

# MULTIPLY MINISTER

## Christ Church Bridlington Network



### Context

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The vision of Christ Church is inspired by Isaiah 61:1-4.

Jesus For All: Rebuilding Lives, Restoring Relationships, Renewing Community

The network consists of three missional areas: (1) Christ Church Bridlington as a base for gathering, training, equipping, pastoral care; (2) Community Support projects and ministries; and (3) Eight different expressions of church.

In our life together we seek to be intentionally discipleship oriented, mission focussed and Holy Spirit responsive.

### The Place

A Destination and a Dead-end!

Bridlington is set on the coast of East Riding of Yorkshire. Beautiful skies, sandy beaches, picturesque scenery out to sea and inland on the Yorkshire Wolds. A holiday destination that fills with activity during Spring and Summer. In contrast it is a dead-end for many as they are trapped in cycles of unemployment, seasonal employment, low-incomes, poor housing, addictions and poor health.

Nationally Bridlington is in the bottom 10% on the deprivation indices and thus presents many great opportunities and challenges for Gospel planting. Amongst all this are many people who love living in Bridlington, who have jobs, families and aspirations but maybe lack the opportunities available in other parts of the country.

### The Role

#### *Explore and Plant*

There are considerable opportunities across Bridlington for mission amongst the 20's-40's age group. A number of new worshipping community options could emerge on the back of pioneer exploration. There are possibilities of developing aspects of present mission and ministry or of using existing buildings/places for innovation. There are places and networks that have not been explored where the gospel could be planted.

### *Gather Disciples*

There is the opportunity for a discipleship and training placement process/scheme as a way to meet the needs of younger people who may be stuck in cycles of deprivation or seasonal working that means their lives are marked more by survival than the fullness Jesus promises. This could be done in partnership with Kairos Connexions or New Wine. There are many opportunities for making disciples amongst 20s-40s in Bridlington and across the Deanery eg families, children and youth, schools and East Riding College.

### *Develop Leaders*

There are many in their 20s, 30s and 40s who have not had the investment necessary to grow them from helpers to leaders. Taking time to identify, develop, mentor leaders and build teams is crucial and culturally appropriate ways will need to be found to do this. Additionally there is the opportunity to stimulate Deanery churches in reaching 20s-40s through vision sharing, identifying leaders then supporting with missional supervision.

The Multiply Minister will get enthusiastic prayerful support in a team that is based at the Christ Church Bridlington Network Key Centre led by Rev Mark Carey.



**Rev Mark Carey. Team Leader Christ Church Bridlington Network.**