

North East – Brierley | Hemsworth | Monk Bretton | Ryhill | Staincross

South – Hoyland & Birdwell | Darfield Wesley | Great Houghton | Pilley | Wombwell

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Volunteering Outline - Role Description

Volunteer Role Title: **Junior Church Group Leader**

Location: Barnsley Methodist Circuit

Responsible to & supported by: Ministers, Lay Workers, & Church & Chapel representatives

What is Junior Church Group?

Junior Church is an alternative young people's worship group that takes place on a Sunday morning during the middle - latter part of the main service. It allows our young people to learn about God in an alternative age-appropriate way. It involves discussion, games, crafts and other activities that make worship more relevant to them.

Skills Required

- A helpful and friendly disposition
- An ability to plan and deliver sessions that include discussions, games, crafts etc.
- An ability to work as part of a team
- Good interpersonal skills both with adults and children
- Have a flexible attitude to working with others
- Awareness of health & safety issues
- An ability to coordinate and organise other volunteers within the group

Time / Commitment Required

- 1 - 1.5 hours on selected Sundays as and when required - approx one per month
- Preparation of the session, set before the session & clear away afterwards

The role of a Junior Church Leader

- Set up the room before start of service
- Help young people move from the service when prompted by preacher
- Deliver the alternative young people's worship session
- Coordinate other helpers during and after the session
- Return the young people get back to their adult at the end of the session
- Coordinate clearing away

What requirements are needed to fulfil the role of a Junior Church Group Leader?

- As a minimum - Completion of the Foundation module: Creating Safer Space: Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Course which takes approx. 2-3 hours (every 4 years) & passing on any observed or communicated concerns or worries relating to any child or adult attending the chapel to the Worship Steward, Safeguarding officer and / or minister. However, the Advanced module is preferred, but not essential at the moment.

- A satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure from the Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) (every 5 years) – volunteers will be asked to provide all relevant documents for these checks. There is no cost to the volunteer for this check.
- Recommended but not compulsory - completion of the EDI (Equality, Diversity & Inclusion) Training Course.
- Recommended but not compulsory - completion of the Unconscious Bias training.
- Recommended but not compulsory - First Aid certificate (every 3 years).

This role outline was approved by Barnsley Circuit Meeting on 17th September 2026 and will be reviewed annually.

Please refer to the Circuit website for contact details of all chapel Leadership Teams, Church Council members, Circuit Meeting representatives & Circuit Leadership Team members.