



the unitarians

Brook Street Unitarian and Free Christian Chapel

Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 8DY

www.brookstreetchapel.org



Vacancy for a part time Minister

Expressions of interest are invited

The vacancy occurs due to the forthcoming retirement of our Minister.

Whilst we are Unitarian in our philosophy, open to all faiths and none, and welcoming of inputs from all faith traditions, our ethos is rooted in liberal Christianity. Our congregation and members would expect our new Minister to reflect that in their theology and services.

A highly engaging congregation work with the Minister and the committee to create a wonderful environment of friendship and help. There is a growing service attendance of about 40 people, with inspiring organ music provided by two talented

organists. The chapel has an active events schedule, including Heritage week-ends, garden parties, and concerts in the chapel and our hall, which is in the same grounds. We are located in the historic town of Knutsford, and the chapel is a 17th century grade 1 listed building. There is a lovely garden, with the final resting place of the renowned author, Elizabeth Gaskell, attracting many visitors.

The post is part time for 20 hrs per week. The vacancy occurs from the 15th August. The starting date is negotiable.

Extent of Duties:

The expectation is that the Minister will deliver three services a month, to include one family service. (On other Sundays it is our practice to invite a visiting speaker to lead the service, or for members to conduct their own service).

To administer pastoral support to our congregation, so travelling time from their home base would need to be practical:

To undertake Rites of Passage.

To submit a monthly report to the Committee, either in writing or by attendance.

To attend chapel events.

To liaise with our web-site manager re updating information and news.

To work with the Committee to maintain a supportive environment, and growth of the congregation.

The salary will be in line with GA guidelines. We are open to discussions on a performance related bonus payment, as well as allowances for relocation, accommodation, travel, phone, and sundry expenses.

Interested parties should contact the GA in the first instance, and ask to be put in touch with the congregation. The congregation will handle the selection process from thereon in, which will include the delivery of one or more services at Brook Street, as well as formal interviews by members of the Committee.

Interested parties may speak in confidence to our Chairman prior to the process if they so wish, by contacting Graham Birks on 01606 558424.