Area Pastor (Peterborough Campus)

Job Title: Area Pastor

Reports to: Area Pastor Team Leader

Responsible for: Volunteer Group Pastors and LifeGroup Leaders in the designated

geographical or demographic area(s)

Hours: 40 hours a week (minimum of 2 hours to be worked on a Sunday)

Salary: £38,462 per annum

Location: KingsGate Community Church, Peterborough

Role Overview:

Within the designated geographic or demographic area, and in partnership with fellow Area Pastors and leaders of specialist ministries, the role of an Area Pastor is to:

- Equip and lead their team of pastoral leaders.
- Ensure the provision of excellent pastoral care.
- Develop and implement effective missional activities.

Key Responsibilities:

1. Leadership and Development

- Provide effective leadership, support, and oversight of Pastoral Leaders in the designated area(s), including Group Pastors and LifeGroup Leaders.
- Raise up and develop pastoral leaders at all levels to ensure numerical growth and the health of leaders throughout the leadership pathway, from core team to Group Pastors.
- Assist in the training of Group Pastors and LifeGroup Leaders under the direction of the Head of the Area Pastor Team.
- Bring your specific gifts and abilities as a contribution to the whole Area Pastor team so that together we can work more effectively to raise leaders, provide pastoral care, and reach our city and region.

2. Pastoral Care and Support

• Work with Pastoral Leaders to ensure that excellent pastoral care is provided to those within the designated area(s).

- Coordinate with the Head of the Area Pastor Team to ensure that people are appropriately signposted to specialist courses and support ministries (e.g., referrals for pastoral counselling and 1-2-1 ministry), in liaison with the Head of Pastoral Support Ministries.
- Facilitate excellent delivery of care, support, and services for people in significant life stages, including:
 - Funerals (including bereavement support)
 - Weddings (including marriage counselling)
 - Dedications
 - o Baptisms
- Ensure the delivery of funeral services and weddings as required.

3. Discipleship and Mission

- Work with Group Pastors and LifeGroup Leaders in your designated geographic or demographic area(s) to help people take effective next steps in their discipleship journey.
- Work with the Head of the Area Pastor Team to develop a strategic plan for the implementation of effective missional activities in the geographic and/or demographic area(s) you are responsible for.

4. Community Engagement

- Be a relevant voice in the communities within the designated geographical and/or demographic area(s), building appropriate relationships with other pastors and leaders.
- Stay informed about wider activities within the area and be supportive, where appropriate, to other establishments (e.g., schools, businesses, etc.).

5. General

- Be an effective internal and external ambassador for KingsGate, promoting the organisation's vision and values, positive corporate reputation through active partnership with other relevant stakeholders.
- Positively manage your own personal development to make sure you maintain the technical and professional competence required to effectively perform your role and meet the standards of the organisation.
- Promote positive communication across the organisation, encourage constructive relationships and develop effective staff feedback methods.
- Demonstrate a commitment to Safeguarding by reading, understanding and personally applying the safeguarding policy and procedures, undertaking appropriate safeguarding training and ensuring any incident is reported immediately.

- Ensure Safeguarding policy and procedures are applied within your designated area, ensuring all staff and volunteers have received appropriate safeguarding training and if carrying out regulated activities have a current DBS
- Ensure appropriate processes are in place to identify, assess and manage potential risks involved in work activities and processes within your designated area.
- Keep confidential, and do not share inappropriately with colleagues or third parties any information on matters and circumstances which are sensitive.
- Record and use information in accordance with KingsGate procedures and legal requirements i.e. Data Protection.
- Make sure that health and safety requirements are met in your designated area.
- Respect the vision and values of KingsGate.
- Perform any other tasks that may arise from time to time which are appropriate to this level of post.

Key Skills and Competencies:

- Communication: Exceptional interpersonal, written, and verbal communication skills
- Organisational skills: Strong planning, organisational, and administrative skills, with the ability to prioritise tasks, meet deadlines, and manage a varied and challenging workload.
- Strategic Thinking: Strong strategic thinking with the ability to execute plans, delegate tasks, and empower others.
- Spiritual Leadership: Ability to lead prayer and other devotional meetings
- Technological Proficiency: Skilled in Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint) and other tools like Zoom or project management software.

Person Specification:

- A Committed Christian, mature in their faith and modelling Christian discipleship and growth and able to adhere to the vision and values of KingsGate.
- Proven track record in high-level pastoral care and leadership, with the ability to inspire, coach, and mentor others.
- Experienced in identifying and developing pastoral leaders, building and equipping volunteer teams, and expanding a pastoral network through high-level pastoral volunteers.

- Able to communicate ideas with wisdom and insight, work collaboratively in a leadership context.
- Able to develop and implement effective missional activities.
- Able to work independently, remain calm under pressure, and adapt to a flexible work environment.
- Demonstrates patience, empathy, discretion, and integrity. Trustworthy and able to maintain confidentiality.
- Preferably educated to degree level or equivalent.
- Appropriate pastoral training and a suitable level of biblical literacy.
- A counselling qualification is desirable.

How to Apply:

Interested candidates should complete the application form and send to hradministrator@kingsgate.church by **Monday 21 April**.