

We have the opportunity to develop something unique and something pioneering in Lyon, in 2021. We are offering a full-time post that combines pastoral ministry in a french (EPUDF) church with bilingual mission and outreach in partnership with Trinity Church Lyon.

Some background about the Anglican church in Lyon.

Trinity Church has accompanied English-speaking worshippers on their spiritual journey in the city of Lyon since the 1850s.

We are a network of people, who come from many countries, many stages of faith, who live in the Lyon region and speak (some) english.

It is estimated that there are between 80-100,000 English speakers in the Lyon region, some are expats and some are refugees speaking asylum and integration into France. We understand our mission to help engage this segment of the community with the Gospel.

The mission partnership with the EPUDF is a concrete effort to take our mission and the Reuilly Agreements (https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2017-11/reuilly_english.pdf) to a new level. To deploy someone dedicated to bilingual outreach - creating opportunities for French and English speakers to engage with the Christian faith in new ways.

The evolution of Anglican outreach and mission in the UK over recent years, with ventures like 'Fresh Expressions' and 'church multiplication' models find increasing relevance in France. Whilst requiring contextualisation, much of the research, pioneering and discovery by the Church of England will greatly assist established churches in France as they seek to engage new generations with the Christian faith.

Serving in Lyon will be exciting, it will be rich and extremely diverse. You will be based in a great city with a deep spiritual history and superb links to the mountains and the mediterranean.

You will need to have a spirit of adventure as you will be pioneering a new ministry and at times will have to be both courageous and inventive.

There will be a creative tension between being freed from some traditional pastoral ministry whilst at the same time having to pioneer and explore new territory.

You will have a supportive team and will be welcomed into strong ecumenical relations in the city.

You will need to be flexible, adaptable, creative and innovative.

You will need to be open to and nourished by, a variety of spiritualities and worship styles.

It is essential that you are a team player and can connect with people from a variety of backgrounds, nationalities and denominations.

Curiosity about church on the margins and Anglicanism as 'bridge building' will find fertile ground in Lyon.

A 'useful' level of french is vital.

Additional information about Trinity Church Lyon:

We are an international community of Christians drawn from 33 different nationalities, different traditions, church backgrounds and experiences. We meet in small groups around the city and are around 120 children and adults meeting on a Sunday morning for worship.

Ministry Areas

Farsi outreach with local churches

Ecumenical Partnerships

Youth Ministry with groups meeting every Sunday.

Men's groups/Women's groups

Preacher and Worship Leader training

Prayer Ministry

CEMES Internships

Student/Young Professional networks

Zoom studies, prayer and worship services during periods of lockdown and beyond!

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