

# RISING GENERATIONS LEAD JOB PACK



## WELCOME TO BASINGSTOKE CHURCH

Basingstoke Church is one church across five locations in the town of Basingstoke. The church has been here for hundreds of years, but in summer of 2022 a new season started as we were designated as a Resource Church with the aim of reaching the missing generations across the town. Under a new leadership team—working with the HTB Network, the Church of England, and the Diocese of Winchester—we have seen significant growth across the church this year with many people coming to know Jesus after finding church for the first time in their lives.

As part of that we have launched two brand new services which have drawn families and young people to know Jesus and to become part of the church, and we are about to launch three more to meet the demand.

We believe the Lord is on the move in Basingstoke, drawing people to himself, and we are constantly looking to see what he is doing and all that we do is driven by that. Rooted in prayer, worship, and a dependence on the Holy Spirit. We are multi-generational with a focus on younger age groups, particularly those who are new or returning to church.



# ABOUT THE ROLE



## INTRODUCTION TO THE ROLE

The vision of the Rising Generation department is to find innovative and imaginative ways to engage children, youth and families in the life of the church.

Since launching two years ago, our current Rising Generations Lead has kick started ministry to 0–18s which has seen the church go from fewer than 10 under 16s on a Sunday to now well over 120 every week.

We've launched Kids and Youth on Sundays, Midweek Youth, run Youth Alpha, started Tots, and had to launch another to meet demand. All this along with some huge special events – like the 440 we had to our Light Party in 2023, or the thousands who came through our doors at Christmas and Easter. And each month we're adding to the number of local schools we're working in.

We couldn't have hoped for more. Due to changes in family circumstances, the lead role is becoming vacant for someone to step in and take us from this solid foundation to the next level.

We are ministering in a variety of contexts and the Rising Generations Lead will help continue to develop and grow the ministry and facilitate the current groups and events, ultimately aimed at bringing the rising generation of children and youth into a living relationship with Jesus fuelled by the Holy Spirit.

# BASINGSTOKE CHURCH IN NUMBERS



The church you would be joining has seen significant growth over the past 18 months. Here's a snapshot of what has happened over the last year.



JAKE

'I was in a bit of a lonely place, feeling empty with no direction or purpose. Until one random day, I came into the church and felt the presence of the Lord in my life. Now I know Jesus and everything makes sense. I've met new friends who have mentored me and have become a second family.'

'My daughter Cara came to Café Church week one with my grandson, having previously never wanted to go in a church, and she loved it, she felt really comfortable and even joined in singing for some of the worship. She said to me afterwards, "If all churches were like this Mum, then people like me would come." Cara is now coming back and is bringing her friends.'



SHELAGH  
AND CARA



JOHN AND AMY

'We stepped into St Michael's on Christmas Eve in 2022. We were expecting nothing more than to sing some carols and go home again, but something happened and it changed our lives. We've been on a journey for over a year now and church is now a part of us. Like people have been saying - it feels like home. I think we were facing some darker times and Jesus really was the light that shone and brought us out of that, and it was almost like back at that Christmas he knew we would need him that next year.'

**2,500** Visitors at Christmas

**120+** Kids and youth on Sundays

**87** Families attending Tots in 2024

**800** Children engaged with in schools

**500+** People every Sunday

**1/3** One third of newcomers weren't going to church anywhere before

**440** People at the Light Party

**130** More people at Sunday services throughout 2023