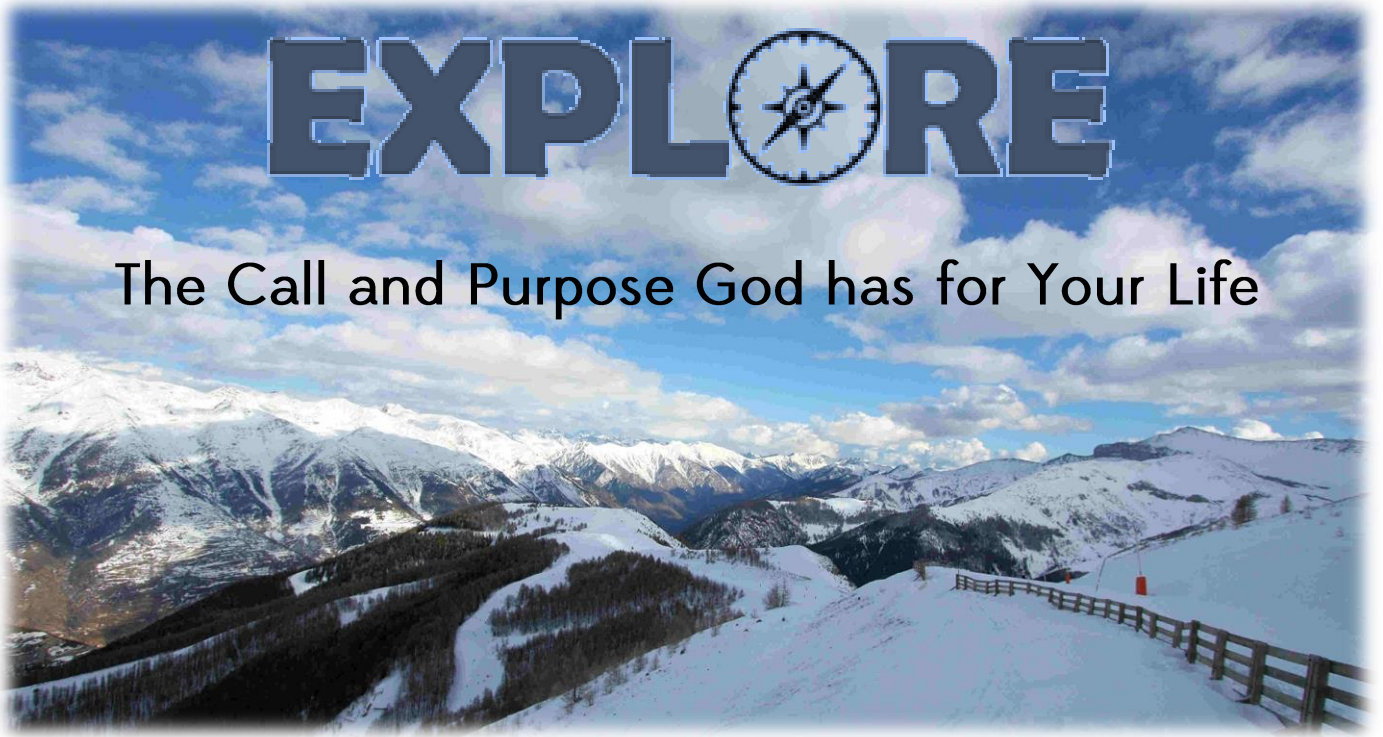


EXPLORE

The Call and Purpose God has for Your Life



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The heart of a Placement with Community Church is to develop the individual in their discipleship, so that they will grow more like Jesus, have a better understanding of the Word, and discover the next steps on their missional adventure.

We are fortunate at Community Church to have benefited from people volunteering for our Placement Programme from overseas and locally. This is a great opportunity to join a team of people working in the church and in the community. We have called this programme “**Explore**” as we want you to explore the call and purpose that God has for your life. The heart of **Explore** to develop the individual in their discipleship, so that they will grow more like Jesus, have a better understanding of the Word, and discover the next steps on their missional adventure. We pray that your time with us on this placement programme will change and shape you.

As part of **Explore** you will:

- **Develop** – Key Leadership Skills, applicable to every area of life, and specific skills for your calling
- **Experience** – The adventure of overseas mission
- **Discover** – The call and purpose that God has for your life and exercise and nurture your spiritual gifts and passions
- **Deepen** – your knowledge and experience of God and His Word
- **Grow** – through discipleship and service in local church
- **Extend** – your depth of experience on your CV

This will be achieved through:

- **Service** in the church and community
- **Discipleship**
- **Mission**

Explore is for people who are aged 18 years and over who want to work with us and to help us do what God has called us to do as a church. The placement can be over 3,6 or 12 months. There is a genuine occupational requirement that the applicant has a personal Christian faith and a desire to grow deeper in it.

It is our firm belief that the local church is a great place to learn about ourselves in the context of God’s family. This also allows God to lead and guide us as we pursue His plans for our life. Through our placement programme you will meet with people waiting to support you as you explore the next step in your walk with God. But don’t look at it as a time out! Your time with our placement programme will be an integral part of your exciting life adventure!

The skills you can gain are much in demand. These will include time management, working in teams, leadership skills, planning and thinking under pressure. We believe that through your placement programme you will benefit from an increase in confidence and will learn good practice by tackling challenges with support and in an environment of grace. We are looking for people who are self-motivated, outgoing, willing to learn, and willing to take on responsibility under supervision, adaptable and interested in integration into church life.

Our aim of **Explore** is to see you grow in your love for God’s people, the community around you and in your own spiritual and Biblical walk with God. We want to help you make the best choices for the future and prepare you for a life of service to God.

Service in the church and community

We will provide a regular weekly programme of opportunities to serve in the church and in the community. These will be discussed with each individual and the programme developed to suit their giftings and interests where possible.

Areas of service may include any of the following activities:

- worship
- schools work
- administration and IT
- youth or children's work
- ministry training programmes
- technical support sound, lighting
- Multi-media and video
- community projects
- event organisation
- caring groups
- creative arts
- outreach

Discipleship

As part of the **Explore** programme there will be regular one to one discipleship, and group learning. You will be expected to take time for personal study. There will also be opportunities to attend conferences and training days as they become available. You will be encouraged to journal your experience and provide relevant reports as part of the feedback about your placement.

Mission

Mission is an excellent way to grow as a Christian and to fulfil God's call to make disciples! As part of **Explore** there will be opportunities for pioneering mission trips (some abroad) supporting other projects and churches that we are related to.

Support

You will have a direct point of contact for your placement who will be your day to day line manager. You will also have someone who will disciple you on a weekly basis and someone who will oversee the placement pastorally.

Costs

As with any programme of this kind there will be costs involved. Community Church will endeavour to keep these as low as possible by subsidising the programme as much as it can.

Your next step

So if you feel that you may be interested in our **Explore** programme please complete the application form and submit to the church office. Applicants will be interviewed, references sought and a DBS check required.

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Application Form

Name: _____

Email: _____

Mobile: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Education: _____

What areas are you serving in the church at the moment?

What is your area of ministry interest?

In no more than 500 words, please state why you feel the Explore Placement Programme is for you:

Signed:

Date: