

Calling Ministers: why consider School Chaplaincy?



Methodist Schools

Over 20,000 children attend Methodist schools and when you add their families and the staff, it means that schools' Chaplains routinely connect with the lives of over 100,000 people, many of whom will have little or no direct experience of church.

- Methodist schools all have a number of opportunities in common:
- Work with and influence children and young people
- Work with and support teachers and others who work in schools
- Bring the Church's mission into the daily life of a school
- Be there when people need you most
- Be there for people when they don't think they need you at all
- Bridge the gap between Church and Community
- Be part of a thriving network of Chaplains

To find out more:

Visit the Methodist Schools website or contact the Schools Office.

What do Chaplains do?

There are almost as many answers to this as there are Chaplains and schools but here is a short list of tasks:

- Lead services and assemblies
- Support pupils seeking deeper understanding of their own faith
- Provide counselling and care for pupils, staff and families
- Teach a specialist subject (if qualified and if you really want to do so)
- Loiter with intent to be available to people

Where are the Schools?

Methodist Schools include 66 maintained sector primary schools or academies and 18 independent schools all over the country.

In the maintained sector schools the role of Chaplain is usually combined with circuit ministry.

In the independent schools normal stationing processes apply and because many have boarding pupils Chaplains become 24/7 members of the school community. The Chaplain is a primary point of contact between the school and the local Circuit and District.



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