



Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the role of Senior Minister at Emmanuel Church, Fleetwood.

Emmanuel: We have grown in recent years into a family-based, community-minded, Christ-magnifying fellowship. Our vision is to be a Christ-centered missional community, loving people and transforming lives. Our passion is for Emmanuel to be a place where people of all ages **BELONG** as family, **ENCOUNTER** the living God, **GROW** in faith and love, and **GO** in mission. Our previous Senior Minister, Chris Kelsall, passed away late 2025. He served our church with great love and dedication leaving a legacy we will always cherish. We are therefore looking for a Senior Minister who shares our vision and is excited by who we are. Someone who believes passionately in the shared calling of all believers to minister to one another, the power of small groups and who wants to play a key role in leading, developing, inspiring and guiding us as a church that equips believers of all ages to grow and serve in their gifting.

Our Context: Fleetwood is a seaside town with a proud heritage and strong community spirit. It has become increasingly multicultural over the last thirty years, and our congregation is proud to be a space where both established residents and those just passing through find a true sense of belonging and Christian fellowship.

The Vision and Role: Established in 1933, our expanding congregation became too large for our building so twelve years ago, we moved into a former Methodist church, which we are currently renovating to create a flexible, user-friendly space where everyone feels at home. In this next season, our Senior Minister will provide spiritual vision, deliver biblically grounded preaching, and foster a culture of discipleship. You will lead our staff, develop a shared approach to pastoral care, and act as a visible ambassador for Emmanuel. We seek a servant-hearted, authentic leader whose ministry flows from a vibrant, personal relationship with God.

Application Process: All pertinent documents to your application (Job Description, Person Specification, Statement of Faith, Church Profile, Governance and Positional Papers) can be found here: <https://emmanuelfleetwood.org.uk/vacancies>

Our website, <https://emmanuelfleetwood.org.uk> offers further insight into who we are.

To apply, please send the following by **Tuesday 26th May** to **bevwalker@emmanuelfleetwood.org.uk** (Subject: Senior Minister Application – [Your Name])

- **Your CV:** Including two referees (contacted only after shortlisting and with your prior notice).
- **A Covering Letter:** (Max 2 pages, 11pt). Please tell us about yourself, how you meet the Person Specification/Job Description and why you believe God is calling you to Emmanuel at this time. Please include links to video/audio of your ministry if available.

If you require any clarification, please contact us via the email above or by phone at **01253 770646**.

Discernment & Selection: Our process is designed to be prayerful and fair. We would like the opportunity for an informal video call before shortlisting. Perspective candidates will be invited to a

two-day interview (early June 2026 date tbc). This process involves a presentation, guest preaching and meeting the church family in a variety of settings. We aim to reach a final decision by early to mid July 2026. We look forward to hearing from you and sincerely appreciate your prayerful consideration of this invitation.

Yours faithfully

Judith Macdonald

Chair of Trustees

On behalf of The Trustees and The Leadership Team, Emmanuel Church, Fleetwood