



ST AGNES
in St Paul's

Welcome to St Agnes in St Paul's, Bristol



St Agnes is situated at the heart of St Paul's and the Windrush Community. As you come into Bristol on the M32, the building is a welcoming presence as it stands tall and proud. A significant number of the Black Community attended St Agnes when they first arrived in this country from the Caribbean, and whilst some have died, many of the descendants still

consider St Agnes their home church. This is symbolised by the number of funerals that happen here for people who live across the city, and the baptisms that celebrate the continuity of life.

Our Vision

'To love God and love our community as Jesus loved. He welcomed the stranger and made all people feel valued and cared for.'

At St Agnes we want to be that welcoming presence where people can get to know God better in a safe and secure space and where adults and children alike feel nurtured and listened to. We want to serve our community through acts of kindness and generous love and are looking for people who want to join us as we explore faith together and grow as a community serving God and one another.

Who we are

We are a growing and diverse church with a small number of families and children, older adults and people somewhere in between! We aspire to be Jesus Shaped People and to show His love, warmth and welcome to all. So, if you love Jesus, love people (especially children and families or adults), and you are up for the challenges of a vibrant and diverse community, then this might be the job for you!

What we do

Our services are varied but always with Bible teaching and Spirit-filled worship. Once a month we have a **Breakfast All Age Service** which many families come to and enjoy. This is intergenerational and interactive. Also, once a month, during the morning service, we have a **Kids' Club** where children can have more focused teaching and activities. With 21% of our parish being under the age of 19 years, our hope with the **Children and Families' Pastor** role is to reach out to families and children in the area, and to increase our provision so that we can offer a more consistent children's ministry not just on Sundays but also throughout the week.

St Agnes has a heart to serve the community, and this is reflected in our weekly **Stay and Play** group that meets on Tuesdays and our new **After School Community Cafe**. Here we offer craft activities and chill out space, snacks and then a hot meal for the whole family, and others, in our community. We would like to run more outreach activities and to use these to better connect with our community. Our hope is that the **Community Connector** role will increase our capacity and engagement with the parish and enable us to discover how best we can serve them.

As well as showing God's love to people through **action**, we are also keen to help people come to know and love God through **teaching and discipleship**. We have run Jesus Shaped People groups, Alpha groups and a Youth Alpha group. Through these we have seen people grow in confidence to share their faith with others. It is therefore an important aspect of these roles that the person(s) has a **living and active faith** and that they know the redemptive and transformative power of Jesus in their own lives.

We currently have two part-time vacancies, 'Children's & Families' Pastor' (22.5 hrs) and 'Community Connector' (15 hrs).

- We are NOT looking for saviours – We already have one!
- We are NOT looking for people to parachute in and change things single handedly!
- We are NOT looking for people who think they have all the answers!
- What we ARE looking for are people with a passion for Jesus who will love working with children and their families in our inner-city context. (The **Pastor** role)
- We ARE looking for people who are committed to developing positive connections with people and groups within the community. (The **Connector** role)
- We ARE looking for team players – who will enjoy working with others and who will encourage them to join in with the ministry of St Agnes.
- We ARE looking for people who will use their gifts to bless the work that is already going on at St Agnes and who can develop opportunities that will encourage systemic change and transformation within our community.

Could one or both these roles be right for you? (For the right person they could be combined to create a full-time role)

For more details of the two vacancies, please see here:

<https://www.bristol.anglican.org/aboutus/vacancies-xdb/parish-vacancies/>

You will also find details there on how you can arrange an informal conversation or visit, and how to make your application.