



# COVE PARISH

Reflecting Jesus  
Loving Joyfully  
Inspiring Hope



Curate Profile



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Whole-life worship,  
Gracious Generosity,  
Transformative Encounters,  
Unified in our uniqueness &  
Courageous Faith



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# WHO WE ARE

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We are a thriving church family with a heart to reach out to our wider community, demonstrating gracious generosity, and whole life worship whilst reflecting Jesus, inspiring hope and loving joyfully. Cove in Farnborough north Hampshire is geographically and numerically a large, diverse, parish with 8, soon to be 9 schools, expensive housing developments together with estates with a high amount of social housing. We are a 5 minute drive from Farnborough town centre with shops, restaurants and a cinema and the parish is blessed with large green spaces, wooded areas and several country parks.

We are one family and are privileged to have two church buildings (a smaller Victorian church and a more flexible building). Our two churches and parish have hives of activity all week hosting many outreach missional initiatives; Bumps and Babies and Little Fishes welcome and support new and young families. Open Door, Meeting Point, both Footprints cafes, and Cove Community lunch are a haven for those struggling with loneliness, the cold and hunger. With courageous faith we recently took over Farnborough Foodbank recognising the need within our town as it supports over 100 families every month. Our Children's Schools and Families worker regularly holds assemblies in schools, often accompanied by the Open the Book team. In turn the schools visit our church buildings for Christmas and Easter services, pay tribute on Remembrance Sunday as well as take part in our creative outreach initiatives like the Christmas Journey and Easter Workshops.



# OUR SERVICES

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## Join Our Vibrant Community at Cove Parish!

Are you passionate about serving a diverse community and offering a variety of worship styles? Cove Parish is seeking a dynamic and dedicated curate to join our team. We pride ourselves on our rich experience and our ability to connect with people from all walks of life through our varied worship services.

### Our Worship Services:

- 9am Traditional Liturgical Communion Service: A time-honored service that resonates with those who appreciate traditional worship.
- 10.30am Contemporary Charismatic Service: A lively and engaging service featuring our growing Cove Kids program, including Little Disciples and Christ's Crew. We are also developing a new youth group, recognizing the need to invest in our future leaders.
- Fun@4: A fresh expression designed for young families and children eager to learn more about Jesus in a fun and interactive environment.
- 6pm Quiet Reflective Communion Service: A peaceful and contemplative service for those seeking a moment of reflection.
- Thursday Midweek Communion: A midweek opportunity for worship and community connection.

### Additional Ministries:

- Home Communion: Provided by our dedicated pastoral care team for those unable to attend services in person.
- Weekly Online Mid-Week Reflections: Offering spiritual nourishment and connection throughout the week.

If you are excited about the opportunity to make a meaningful impact and grow with our community, we would love to hear from you!



# YOUR TRAINING INCUMBENT: GEMMA FOSTER

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Gemma has been in church leadership for over 20 years, beginning in a lay leadership role of a large charismatic evangelical church and later feeling a call to ordination. She is naturally at home in the charismatic evangelical tradition however she is passionate every expression of worship leads people to encounter Jesus and open to the work of the Holy Spirit.

Gemma is a strategic, visionary leader who is passionate about raising up leaders. Developing leadership has been a key part of what she has been involved in during the past two decades, whether this has been lay leaders, gap-year students, to ordinands and more recently a curate. She is also a small group leader on the diocese FIM Course. She is involved in lecturing ordinands and teaching in broader contexts. Gemma is Area Dean of Aldershot and Borough Dean of Rushmoor.

Gemma is excited about mission and seeing people come to meet Jesus and have their lives transformed. She has a particular heart to reach those in the church's missing demographic after a number of years working with young adults. Her PhD is in discipleship for those in their emerging adult years (18-29).

Gemma is married to J and has 3 children (10, 7 & 3). In her time off she is often found doing something creative - ranging from knitting to woodwork, craft or even improvisational comedy.



# PERSON SPECIFICATION

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We are looking for a passionate individual to join our team and embrace our identity of being 'one family with two homes' as we share ministry across our two buildings and the benefits this offers.

## Personal Attributes:

- A deep love for Jesus, His Word, and the ministry of the Holy Spirit, with a commitment to the authority of scriptures and orthodox views on sexuality.
- Proactive in identifying growth opportunities and capable of raising and investing in leaders to advance our ministries.
- Possesses a good sense of humor and is fun-loving, taking their faith seriously but not themselves too seriously.
- Humble and open to growth and development through feedback.

## Role Involvement:

- Active participation in the life of Cove Parish, its development and future vision.
- Leading, preaching, and worship leading in all our Sunday services.
- Involvement in occasional offices and their surrounding ministries, such as baptism preparation and bereavement support.
- Oversight of our contemporary worship (experience in contemporary worship leading is essential).
- Collaborating with the Rector on the oversight of homegroups.
- Leading and developing an area of outreach or discipleship ministry within the parish, in agreement with the Rector.

## Housing:

- Housing will be provided, either as a 4-bedroom house in the parish or alternative accommodation if appropriate.

## HOW TO APPLY:

For an informal conversation, contact Gemma at [gemma@coveparish.church](mailto:gemma@coveparish.church).

If you would like to be considered for this post, please contact our DDO, Craig Holmes, at [Craig.holmes@cofeguildford.org.uk](mailto:Craig.holmes@cofeguildford.org.uk). Please include your Stage 2 Panel Report, interim college report, letter of release, CV including work and ministry experience, and a letter explaining why you feel called to apply for this curacy.



# DISCOVER MORE



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