



**Are you passionate about sharing your Christian faith?  
Are you drawn to support those in great need?**

## **St Thomas' Blackpool are seeking to recruit a Lay Pioneer working as a CAP Debt Centre Manager and Community Evangelist (21 hours a week).**

With a grant from the Diocese of Blackburn for a Lay Pioneer St Thomas' Blackpool have formed a partnership with Christians Against Poverty (CAP) who will provide training and support to provide a free debt advice service to the communities of central Blackpool. The successful person will also work at St Thomas' as a Community Evangelist forging relationships and nurturing disciples.

### **Lay Pioneer**

We are looking for a 'people person' who can engage with the local community and provide the first line of support for families who are struggling under the weight of unmanageable debt.

We are looking for an enthusiastic team player to nestle into the church community creatively engaging and speaking about the gospel hope.

The debt advice is prepared by CAP's head office team so there is no need for in-depth financial knowledge CAP also who negotiate with creditors and work with each client until they are debt free.

A confident Christian faith will shine through what this Lay Pioneer does in the church and the wider community.

This exciting role will include:

- promoting the debt service locally
- recruiting a team of volunteers from the churches
- visiting clients in their homes (accompanied by another volunteer)
- carrying out a fact find with clients and then returning to communicate the financial plan produced by CAP
- going above and beyond in supporting clients whilst on their journey to becoming debt free, together with the volunteer team
- looking for opportunities to share the Christian faith with clients and connect them with the local church
- Running seeker style discipleship groups such as Start or Alpha.
- Confident at public speaking to promote CAP to other churches and preaching to be able to share the gospel in different contexts.

We will employ someone for 21 hours a week, starting in June 2026.

At least two half-day sessions need to be within regular working hours (9am – 5pm, Monday to Friday).

- Salary: £15,288 per annum
- Place of work: 135 Counce St, Blackpool FY1 3NJ
- Holiday entitlement: 25 days + 8 bank holidays per annum (pro rata for part time employees)
- Training: delivered online from 1st June to 3rd July 2026

**For an informal conversation about this post please contact Revd Dave O'Brien ([davidobrienvicar@gmail.com](mailto:davidobrienvicar@gmail.com) Mobile: 07939 619106).**

**Closing date: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 12pm**

**Interview Date: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

*There is an occupational requirement for the Debt Centre Manager to be a Christian and is exempt under schedule 9 of the Equality Act 2010.*