

CANTONESE MINISTRY MISSION APPRENTICE 廣東話事工使命學徒

2025-2027



GROWTH FOR YOU AND FOR CANTONESE MINISTRY IN LEEDS

This role will give you the amazing opportunity to explore more of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and grow as a leader of mission in a local church with a ministry to Cantonese speakers in Leeds.

For two years, we will build up skills that will equip you for life, work, mission and leadership, and give you the opportunity to use and develop them in a local church setting.

It's a two-year long adventure giving you the experience of leadership and service, learning alongside a community of other Mission Apprentices and interns who serve in different contexts.

YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Key to this being two successful and enriching years for you will be the development of your relationship with God.

You will have time to be with God, be encouraged to find new and different ways of engaging with Him both on your own and as you share this journey with others in your church, parish and learning community. This will also involve you gaining leadership experience and developing transferable work skills in your church context.

Your training will include biblical studies, theology and leadership, and there will be plenty of opportunities to step out from your comfort zone, be stretched and challenged and discern God's calling for you for the future.



YOUR KINGDOM POTENTIAL

Through your time with us you will develop new learning habits and disciplines that will help you as you follow Jesus. You will have the opportunity to learn a variety of skills as you support the Cantonese Ministry at St Barnabas' Alwoodley and across the Diocese of Leeds. Who knows but by the end of the two years maybe you will feel called to continue in church ministry and mission, or move into the business or charity sector, or into further education. Everything is possible with God.

A MISSION APPRENTICE WEEK

A typical week may look like this:

- Two to three days serving in your placement (including Sunday);
- Monday mornings with the Mission Apprentice learning community;
- Time for study, reflection and line management;
- Two to three days available for other work, study or recreation;
- A day of rest.

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The Mission Apprentice role is great because it gives you the opportunity to experience lots of different aspects and roles involved in working for the church.

You get to meet and work with some amazing people and grow as a person and closer to God whilst doing so.

Lucinda, Mission Apprentice



FINANCE

The role runs from September 2025 to August 2027 with a salary of £13,100 per annum, plus a pension contribution of 8%, for 20 hours of work a week. We will cover the cost of your involvement in the Learning Community, including residentials. Expenses will be paid as agreed in advance. There will be 25 days annual leave per annum (pro rata) in addition to Bank Holidays. These will need to be agreed with your line manager.

PLACEMENT

Your main focus will be working for St Barnabas' Alwoodley in North Leeds, which will provide opportunities to serve in their Cantonese Ministry and support work with Hong Kongers across the Diocese. We want you to be able to take responsibility for Cantonese Ministry over the two years and will work with you, your particular gifts and sense of calling to support you in this ministry.

SUPPORT

You will be supported by your line manager and the leadership team of St Barnabas. We will encourage and support you in finding a mentor to provide additional support. As part of the Learning Community, you will also be supported by the Learning hub leader and Intern Lead.



EXPECTATIONS



Mission Apprentices are expected to commit to each aspect of the programme:

- giving of their best as they serve in their placement church
- supporting and encouraging their fellow Mission Apprentices
- engaging with the weekly learning community
- adhering to the Code of Conduct.

LEARNING COMMUNITY

Each week, in term time, you will gather for a morning of learning, training, worship and prayer with the rest of the Mission Apprentices. The sessions will be led by expert practitioners and leaders. The majority of teaching will be at the Bradford Learning hub, but occasionally you will also get to gather with interns from across the Diocese.

The **weekly Learning Hub sessions** give you opportunity to reflect, discuss and to have input from a wide variety of speakers on varying aspects of mission, discipleship, church growth and leadership. Examples of topics covered include:

Discipleship and the Kingdom of God, Spiritual Disciplines, Encountering God in the Old and New Testaments, Preaching, Leadership, Apologetics, Pastoral Care, Challenging questions

There will also be **overnight residentials** over the two years as an opportunity to experience God's presence, deepen your roots of faith further and strengthen your understanding of the Bible (the residentials will be free and you will be expected to attend them).

Much of your **learning and development** also happens on the ground as you serve in different ministries, trying out new things, taking on responsibilities and seeing God at work in you and through you.



ST BARNABAS' CHURCH

St Barnabas' Church is located in Alwoodley in North Leeds. It is a suburban church with an open evangelical ethos. Around a quarter of the congregation is from Hong Kong and there is a thriving youth and children's ministry. St Barnabas' runs an outreach to local Hong Kongers. It's called Cafe Connect and runs on Thursday mornings. The church also has regular weekday ministries to parents, carers and preschool children as well as a weekday group for older people.

Our Sunday services are at 11am and are in English but with a Cantonese flavour to them. St Barnabas' is part of the Moor Allerton and Shadwell Team Ministry and is led by the Team Rector, Rev. Dave Ho Young. Dave has been the lead in the Diocese of Leeds for ministry to new arrivals from Hong Kong and in developing relationships with the Chinese churches in the city and the region. You would be working directly with him to support and to lead in this ministry.



WHAT NEXT?

For an informal chat, please contact **Rev. Dave Ho Young, Team Rector of Moor Allerton and Shadwell** on:

dave.hoyoung@leeds.anglican.org

To apply, please fill in the application form which you will receive by emailing: **dave.hoyoung@leeds.anglican.org**

The closing date for applications is **16th June 2025**. Interviews will be held on 7th July (daytime).



The Mission Apprentices scheme is a key way in which we are seeking to develop new leaders, and especially those from and for disadvantaged, challenging communities.

Building on lessons from our first two groups of Mission Apprentices, with increased funding from the national church, we're recruiting our largest group yet, and expect to see growth in each individual as well as in their placement churches.

*Andy Jolley, Archdeacon of Bradford
Pioneer of the Mission Apprentice Scheme*



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Diocese of Leeds