

# Role Description

Rector – Wavertree Holy Trinity



**Signed off by:** Archdeacon of Liverpool  
**Date:** November 2018

## 1. Details of the post

**Role title:** Rector  
**Name of benefice:** Wavertree Holy Trinity  
**Deanery:** Toxteth and Wavertree  
**Archdeaconry:** Liverpool

Initial point of contact on Clergy Terms of Service: The Diocesan Secretary

*Please note that this Role Description focuses on the particular needs and opportunities in the Parish of Wavertree Holy Trinity. It should be read and understood in conjunction with the Bishop's Statement and the parish profile and, for the successful candidate, alongside the Bishop's formal letter of appointment.*

*This Role Description will be reviewed annually at the Ministerial Development Review (MDR) and may be updated subsequent to the MDR to reflect important changes in the ministry of the parish priest and the context of that ministry, including wider responsibilities in the diocese. Significant changes to this role description should be agreed with the church wardens in consultation with the PCC and with the area dean and signed off by the archdeacon.*

## Archdeacon's Statement

Wavertree Holy Trinity an historic, suburban parish church just 3.5 miles from Liverpool City Centre in an area which links the "leafy suburbs" with the inner city. Holy Trinity is an eclectic, welcoming and inclusive church who are seeking to strengthen their connection with the local community and schools. Holy Trinity is part of a Group Ministry which includes the parishes of Wavertree St Mary's and Wavertree St Bridget.

Holy Trinity is a key appointment in this area of the city and the next incumbent will play a central role within the Group Ministry and wider deanery in developing lay leadership. Engaging with the six schools within the parish will be an important component of the church's ministry and a priority for the next Rector.

## Role Responsibilities

A priest shares with the Bishop both the privilege and responsibility of oversight within the Church and is charged with leading God's people in the offering of praise, the proclamation of the gospel, the celebration of the sacraments and the mission of God. This privilege and responsibility will be

exercised with due regard to servant leadership, mutual ministry and personal example and a commitment to maintaining and developing personal spirituality and wellbeing

For many years we have been working to achieve growth in our diocese. We have used different ways to express this but the aim and direction of travel has remained the same – consistent with the whole of the Church of England. When Bishop Paul was installed he adopted our growth agenda refreshing it by saying **'we are asking God for a bigger church so we can make a bigger difference; more people knowing Jesus more justice in the world'**

We think we will achieve this mission if we have:

100 new congregations

1000 new leaders

10,000 new disciples

to help us do this we are calling every worshipping Christian in our diocese to:

1. Sign up to the Bishop of Liverpool's rule of life which will encourage and support us to Pray, Read, Learn, Tell, Serve, Give, **#RuleOfLife** [www.liverpool,anglican.org/RuleOfLife](http://www.liverpool,anglican.org/RuleOfLife)
2. Bring 1 person into the regular worshipping and serving life of the church **#BringOneFriend** [www.liverpool,anglican.org/BringOneFriend](http://www.liverpool,anglican.org/BringOneFriend)
3. Do 10 acts of service or find 10 new points of connection beyond the walls of the church **#DoTenThings** [www.liverpool,anglican.org/DoTenThings](http://www.liverpool,anglican.org/DoTenThings)

Entrusted with the inheritance of faith in Holy Trinity a priest is also charged to be faithful in the stewardship of church finances; the mutuality of parish share which underpins ministry and mission in our diocese; oversight of church governance; care of the church building and PCC property, and encouraging the vocation of God's people to discern their vocation and to exercise their ministry, lay and ordained. The outworking of this charge will include the following:

*The following headings draw on the insights of Anecdote to Evidence*

*(www.churchgrowthresearch.org.uk/report) an Anglican report which explores aspects of parish life correlated with spiritual and numerical church growth.*

### **Vision, mission and purpose**

- in parish, deanery and diocesan contexts develop opportunities to build a bigger church making a bigger difference.
- prayerfully and collaboratively develop and articulate a clear vision for the future of Holy Trinity

### **Leadership, collaboration and releasing lay ministry**

- through collaborative leadership encourage, inspire, equip and release lay people into ministry and leadership, not only in parish but also across the group and wider deanery.
- enable the whole people of God to live out the Good News of Jesus confidently in all of life, Sunday to Saturday (Setting God's people free)..

### **Welcome and nurture**

- continue and extend the warmth and breadth of welcome and inclusion of human diversity
- implement a communications strategy to develop the sharing of information both within and beyond the church community.

### **Reflecting, learning and change**

- develop and enhance the established discipleship programmes for both new and existing members of the congregation
- while retaining the existing worship tradition explore different approaches to worship with a focus on deepening spirituality

### **Actively engaging with the wider community**

- implement a process of discernment of ways of extending engagement with the wider community
- ensure good pastoral support and care is offered to the community along with caring management of occasional offices

### **Actively engaging children and young people**

- encourage and grow the involvement of children and young people in the life of the community
- strengthen and extend relationships and ministry to the six local schools

### **Other key tasks**

- To play an active role in the Group Ministry and Deanery (Clergy Chapter, Synod, etc)
- to continue the development of a secure financial basis within the church to support the growth of ministry and mission.