



RIVERSIDECHURCH

Internship Programme

Full Prospectus 23/24



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Who we are?

Riverside Church is part of the Assemblies of God movement. We are a thriving, growing church located in the heart of the City of Exeter, Devon. We are a Spirit-filled, faith based missional community, with a church plant in the seaside town of Exmouth. We are a multi-generational, international church, with an extensive programme of outreach to children and young people.

At Riverside our mission is to reach the world for Jesus by helping people discover God and become authentic, extraordinary followers of Jesus who influence and lead others to do likewise.

Assemblies of God UK

We are part of a Pentecostal movement, made up of 500 churches in 600 locations, who believe that every individual can and should have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and have the opportunity to be part of a local, vibrant church. They seek to build churches that are relevant to people of all ages, and believe that in our local expression of church and our corporate identity as a whole, we should be committed to transforming communities by reaching out to all.

Our vision

The vision of Riverside can be summarised in the following statement...

“We believe that God has called us to be a church that grows the Family of God, that flows in the presence of the Holy Spirit and that goes into the mission of Jesus Christ.”



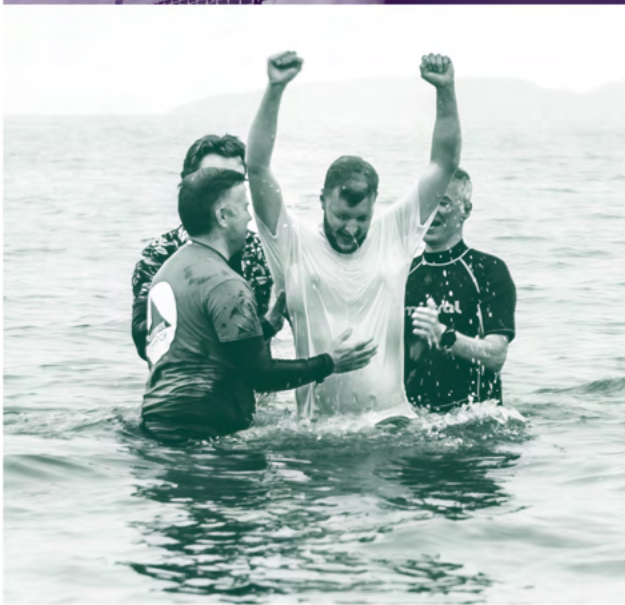
The Family of God

We are called to build the family of God in alignment with the great commission outlined in Matthew 28 where we are called to go, disciple, baptise and teach about the family, community and Kingdom of God modelled in Acts 2:42-47.



The Presence of the Holy Spirit

God's presence is central to all that we do, our programmes are designed to host the presence of God with a new emphasis on spontaneous worship and bold intercessory prayer to become central to our community. We long for worship that moves beyond singing songs and that goes deep into the heart of God as the Holy Spirit brings a revelation of Jesus Christ.



The Mission of Jesus Christ

We are passionate about getting out of the building and meeting the community where they are. Developing partnerships with local organisations and sharing our stories of who Jesus is and what he has done in our lives boldly.

Internship Programme

We are passionate about seeing Young Adults raised up and released into the ministry that God has for their lives. Over many years, we have worked with people from all around the world training them, equipping them and releasing them into their God given calling. Maybe you could be next!

You will have many opportunities to serve God, deepen your faith, grow in your discipleship, develop your personal and ministry skills, and discover and cultivate your passions and gifts.



The focus for the 2023/24 Internship will be surrounding Children and Youth work. This will include planning and running programmes, missional outreach and schools work in partnership with Exeter ICE (Initiatives in Christian Education) a christian schools work charity based in the city.

These are some of the typical activities you will be involved in

Youth

Riverside run a Friday Night Youth club for 11-16 year olds in the local area. You will be involved in the weekly preparation and planning of the games and activities for the club, along with attending on the night.

Young Adults Group (YAG)

You will primarily be an attendee at YAG, having time to be fed with others at a similar age and stage of life as you. From time to time you will be given opportunity to lead at this group, which you will plan and deliver with a member of the training team.

Sunday programmes

You will be involved in both our Kids (5-11 year olds) and our youth groups (11-16's). You will be involved in planning and delivering these programmes along with other leaders. There are many other ministries within the Sunday programmes that you will have opportunity to be involved in, which will be discussed once in placement.

Schools Ministry

A couple of times a week you will head into some of the local schools working with Exeter ICE, providing lunch clubs, explore clubs and assemblies. These are great fun and wonderful opportunities for outreach and gaining experience in schools ministry. You will also help with big projects such as the Narnia experience and LIFE exhibition which happen once a year.

Exmouth Outreach

Once a month we run our church plant on a Sunday evening in a nearby seaside town. The Saturday prior to this, with support from the training team, you will take a lead on the missional outreach programme, recruiting volunteers and planning the event.

You will receive weekly teaching, training and mentoring run from our fantastic internship team. You will be given plenty of opportunities to put what you have learned into practice.



Important Info

When does the Internship run from?

The Internship will run from September 2023 through to July 2024, however should you be interested in a January 2024 intake instead, please let us know and we would be happy to chat this through with you.

Where will I live during the Internship?

We are enormously blessed to have a fully furnished flat attached to the back of the church where our interns live.

What will an average week look like?

The time commitment of the Internship tries to match that of a committed congregation member who works a full time job, attends Sunday services, a connect group, and serves on a rota. This averages at around 48 hours per week. You'll generally have Thursday mornings and Saturdays off.

Here is an example of a typical weekly timetable:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	Church Staff Meetings/ Devotions	Local Schools Assemblies	Bible Study	Morning off	Teaching	Local Mission (Monthly)	Morning Service
	Church work	Church work	Church work		Training Discipleship Mentoring		
Afternoon	Lunch Break	Schools work	Church work	Church work	Church work	Day off	Afternoon off
	Schools work	Church based placements	Church based placements	Church based placements	Schools work		
Evening	Young Adults Small Group	Evening off	Church programme	Evening off	Youth Outreach Club		Exmouth Church Plant Service (Monthly)



Cost

We really want to invest in your life and recognise your commitment to serving Riverside for the year; therefore, there will be no cost for the 2023-24 Internship. This includes your training and accommodation. We will also pay you a weekly stipend of £30 for your food and other living costs, on top of this we will reimburse any travel expenses for work, cluster and conferences.

You will however be responsible for paying the cost of flights, transport to arrive in Exeter and any costs surrounding visas if necessary. There will also be additional costs should you want to participate in a global mission trip with the church during the course of the year.

We also recommend you try to raise around £100 per month as a personal allowance for yourself, simply for your own spending. We will help you with fundraising and encourage you to find supporters to pray for you and help you financially.



The Training Team



Josh & Chloe Richardson

Youth & Young Adults Pastors

Josh and Chloe are responsible for the Youth and Young Adults ministry at Riverside. They are super passionate about helping others have powerful encounters with Jesus and live out authentic Christ centred lives. Josh is currently in the process of becoming an accredited minister within the Assemblies of God. In their spare time, Josh loves to watch sports and make people laugh and Chloe loves to drink coffee and meet with people.



Levi Rodrigues

Digital & Prayer Pastor

Brazilian born, Levi felt the call of God to be a missionary which led him to Riverside where he interned with the church for a couple of years before his appointment as the Digital and Prayer Pastor. Levi loves people deeply and God deeper still, he is a brilliant discipler of others and a powerful preacher. Levi is passionate and committed about seeing the church develop a lifestyle of prayer and fasting. When not at church Levi loves going for long runs, going to the gym or planning his impending wedding.



Rev'd Aran & Rachel Richardson

Senior Pastors

Pastors Aran and Rachel have a wealth of leadership experience. As well as leading Riverside, Aran serves as the AOG zone leader for Devon, Somerset and Cornwall and Rachel works as a chaplain for the local Hospital. They regularly lead global mission teams all over the world. Aran also holds an MA in missional leadership. In their spare time they love to spend time with family and drink tea and coffee.



Rev'd Keith and Val Tipple

Keith and his wife Val travel internationally, ministering in conferences, evangelistic missions and local churches. They are hugely experienced in ministry having planted several churches in the UK and ministered in the US too. Keith and Val are passionate about seeing people saved and disciplined in the local church. Be aware though Keith is a bit of a joker and will often have us in hysterics with one of his classic stories or jokes.



Doug Owen

Regional Coordinator for the ICE Trust

Doug is the secondary schools coordinator for Exeter ICE. He oversees the ministry in 5 secondary schools and Exeter College and connects with roughly 170 students each week. He is passionate about young people knowing they are loved by Jesus and having the opportunity to respond to the gospel. In his spare time he loves rugby, football and swimming in the sea.



Testimonials



Chloe Richardson

2016 - 2018 | Scotland

"I loved being part of the Riverside family and grew enormously in my faith and my character. I was given so many new opportunities to learn and develop God's calling and gifting in my life. I gained a deeper, more powerful understanding of God's love, his character and how that impacted my life."

"I came to give and serve the church in any way I could, but I actually ended up receiving so much more from God in return. Apart from learning many new skills that will be useful moving forward, the greatest highlight for me was deepening my relationship with Christ and developing my understanding of His Word throughout the year."



Levi Rodrigues

2019 - 2021 | Brazil

"Apart from the really warm welcome I received, I was also very grateful for the many groups for all kinds of ages so that it was so simple to get to know people and dive deeper in my relationship with God. I learned so many new things about Him and also myself by stepping out of my comfort zone and serving in different programs. I would 100% do it again!!"



Karin Görler

2019 - 2020 | Germany

"I grew a lot in character and faith during my year at Riverside. Even though it was during Covid and we were in lockdown for half of my year, I was able to feel at home there. The Riverside family cared for the other interns and me very lovingly. We always had someone to talk to and to pray with. Living and working together with the other interns taught me a lot about real life outside of my family setting. It was a perfect place to make these first experiences. I can definitely recommend to becoming an intern at Riverside."



Elena Herr

2020 - 2021 | Germany

Apply for the Internship

How to apply?

Visit <https://www.riversidechurchexeter.com/internship/> to fill in the initial application form. We'll then be in touch for an informal conversation and with the full application form for you to complete.

Visit Riverside

If you don't know Riverside Church already, come and visit us to see who we are and what we do! Let us know you're coming by emailing info@loveexeter.com. We will be glad to make time to discuss the internship programme with you.

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