

DIOCESE OF LEEDS

Role Description

1. Details of Post

Role title: Priest in Charge

Name of Benefice: The Fountains Benefice of Churches

Deanery: Ripon

Archdeaconry: Richmond & Craven

Initial point of contact on terms of service: Archdeacon of Richmond & Craven

2. Role Purpose

- To share with the Bishop both in the cure of souls and in responsibility, under God, for transforming lives, congregations and communities in this Benefice with reference to any current priorities established by the Bishop.
- To be the Priest in Charge of this Benefice, having regard to the calling and responsibilities of the clergy as described in the Canons, the Ordinal, the Code of Professional Conduct for the Clergy and other relevant legislation.
- To collaborate within the deanery in mission and ministry and, through the deanery plan, in such reshaping of ministry as resources and opportunities may require.
- To develop the ministry of the laity, through training, delegation, encouragement and support so that they have a greater involvement in the mission and ministry of the Benefice.
- To work with each PCC and local Church Committees along with supporting fellow clergy towards the development of a Benefice Vision, and to review that vision with them.
- To ensure that a high standard of worship, preaching and pastoral care is provided so that people are more able to live and grow as disciples of Christ.
- To seek and maintain ecumenical cooperation wherever possible.
- To gain a good working understanding of the Diocese and the support it provides.
- To encourage Christian stewardship of people's time, money and abilities so that the ministry of the church is strengthened and enabled.
- Whilst maintaining a distinctly Christian witness, to make positive links and develop the existing links with community and external organisations based in the benefice, so that full use is made of opportunities for outreach and service to the community.

3. Specific

- To continue bringing the Churches together and develop collaborative ways of working together within a large United Benefice.
- To manage the demands of working with 3 PCC's and one Church Council and continuing to embrace strong lay involvement.
- To develop strategies to engage children, young people and families and to work with 3 Church of England VC schools.
- To continue to embrace the Ecumenical Anglican Methodist Partnership at Grewelthorpe.
- To provide Chaplaincy to Fountains Abbey as Official Chaplain to Fountains Abbey and St Mary's, and to help organise the wider chaplaincy team.
- To work as a trustee of Grewelthorpe village hall with the Methodist Minister as part of the legal agreement.

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- 4. Key Contacts**
- The Churchwardens, Benefice administrator, Parish Officers and members of the PCC's
 - House for Duty priest when appointed
 - Methodist Minister at Grewelthorpe
 - The Bishop of Ripon
 - The Archdeacon
 - The Area Dean
- 5. Role Context and any other relevant information**
- To be able to honour the individuality of each of the churches and their congregations and communities in the Benefice while being able to grow together and build unity.
 - To provide relevant ministry in a rural area where deprivation may be hidden, where house prices are high and supporting infrastructure lacking.
 - Manage and justify allocation of time and resource across the high number of churches appropriately and productively.
- 6. Benefice Summary**
- Parish:* The Benefice of the Fountains Group of Parishes.
- Churches:* **7**
- PCC's:* 4
- Churchwardens:* **Each church has its own church wardens who also meet quarterly as the Benefice CW group**
- Clergy:* 3 Lay Readers plus support from visiting and local retired clergy. House for duty priest to be recruited
- Buildings:* 7
- Churchyards:* Open - Aldfield, Sawley, Mickley, Grewelthorpe, Winksley
 Closed - Kirkby Malzeard, Winksley, and Dallowgill.
 (Winksley has one open and one closed churchyard)
- Population:* Kirkby Malzeard 750, Mickley 90, Grewelthorpe 500.
- Parish Share 2017(paid in full):* Grewelthorpe £11,075, Fountains £20,282, Kirby Malzeard £13,569, Mickley £9,431,
- Expenses:* All incurred expenses reimbursed in full.
- Resolutions:* None
- Church tradition:* Varied churchmanship, styles of worship and ecumenical partnership.
- Pastoral reorganisation:* Right of presentation to be living has been suspended for 3 years (Consideration to be given to governance).

Role description signed off by : The Archdeacon of Richmond and Craven

To be reviewed 6 months after commencement of the appointment, and at each Ministerial Development Review, alongside the setting of objectives.