



Dear members of St Michael's,

You may well know that our church is considering **employing a Families Minister**, to take on a role of leading and coordinating our ministry and mission to families, parents and children.

We feel that commissioning **someone with particular skills** in this area of ministry would help our church, as we try to share faith and fellowship with young families in the challenging context of today's society.

A Working Party is developing this proposal and will be **submitting a plan** to the Church Council (PCC) on 16 September, seeking the PCC's agreement to move forward towards an appointment.

A number of parishioners have **welcomed this project**, and said that they would be prepared to **donate specific funding** towards employing the Families Minister, if an appointment is made.

We would like to see if there may be other members of the church able and willing to help fund this post, and prepared to **offer a pledge to do so** at this stage.

Although the PCC have already allocated funds towards this post, there will be **a funding gap** which we are looking to fill in this way. Indeed, the level of salary we can offer, and the hours we can employ someone, both aspects will affect the **numbers and quality of potential candidates**, will be determined in part by the generosity of individual members of the congregation.

If **donating towards this specific project inspires you**, please could you consider what you would feel able to pledge, on a monthly basis. We are planning for **an appointment to run for up to five years**, to make a significant impact, so pledges need to be sustainable, God willing, over that period.

If after prayerful consideration, you would like to offer a pledge towards this, please **email Bill MacDonald confidentially** to indicate the contribution you would be prepared to commit to. Bill's email address is:

bill.macdonald@hotmail.co.uk

Bill will anonymise and totalise any pledges offered, to inform the PCC discussion on 16 September.

Please note we are not asking for donations to begin until an appointment is agreed by the PCC and then made. Just pledges at this stage.

Thank you for reading and considering this. Whether or not you are in a position to respond financially, **please pray for the Working Group and the PCC** as we discuss this important proposal. Many thanks for your prayers.

Yours sincerely,

Derwyn Williams, Vicar.

Bill MacDonald, Chair, Families Minister Working Group.