

 **Information for
Placement Church**



Join us for an amazing year



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A year's adventure
with God 



Vision

Our vision for the Pursuit year is to see a generation of young leaders released to learn, to grow, to be challenged, to make mistakes and most of all to lead in step with Jesus.



Our vision is beyond a year; this journey towards being a great leader is a lifetime pursuit. We want the Associates to catch God's vision for his people and to be the outworking of that in the world. We believe that this is a central part of being the local church and seeing our nation changed. We want to see young people gaining hands on experience that comes from pursuing God, seeing where he's working and joining in.



What is the year about?

As a placement you will be supporting the church Associate and giving them the opportunity to grow in their faith by participating in the ministry in your church.

Pursuit is a year given to God by the Associates to work with a local parish church focused on an area of ministry that inspires them. During this time they will be given the opportunity to serve and study within the church community. It will be a chance to explore whether God might be calling them into some form of Christian leadership. As a placement you would be expected to continuously look to give your Associate opportunities to lead and to learn – participating in church life alongside the rest of your teams.

Associate's theological formation would come from attendance on the Diocesan Living Faith Course, personal study & devotion. Their leadership formation would be together as a cohort, with regular workshops & some residential on leadership skills, theology of leadership, and their personal leadership development. We will be using Growing Leaders Youth Edition by CPAS as the basis for this training. Their Spiritual formation would happen through reflective practice groups coming together and spending time studying and discussing pre-set topics. Each applicant will be set a reading list and would be expected to keep up with regular personal study, as well as adopt a rule of life for the year which would be developed and overseen

by the Pursuit team. The Pursuit team consists of Dani Taylor Youth Leadership Development Officer and Director of Pursuit and Dan Jenkins the Diocesan Youth Officer. The purpose for this year is to give time to God, to serve him and the local church whilst deepening their knowledge; theologically, biblically, spiritually and practically.

The year also would include participation in the planning and delivering of May Camp as well as an overseas trip. These experiences will give each Associate a broad view of ministry and different expressions of the Christian faith.

Training Days will be held on Mondays and located at Church House, Hove.

The example outline for the year is as follows;

September

A night away for team building and introduction to the year together then a week of induction to the placement and role within their church.

October – December

Training once a week at Church House covering personal development and leadership skills.

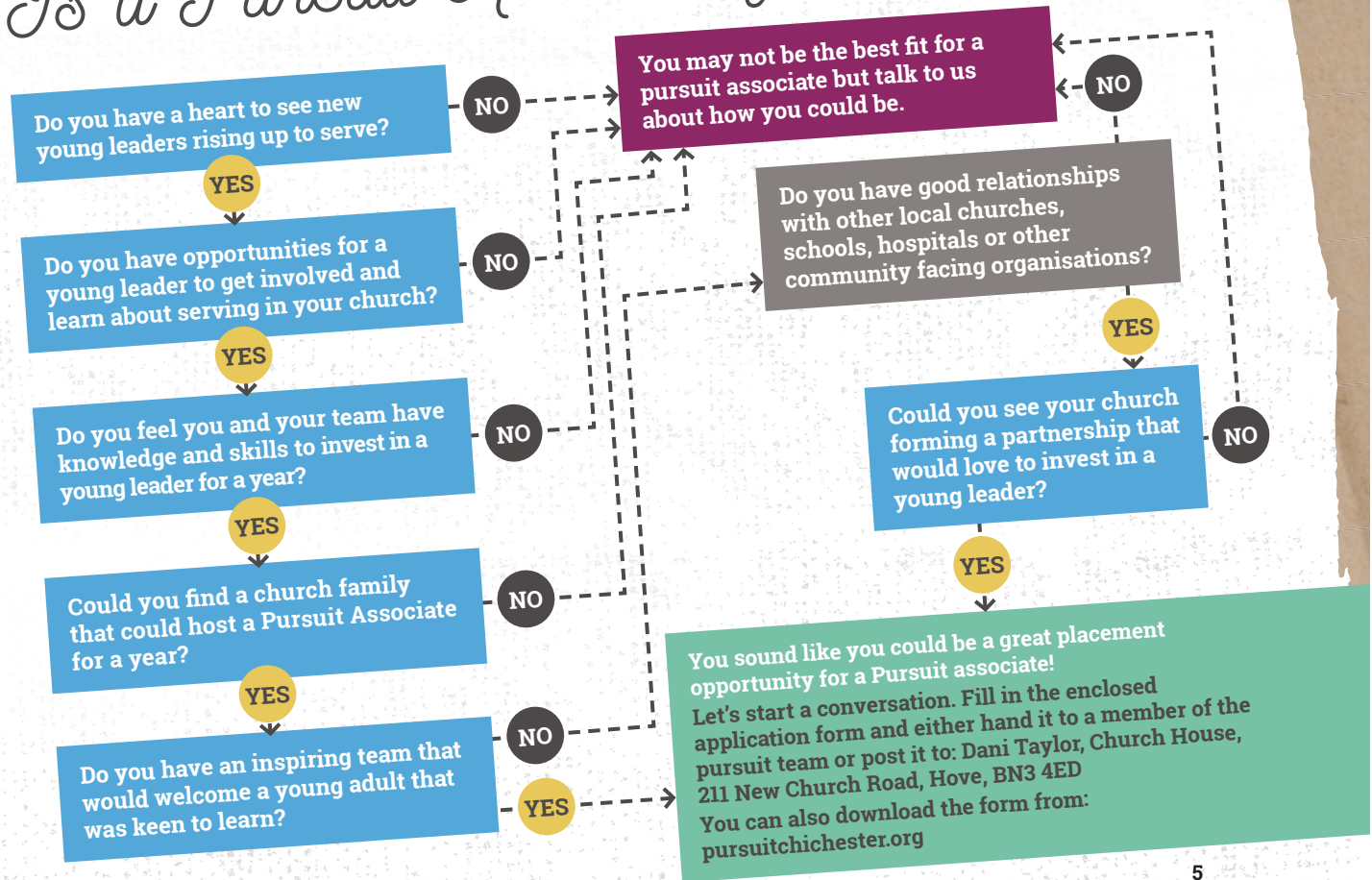
January – April

Living Faith is weekly and leadership training once a fortnight. The introduction of May Camp and planning support for the event.

May – July

May Camp and overseas trip. To end the year we will have a night away to celebrate stories of the year and commission the Associates into whatever they are doing next in their life. (Parents and friends are welcome to attend their final commissioning).

Is a Pursuit Associate for us?



Outline of year

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Induction overnight
at St Bartz Centre



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Training at Church House, Hove

All the Associates will gather together to go through the same training. They will be looking at leadership, discipleship, spiritual disciplines and pursuing their calling with God.

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Living Faith

This course is designed to give a theological underpinning to your faith that will empower you to work out your calling more effectively. Associates can choose which night and location works best for them. For more information on Living Faith please visit the diocesan website.



Living Faith

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Christmas break

This will be negotiated with your Associate. You will want to have them involved with events and services you're running at this busy time, but it is required you allow them up to two weeks for some time off to relax, reflect and recharge with friends and family ready for the new year!



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Life Skills

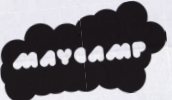
Associates will gather a little less often whilst Living Faith is going on but when they do they will catch up on how they are getting on with LF and also look at some essential life skills, money management, time management, presentation skills and more.



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Easter Break

This will be negotiated with your Associate. You will want to have them involved with events and services you're running at this busy time, but it is required you allow them up to two weeks for some time off to relax, reflect and recharge with friends and family and eat lots of chocolate!



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May Camp

This is the diocesan youth festival run every year at Plumpton Racecourse. Young people gather from across the diocese for a weekend full of games, activities, worship and teaching. This weekend is formational for many young people learning about God and experiencing his love for them. You will get the chance to help plan and deliver parts of the weekend, whilst outworking your leadership skills.

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Reading List



Associates will be expected to choose a minimum of three books from our book list to read throughout the year. We will discuss what they've read and how it has inspired and challenged them. If needed we could also arrange for audiobooks if that would make life easier for them.

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Rule of Life

What is a rule of life? It is something that we commit to, a spiritual discipline which we do daily. Living out spiritual disciplines will be encouraged from the start of the year but we will regularly review how Associates are doing and establishing a rule of life that works for you, your spiritual style and your personality type.

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Outreach Mission

You will get the opportunity to go overseas in a mission trip and serve God in a different culture. We hope this will be a chance for you to see the richness of God's love for people and the church outside of their everyday experience.

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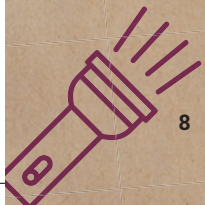
We end our year with another overnight stay at St Bartz, we will hear stories of what associates have been up to during the year and commission them to go further as they complete their year with us and go out to whatever God has called them to next.

As a placement what do I need to do?



As a placement it would be up to you how you manage the Associate's time and focus, agreed with the Pursuit team. Pursuit would require you to have a placement outline for the role that you would like them to fulfil so that we can place the right person with you. This would be to explain the role that you would be looking for and the duties that the Associate would be required to fulfil.

We are looking to recruit people who are 18 to 30 years old who are looking to explore their own calling in ministry.



Placement Outline

This is your chance to outline the role that you would like the Associate to have within your placement. For instance how many hours and what focus would you like them to have over the year that they are with you. It could be with children, youth, schools work, worship, administration, social media and communications, the elderly, chaplaincy or any other area where you would like someone to support and focus their time.

Line Manager

Is someone who will make sure that the Associate is using their time wisely and supporting them to give their best. The line manager should have a good idea of the Associate's work load and lookout for their general wellbeing. There would be an expectation for them to meet at least twice a month if not more. It would preferably be the Vicar or

Curate at the placement but if you have a salaried youth/ children's worker that is well suited then they could take that role.

The Pursuit team can provide guidelines upon request if a placement should need them. Before the start of the year the team will visit every placement and meet the people involved.

The Pursuit team will be available to help with all aspects throughout the year. It would be expected that they would meet one to one with each placement and Associate at least once a term outside of central training.

Spiritual Buddy

Is someone who will be there to meet with the Associate and talk through the experiences they are having, pray with and for them and input into their life. The Pursuit team will prepare guidelines for finding and

appointing a Spiritual Buddy for the Associate. For example, to have experience in the work that they will be taking part in, a mature Christian, not in leadership within the parish, on the PCC or current clergy. Spiritual Buddies will be expected, as a minimum, to meet with the Associate on a monthly basis.

Housing

Housing will need to be provided by the placement. If the Associate is staying within their own church it would be expected that they would find their own housing with the help of the church, possibly staying in their current housing. If the Associate is moving into a new church then it would be up to the placement to find suitable accommodation for the Associate for the year. Pursuit will take a quality assurance role in suitability of housing but will be delegating the provision

and the details around this to the placement and their leadership. There will be a few basic stipulations.

- The housing is not with the incumbent, curate or any paid member of the church,
- The Associate would have their own space – which is big enough for them to work in & relax in
- They have access to internet within the home.
- Breakfast and an evening meal are provided for the Associate.

Safeguarding

A DBS Check for the Associate is something that you as placement will need to organise so that the Associate is able to fulfil the duties for you without any barriers. Before your Associate starts their placement they will have undertaken C0 and C1 safeguarding training online and on their first residential they will cover basic safeguarding training.

Cost



The cost for each Associate is £2000, this will cover all their central training, residential trips and their overseas mission trip. This payment can be made in installments over the course of the year or in one lump sum.



There is no cost to the Associate themselves as we do not want to exclude anyone based on finance. However they will need to cover their everyday living costs.

Accommodation is up to each individual placement but we would not expect the Associate to contribute to the cost of living as a rent payment.

It would be expected that if needed the placement church would help towards the cost of their Associate's travel expenses to training at St Bartz and Church House. Living Faith will be held in various locations across the diocese of which you can choose which one the Associate attends. If there are others from your church taking part in Living Faith then they could share lifts to and from the training.

We understand that some Associates may need to find a part time job to help with their living costs for the year and we would work with the placement and the Associate to come to some arrangement where this could work.

What next?

**If you want to know more then please contact Dani Taylor at Church House:
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**If you are ready to apply then please fill in the application form and send to:
Dani Taylor, Pursuit, Church House, 211
New Church Road, Hove BN3 4ED**

Once we have received your application we will be in touch to arrange a visit to your placement and go over your outline and see the accommodation that you have arranged. We will then match an Associate to your placement and make sure that they are a best fit for the year.

We will then invite the potential Associate to visit you and have a look around and hear about what they will be involved with for the year. We would hope that it will be a success but if not then we will review the Placement and the possible Associates and make recommendations.





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