

Curacy Profile 2027



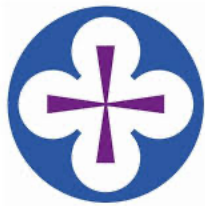
Christ Church Crookham is a traditional Anglican church, serving a large suburban parish (20,000 parishioners, 9 schools, 5 care homes) in north-east Hampshire just south of Fleet, covering Church Crookham and the beautiful Crookham Village. It is one of the least deprived parishes in the country. Schools are either good or outstanding. There are good local amenities and a 40-minute direct train to London Waterloo from Fleet Station. The church itself runs an Ofsted Outstanding Pre-School, and we have an excellent relationship with our CofE (VA) Infant School next door. The missional opportunities to grow the church here are truly exciting.

Our 2030 Vision is to be *a thriving intergeneration church family, sharing the good news of Jesus to Crookham and beyond, seeing lives transformed by Jesus*. To assist this vision our core church values are to be Christ-Centred, Compassionate, Courageous, Community.

Since January 2026 we have restructured our Sunday Service times. We run a 10am traditional service (60-70 people, common worship Holy Communion) and a 4pm contemporary service which aims to be more intergenerational (20-40 people, with a Sunday school 3/4 Sundays and once a month, we're all in together in a café style service). After the 4pm, we run a tea for families each week which is a great space for intergenerational fellowship. We also run occasional evening services such as Choral Evensong with our fantastic church choir. We're looking to grow all of these congregations.

The church's 5 key priorities over the next 3 years are focusing on 5 growth areas: 1) Growing Demographically Younger. 2) Growing in Discipleship. 3) Growing in Evangelism. 4) Growing in Generosity. 5) Growing in Confidence.

We desire to be faithful, fruitful and have a lot of fun along the way. We look forward to all the Lord is going to do in this place as we try and revitalise the church and bring renewal. As a church, we are on an exciting journey as we are transitioning the church toward an evangelical trajectory having introduced Alpha, The Bible Course, The Romans Course and Hope Explored in 2026.



Christ
Church
Crookham

Training Incumbent

Rev'd Matthew Smith

I started as Vicar in August 2025, having trained at Trinity College Bristol and been ordained in 2019. I am married to Alice, have 3 young children and a black labrador. I'm a charismatic evangelical and part of the DEF and New Wine Network, and I'm on Diocesan Synod. I'm passionate about connecting church and home through preaching, hospitality and generosity in the context of deep-rooted authentic community by encouraging others, releasing giftings, enabling all to flourish. I love sport, enjoy proper coffee, a summer BBQ and nice wine. If you'd like an informal conversation please do get in touch:

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Christingle 2025



Two Pillars Worship Night, May 2026

Diocese of
Guildford

TRANSFORMING CHURCH
TRANSFORMING LIVES

Who we are looking for

We are looking for a fun, servant-hearted spirit-filled leader, who loves Jesus, is rooted in scripture, able to affectively communicate the gospel to people of all ages and stages of life and someone who is deeply missional, an encourager and enabler of others.

What we offer

By the time you leave us you will be confident in leading and preaching at a range a service styles and all of the life events. Further there will be opportunity to design and take a lead on an evangelistic outreach programme. You will also develop skills in discipling Christians and thinking about wider strategies for church growth including mission and evangelism. Together we will explore your giftings and interests as co-workers of the gospel desiring to share the good news of Jesus to the church and beyond. My desire is that you complete your curacy feeling equipped to serve the local church as an incumbent knowing that whatever the context you will have the foundations to thrive and flourish.

How to apply

If you would like to be considered for this post, please email our DDO, Craig Holmes: craig.holmes@cofeguildford.org.uk. Please include your Stage 2 Panel Report, interim college report, letter of release, a CV including work & ministry experience, and a letter as to why you are being called to apply for this curacy.