



EMMANUEL
CHURCH



Welcome

EMMANUEL CHURCH TRAINEE YEAR

THE VISION

A YEAR TO ENCOUNTER GOD AND DEVELOP LIFE-LONG SKILLS

The heart of the Emmanuel Trainee Year is to see each individual explore the fullness of who they are in Jesus, to discern and utilise all the gifts and skills God has given them.



A year to empower you to grow professionally, personally and spiritually through our structured trainee program.

As each trainee is unique so each year is. We develop and create our programme around your abilities and passions to enable you to thrive and develop as much as possible.

Whether you are an undergrad or postgrad, you will have the opportunity to gain experience of many useful professional skills including; working as part of a staff team, time management, professional communication, project management, co-ordination of volunteers and the development and delivery of projects.

This is alongside individual investment designed to help you grow in confidence and in awareness of your unique skill set.

Alongside all of the above opportunities, you will have time to explore your own faith and work out what it means to you to live your beliefs in your day-to-day life.

"It was such an exciting year that taught me a lot and deepened my faith"

If you're new to Emmanuel, welcome!

We have loads going on for you to get involved in.

We're a church for our community, everyone is invited. Emmanuel is a family for every day of the week, doing life together, supporting each other and growing in Christ-centred faith.

TRAINING STREAMS

We work with each applicant to set goals based on your individual skills and interests. Most trainees will follow one of four streams, worship can also be included, and some trainees choose to mix elements from different streams. The stream chosen and elements included will influence the division of time and priorities. All streams come with training and support in every area.



YOUTH & CHILDREN STREAM

For those who wish to explore careers working with children, we offer opportunities to work in schools (both primary and secondary), with community support groups and within our church community.



LEADERSHIP STREAM

For those interested in Christian ministry we offer opportunities to shape our services, supporting the spiritual needs of our community. You will receive input from the vicar and also focus on developing leadership abilities such as team management and communication.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT STREAM

For those who wish to provide practical support this role will involve empowering a variety of groups to function well. There will also be opportunities to serve in our community café.



EVENTS & SOCIAL MEDIA STREAM

For those interested in media and communication we provide an opportunity to be involved in creating and producing unique media that supports the work of Emmanuel church. You will have a role in advertising events as well as developing our online presence.

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Investing in your development

As part of your trainee year we invest in external training for each trainee to help you develop the skills you need to reach your individual goals. You can access both weekly training and residential conferences. In addition to external training we will also offer tailored training alongside other local trainees. This will help you develop your professional skills as well as build relationships with peers in similar roles.

Every trainee has a line manager, who supports you and with whom you will set personalised goals to work towards, which are evaluated during regular supervisions.

You will also be paired with a mentor who will support and personally pray for you throughout the year.

Training partners include - New Wine Discipleship Year, Ministry Experience Scheme, Future Youth, Guildford Diocese



"It gave me the chance to learn and grow in ways I never expected"



ACCOMMODATION

Caring for your wellbeing

Trainees receive a contribution towards their living expenses throughout the year.

Many trainees will be able to live with family, however wherever this is not possible the church will support you to find appropriate accommodation with a host church family. The details will be worked out with you and your family to make sure everyone is comfortable. The Hosts receive a financial gift from the church towards expenses.



2025/6 *Diary Dates...*

Please find below an example of a year in the life of Emmanuel Church;

All Together Prayer

Alpha

Student Welcome

Light Party

Christmas

Vision & All Together Prayer

Life's BIG Questions

Alpha

Week of Prayer

Holiday Club

Residential Conference

Weekend at Home

Staff Away Day

Way Camp

New Wine 2026

September

September

October

November

December

January

January

January

February

February

March

May

June

July

July

**dates/events may change, this is not an exhaustive list.*



"I learned so much about the role that I'm called to play in God's church family"

If you have further questions, do get in touch with us. On request we could put you in touch with a current intern for you to ask questions.



THREE CHURCHES ONE PARISH

Multiple opportunities to flourish.

Whether its helping to run an ALPHA at St Francis, supporting Church At Four at St Clare's or having fun on our annual Church Weekend At Home team hosted at Emmanuel Church, there is always plenty to get involved with. Each church has a unique feel and worship culture. Emmanuel is the main trainee support Church, there is lots of scope to get involved in ministry and mission across the three churches and whole parish. If you are interested in being involved, want a wonderfully diverse year and ready for some fun, then please do contact us to find out more.

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Pause + Pray

Wellbeing Cafe

A place to share and to receive prayer

Join us at Emmanuel Cafe

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

10 am - 12 noon

Try Alpha

Explore what YOU believe, ask YOUR questions, be curious.

Alpha

Starts 22nd January 7.15pm

emmanuelchurch.co.uk/alpha

CHURCH AT FOUR

SUNDAYS	4-6PM	FOOD PROVIDED
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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP + COMMUNITY

ALL AGES WELCOME!

ST CLARE'S PARK BARN

STCLARESPARKBARN.ORG

ST CLARE'S CABELL ROAD GU2 8JW

INTERESTED?

If you would like to hear more about the trainee year or would like to apply to be part of this exciting opportunity, please get in touch with our Vicar, Thom Jee, at vicar@emmanuelchurch.co.uk.



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