



May God give you much joy and blessing in 2018

Update

Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and support for the work of the Schools Christian Worker Project during 2017.

You will probably remember that everything was progressing in a really encouraging manner. Then in early July, Hannah accepted an offer to do a very similar job in Chester. We were very sad to see her go although we quite understand the attraction of working in her home city.

Since then, we have held two rounds of interviews and followed up two very interesting possibilities.

Advertising

For a range of reasons none of this has resulted in a new worker, so we are starting the process of advertising again. Apparently we are not alone in finding it harder to appoint workers just at the moment; due possibly to the increase of larger churches and organisations employing teams of youth workers in internship and training placements etc. and the national improvement in employment levels.

Despite that and the frustrations of last term, the Board members are united in believing that God does have a plan to enable the populations of our schools to hear clearly about the God who loves them and wants to be the perfect father to every individual. Several schools have said that they are missing the workers' skilled and fun input. You, the supporters, have continued to pray and back the project so we are continuing to search for the right people to take advantage of these open doors.

The attached advert is going out now, please forward it or put up a copy anywhere suitable. Interviews will be in the week beginning 5th March.

After taking all the advice we can, there are some adjustments this round.

- It is clearer that applications for people who want to work part time and form part of a group ministry would be welcomed. The fact that we have had a term with no salaries to pay has helped reserves so we have some flexibility in how we employ people.
- The start date is very flexible. It would be lovely to appoint someone in early March who can hit the ground running the next day, but in reality we would be happy to know the right person was free to start in September. We also have offers from SU, Ben and both Hannahs to help mentor a worker into a job where they will not now get the normal hand over period.
- We are aware that it could be quite intimidating for a new worker with no family or contacts in the area to begin looking for somewhere to live as well as adjusting to a new and challenging job. If you are aware of potential initial accommodation, possibly a house/flat share, room in a family home or use of an annexe please let us know so we can be prepared with useful information.

Prayer Breakfasts and AGM news

The advert and a 2018 list of host churches for the Prayer Breakfasts are on the web site www.scwp.org.uk and Alan kindly sends out reminders. The next two are: Sat 3rd February at Whittington and 3rd March at Cornerstone.

Finally we are delighted that at our **2018 AGM at Trefonen Church on Monday 14th May at 7.30 'The Original' Hannah Moore**, who was our second SCWP worker, has agreed to be our speaker.

The SCWP team join me in thanking you so much for your faithfulness through this complicated year.
Gill Buckeridge – SCWP Chair