading of Sunday worship services
- Lead or assist with music, vocals or instruments
- Help coordinate musicians, singers and service participants
- Introduce or strengthen creative elements in worship

#### **Youth & Children's Ministry:**

- Support weekly children's sessions, including Children's Church and creche
- Help plan activities and lessons appropriate to age groups
- Build relationships with young people through mentoring and discipleship
- Assist with youth events, outreach, or special services

#### **Discipleship & Church Life:**

- Participate or share in the leadership of small groups and encourage others in spiritual growth
- Support community outreach and special church events
- Engage in pastoral visits or follow up with newcomers (as appropriate).

#### **Training & Personal Development:**

- Attend regular supervision and mentoring meetings with the Pastor
- Participate in training, reflection and study opportunities
- Share in the prayer and worship life of the church community

## Person Specification

<b>Essential</b>	<b>Desirable</b>
A committed Christian with an active faith and servant heart	Musical ability (Vocals or instrument)
In agreement with the <a href="#">Evangelical Alliance basis of faith</a> and fully supportive of the ethos and mission of South Chingford Congregational Church	Experience in children's or youth ministry
Ability to relate well to people of different ages and backgrounds	Some theological study or Bible college experience
Willingness to learn, adapt and serve in a cross-cultural context	Experience of leading worship or small groups
Good communication and interpersonal skills	Creative gifts

## Support Provided

**Accommodation:** Provided with a host family in London (private room, shared meals, utilities included).

**Meals:** Breakfast and main meals provided daily.

**Living allowance:** £500 per month for personal needs, travel and other expenses.

**Visa & Travel:** Supported through the UK Religious Worker Visa route (Home Office sponsorship by South Chingford Congregational Church). Return flight covered.

**Supervision:** Regular mentoring by the Pastor

**Training:** Participation in ministry and leadership training opportunities during the placement.

## Duration & Timing

**Length:** 1-2 years

**Start date:** Expected mid-2026 (subject to visa process)

**Location:** South Chingford, London, United Kingdom.

## Application Process

Applications and initial enquiries to Tabitha Makuma (PA to the Pastor):

[tabitha@chingfordcong.org.uk](mailto:tabitha@chingfordcong.org.uk)

Process:

1. Submit CV and covering letter describing your faith journey, ministry experience, and why you are interested in this placement.
2. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to an online interview with the Pastor.
3. Final interviews and orientation meetings will be held locally before travel arrangements are confirmed.

## **Safeguarding**

South Chingford Congregational Church is committed to creating a safe environment for children, young people and vulnerable adults.

All applicants must provide two written references at the point of application and a current Police Certificate of Good Conduct from their home country before travel. A UK DBS check will also be carried out upon arrival in the United Kingdom. The Ministry Assistant will not undertake unsupervised work with children or vulnerable people until the DBS check has been completed.