



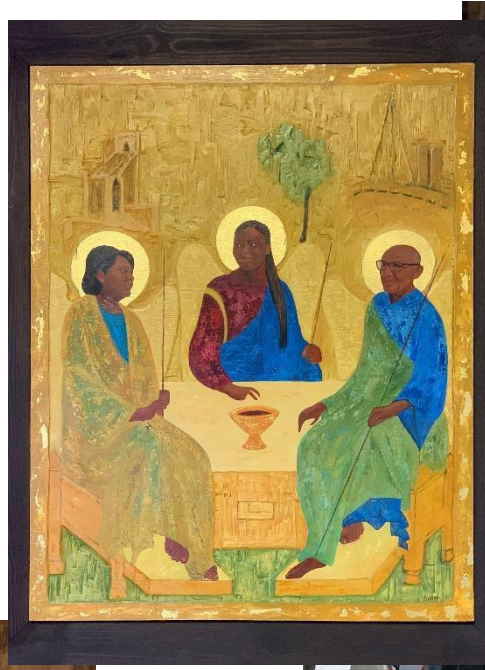
**The Diocese of
Southwark**

Racial Justice Development Officer

Job Information Pack

Closing date: 27th May 2024

Interviews: 3 / 5 June 2024



Our Values

**Effective Stewardship of resources
Respect for all**

**Collaborative Team Working
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Dear Candidate,

I am delighted that you have expressed an interest in the role of Racial Justice Development Officer, and I hope that you will find the information provided in this pack helpful.

This is an exciting opportunity to join our Diocesan staff team as we seek to live out our commitment to racial justice. We expect that this will provide an opportunity for someone who is passionate about racial justice, equality and inclusion.

The Diocese of Southwark is the third largest Diocese, by population, in the Church of England, covering most of south London and East Surrey, and is also one of the most ethnically diverse dioceses in the United Kingdom. Almost 40% of our churches are attended by a majority of UKME/GMH congregations and a large proportion of the pupils in our schools also come from ethnically diverse backgrounds. We recognise, celebrate, and embrace this diversity, committing to an integrated Diocesan approach to racial justice, as reflected in our Diocesan Vision, and prioritising and supporting healing and reconciliation in our communities.

In 2021 we launched the Diocese of Southwark's Anti Racism Charter (ARC): *Strategies for enhancing ethnic diversity and inclusion* which builds on earlier work in the Diocese and developed a subsequent 12-point plan to embed the ARC in real action.

We have worked hard to embed the ARC into our Diocesan vision and our management oversight structures and are now focusing even more intentionally on our recruitment, training and education challenges in our parishes and in the communities they serve.

This is an exciting opportunity for someone to make a real difference to the work and progress of the Diocese, and more widely the National Church, in advancing in the area of racial justice for all.

If this role excites you, we would very much like to hear from you.

Yours sincerely,

Jackie Pontin

Deputy Diocesan Secretary

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Diocesan Staff Purpose

To lead, enable, serve, support, and enable the mission of God as it is worked out in the parishes, deaneries, schools and communities of the Diocese of Southwark

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title:	Racial Justice Development Officer
Hours of work:	35 hours per week, Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm
Contract:	Three years, fixed term
Location:	Trinity House, Borough High Street
Reporting To:	Deputy Diocesan Secretary
Job Purpose:	To support the implementation of the Anti-Racism Charter, as part of the wider Diocesan strategy and support the wider communication of learning from racial justice, diversity, and inclusion initiatives taking place both locally and nationally to support adaption or replication.
Key relationships:	Bishop of Southwark Diocesan Secretary Bishop's Lead for Social and Racial Justice Area Bishops Archdeacons Diocesan Senior Leadership Team Area Racial Justice Groups and Parishes across the Diocese Dean of Cultural Diversity Southwark Diocesan Board of Education

Main duties and responsibilities:

To work under the guidance of the Bishop's Lead for Social and Racial Justice and the Diocesan Secretary, to contribute to the awareness raising of the Diocesan Anti-Racism Charter (ARC) and work closely with colleagues to ensure the implementation of the subsequent action plan. To have a specific focus on the areas of promotion, engagement, training, resources, research, and data monitoring. The postholder will also ensure that the needs of the wider Diocese and parishes are identified and responded to.

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Equality, diversity, and inclusion promotion

- Be an advocate for Racial Justice within Diocesan structures, identifying and promoting best practice regarding racial justice, diversity, inclusion and belonging, with a biblical/theological underpinning.
- Be a point of contact for parishes, deaneries and clergy seeking advice or support with implementing the Anti-Racism Charter or racial justice initiatives more broadly, to ultimately develop culturally appropriate approaches to worship and the invitation to explore faith and discipleship.
- Work in partnership with parishes and schools through the Area Racial Justice Groups and Southwark Diocesan Board of Education to learn from their experiences of diverse communities and share best practice to enable a Christian approach to development at local, deanery and diocesan levels.
- Attend and support meetings regarding racial justice as required, particularly the Diocesan Racial Justice Committee meetings, Area Racial Justice Group meetings and meetings in parishes such as PCC meetings. This may include speaking in churches about the biblical context of racial justice, and the place that this holds within the Christian faith, comfortable with leading prayer, and taking part in services when required.
- Work alongside the Area Racial Justice Groups and other Senior Leaders such as Area Bishops, Archdeacons and Heads of Departments to ensure effective implementation of the Anti-Racism Charter and the action plan in each Episcopal Area.
- Plan and coordinate events, conferences and meetings that promote, celebrate, and provide opportunities for learning and networking.
- Track the progress of the implementation of the Anti-Racism Charter and parish engagement and provide regular reports to senior Diocesan leaders.
- Network with external stakeholders and represent the Diocese at external meetings.

Resources

- Oversee the implementation of a bespoke Arts, Culture and Heritage project with a focus on contested heritage to support parishes to explore their heritage assets.
- Coordinate the development of a Contested Heritage toolkit.
- Work closely with colleagues to coordinate and contribute to the development and publication of racial justice materials and resources that publicise and promote the vision, goals and initiatives of the Diocese as well support parishes to implement the Anti Racism Charter.
- Coordinate the pilot and potential rollout of an interactive Racial Justice programme for children and young people with delivery partners, Palace for Life, evaluating the programme and seeking opportunities to expand such a programme further, rolling out more widely across the Diocese and adapting for use in parishes.
- Undertake any relevant training required to best carry out the role.

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Research and Data

- Work collaboratively with colleagues to ensure that the relevant data required by the Diocese and the National Church is collected in all areas and levels of diocesan life and draft reports for circulation at a Diocesan level and for the National Church.
- Work with colleagues, to collate, interrogate and analyse data inline with Diocesan and National Church requirements, ensuring data is coordinated and accessible.
- Proactively keep up to date with events and trends in the areas of Racial Justice and identify and propose areas of research that will support the vision and strategic aims and objectives of the Diocese.

A core value of Diocesan staff is collaborative team working. The responsibilities outlined above cannot totally encompass or define all tasks which may be required of the post holder, and you may be asked to perform any other duty as directed from time to time. The role will also require travel across the Diocese at times and will also require flexibility in working hours as there will be some evening and weekend meetings.

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Health and Safety (include any specific requirements relevant to the job)

Employees must look after their own health, safety and welfare and be mindful of other persons who may be affected by their acts. Employees must co-operate and comply with management instructions regarding Health and Safety issues and report all accidents, incidents and problems as soon as practicable to their supervisor, manager or other senior members of staff available.

Equality and Diversity

All staff are expected to demonstrate the value of 'Respect for All' and follow any guidelines and policies relating to equality and diversity, and equal opportunities.

Environment Policy

One of our values is to have effective stewardship of our resources. We have a commitment to our the Diocesan Environment policy, and for our staff to play an appropriate part in its implementation.

Confidentiality

Maintaining confidentiality, and preserving the integrity of our work in the Diocese is very important. You will not, except as authorised by the Diocese, or as required by law or your duties, use, divulge or disclose to any person, firm or organisation any information about individuals, parishes or the Diocese, or other confidential information relating to the organisation, finances, parishes, dealing and affairs of the Diocese which may come to your knowledge during your employment.

Any Other Duties

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Person Specification

This post is subject to an occupational requirement that the postholder be a practising Christian under Part 1 of Schedule 9 of the Equality Act.

Essential	Desirable
Experience and qualifications	
Demonstrable understanding of racial justice, anti-racism, equality and inclusion and some of the challenges in these areas, particularly within a church context	Experience of working to deliver Racial Justice initiatives in varied contexts
Demonstrable experience of working within the realm of Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion	A good understanding of engaging with ministry and mission and inclusion issues at a parish level
Proven ability to lead engagement/change programmes	Educated to degree level or equivalent
Experience and demonstrable ability to work with a diverse range of stakeholders from different disciplines and with differing viewpoints	
Experience of organising moderate to large events	
A willingness to understand the structure, breadth and dynamics of the Church of England and Dioceses	
Skills/Aptitudes	
Awareness of Bible text in relation to diversity and inclusion	Theologically literate and able to navigate the complexities of different traditions represented within the Diocese of Southwark
Excellent relationship building skills and demonstrable ability to work in a team	
Excellent written and verbal communication skills, including the ability to tailor words and pictures to different audiences and present credibly to churches and leadership teams	
Ability to deal sensitively and diplomatically with a range of people and comfortably explore racism and racial discrimination awareness issues with local church leaders	
Strong project management skills - able to work effectively on a range of projects and manage ones own workload to tight deadlines with good knowledge of techniques for planning, monitoring and controlling projects including risk and issue management	
Evidence of change management skills and the ability to build trust, promote good practice, deal with conflict and address any barriers or resistance to change and a proven ability to support organisational change	
Leadership and influencing skills, with the ability to bring order to complex situations and find innovative ways of solving or pre-empting problems	

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Ability to think strategically and be pragmatic; comfortable moving easily between strategic context and detailed planning; able to operate in situations of ambiguity with resilience, passion and energy	
Excellent IT competency in MS Office	

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Ability to work under pressure, to changing and simultaneous deadlines	
Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality	
A completer-finisher with excellent attention to detail and a real passion for detail	
Character and personal qualities	
A practising Christian with a good knowledge of the Bible to understand the theology of the place of racial justice in the church	
Able to speak confidently about their Christian faith to gain credibility with church leaders about the place of racial justice	
Sympathetic to the work of the Church and a desire to serve churches in Southwark Diocese with a passion for achieving anti-racism, equality, and inclusion	
Understanding of and commitment to equality and diversity policy and practice	
An ability to cope well with times of change and encourage others in the similar situations	
A pro-active attitude, but also able to work as a member of a team and to the plans of others	
Dependable and can be relied on to uphold their responsibilities without having to be micromanaged	
Be able to work flexibly, including work evenings and weekends when required	

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DIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

Racial Justice Development Officer Full time- 35 hours per week

Outline terms and conditions

Employer

You will be employed by the South London Church Fund and Southwark Diocesan Board of Finance whose registered office is at Trinity House, 4 Chapel Court, Borough High Street, London SE1 1HW.

Normal Place of Work

Your normal place of work will be Trinity House, although you will be required to visit area offices in Kingston and Croydon from time to time, and home visits may be required.

Salary

The post has the salary up to £45,000 dependent on previous experience.

Hours of work

35 hours per week Monday - Friday, normal office hours, but there will be a requirement for occasional evening or weekend meetings, for which time off in lieu will be given.

Probation

The appointment is subject to the satisfactory completion of a six-month probationary period.

Holiday Entitlement

You will receive 26 days annual leave per annum, increasing to 31 days after 2 years' service. There is also an entitlement to 2 local and 8 national bank holidays. The leave year runs from 1st January to 31st December.

Sick Pay

Sick Pay is paid at full pay and half pay rates dependent on length of service, details of which are contained in the contract of employment. Where the right to Diocesan Sick Pay has not been established or it has been exhausted, then Statutory Sick Pay provisions will apply.

Season Ticket Loan

An interest free season ticket loan is available upon satisfactory completion of the probation period.

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Cycle to Work Scheme

The Diocese is part of the scheme that enable staff to purchase a cycle and equipment for cycling to work, through a salary sacrifice scheme

Pension

A non-contributory pension will normally be arranged with the Church Workers' Pension Fund, currently a 15% employer's contribution.

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Employee Assistance Programme

A free and confidential employee assistance programme providing support to staff in a number of areas, including benefits advice, caring responsibilities, and counselling support is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Working Expenses

Reasonable out of pocket expenses will be reimbursed.

Termination of Employment

During the six-month probationary period one week's notice is required on either side. Thereafter you will be required to give three months notice should you wish to resign and will receive a minimum of three months' notice.

Equal Opportunities

The Diocese has a strong commitment to equal opportunities and will not discriminate on the grounds of race, nationality, age, sex, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, religion or belief. Its employees are expected to abide by the Equal Opportunities Policy which embodies these principles.

Disciplinary and Grievance Procedures

Further details would be provided in the contract of employment that would be issued on appointment.

2. Background Information to the Diocese of Southwark

The Diocese of Southwark, founded in 1905, forms part of the Province of Canterbury in England and is part of the wider Church of England, in turn part of the worldwide Anglican Communion. The Diocese covers primarily the area of Greater London, which is south of the Thames, together with the eastern part of the county of Surrey. It is one of the largest dioceses in terms of population and parishes as well as one of the most diverse.

The Diocese covers sixteen Local Planning Authorities (in part or wholly).

The Diocese seeks to be a Christian presence and to share the Christian faith in each of its parishes through the mission and ministry of its clergy, congregations, schools and chaplaincies and works to promote the common good, with a particular concern for those most in need.

The priorities of the Diocese are to release gifts, renew vocations and deepen people's life of faith. We aim to do so by effective stewardship of our resources, by collaborative team working, by respect for all and transparent accountability.

Specific aims which the Diocese is working towards at present in line with Southwark Vision are:

- to emerge from the Pandemic with renewed confidence and wellbeing.
- to recover our average weekly attendance to pre-Pandemic levels.
- to increase the number of worshipping communities, affirming parishes, communities of faith which are Fresh Expressions of Church.
- to grow our financial resource base to resource mission and ministry.
- to increase lay and clergy vocations.
- to grow leadership and representation that reflects the rich diversity of Southwark Diocese.

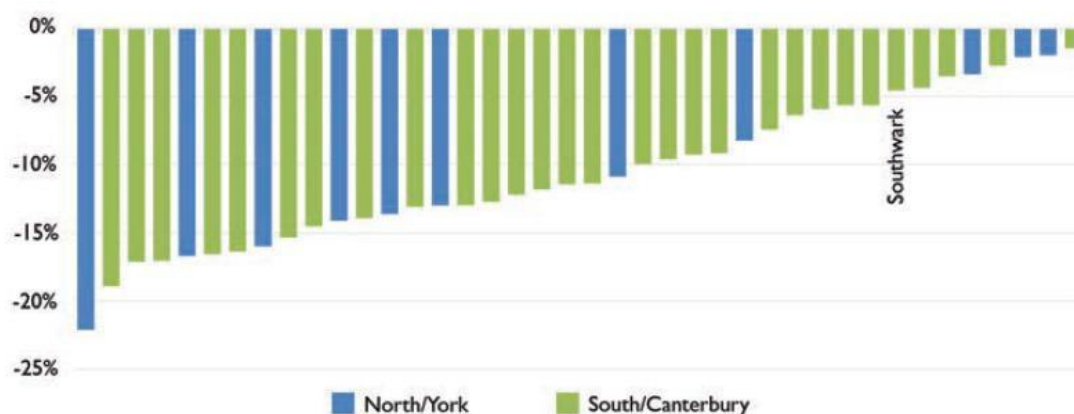
We seek to be Christ-centred and outward-focused in all we do.

The Diocese is committed to providing the resourcing necessary to train and house over 300 stipendiary clergy to minister in its parishes, alongside laity and clergy in secular employment.

Following on from a better-than expected financial outcome in 2020, careful cost control during the pandemic, and helped by grant income, the Diocese ended 2021 with a surplus of £4.6m. The Parish Support Fund is the bedrock of Diocesan financial resilience.



2021 parish share receipts by diocese



Year-to-date percentage change in cash received in December 2021 compared to December 2019. Southwark is eighth out of 40 Dioceses with a drop of less than 5%. Data from Church of England.

As part of Southwark Vision the Diocese has successfully sought Church Commissioner funding for major grants. This has enabled us to develop innovative mission and ministry initiatives, including pioneer ministry, bi-lingual ministries and to focus our resources on initiatives in urban estates. The Strategic Development Funding has been an important contribution towards our innovations in ministry and mission.

The Diocese was awarded a major grant to develop fresh expressions of Church throughout the Diocese and to grow the Church in new development areas, in particular the Nine Elms development on the South Bank in the Vauxhall /Battersea area. One of the results of this was the successful Arts Ministry initiative.

In 2019 the Diocese was awarded a second major grant this time for six specific projects in places identified across the Diocese where there is a clear opportunity for growth and where lessons learned can be replicated to good effect across the Diocese and the wider church. As the Church of England report “Church Growth - From Evidence to Action” makes clear, there is ‘no single recipe for growth’. Yet, there are common factors and as such, we are embarking on diverse approaches in both intervention, church tradition and expected outcomes, whilst ensuring appropriate monitoring and oversight.

The Diocese comprises three Episcopal Areas, each with an Area Bishop and two Archdeacons with administrative support. The Diocese is overseen by the Bishop of Southwark. There are 25 deaneries.

The statutory work of the Church and support to the parishes is provided by the staff of the Diocesan office, located in Trinity House, Southwark who work collaboratively with parishes, parish clergy and officers alongside Archdeacons.

Trinity House

Trinity House houses the Diocesan office where most of the executive and professional staff of the Diocese are based. Trinity House is under the overall direction of the Diocesan Secretary who reports to Bishop Christopher, our Diocesan Bishop. Trinity House is just off Borough High Street, within a quarter of a mile of Southwark Cathedral.

In 2016 our governance structure was streamlined to align policy and resource decision-making in a new Diocesan Council of Trustees (DCT). The governance of the Diocese is held by the DCT which incorporates the Diocesan Board of Finance, Bishop's Council, Diocesan Mission & Pastoral Committee, and Diocesan Parsonages Board, with co-terminus membership. The DCT delegates the day-to-day management and leadership of its activities to the Diocesan Secretary who is accountable directly to it and who meets with both the Senior Management Team (comprising Departmental Heads, of which the Deputy Diocesan Secretary is one) and monthly with Archdeacons. In addition, more granular oversight by the DCT is exercised through its two committees, the Policy and Finance Committee (PFC) as well as the Audit and Risk Committee (ARC). These committees each have distinct responsibilities for scrutiny and oversight; the PFC for resource spend and performance against objectives, and the ARC in its ongoing appraisal of risk, including investment risks.

The staff who work across the whole Diocese have a core purpose and values that set out their role in supporting the Diocese achieve its Strategic objectives. These are known under the banner of 'Lead, Enable, serve' and are summarised in the table that follows below.



SOUTHWARK VISION 2017 -2025
HEARTS ON FIRE with a Vision for Growth;
Walking, Welcoming, Growing.

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DIOCESAN STAFF PURPOSE

To serve, support, lead, and enable the mission of the God as it is worked out in the parishes, deaneries, schools and communities of the Diocese of Southwark.

DIOCESAN STAFF AIMS

- To support our parishes and clergy so that they are energised, equipped and empowered through specialist advice, leadership in ministry, training and development, good housing and by building effective relationships.
- To meet our statutory and regulatory obligations, and to be proactive in leading and disseminating good practise.
- To evaluate and allocate resources effectively, in line with the vision, aims, values, and policies of the Diocese.
- To resource, and support mission and evangelism, vocational discernment, training and ongoing development for lay and ordained ministries.
- To ensure that all our structures, policies, practices and the way in which we communicate are fit for purpose now and in the future, through regular review and continuous improvement.