



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Diocese of St Edmundsbury
and Ipswich

Role description signed off by: Archdeacon of Sudbury

Date: March 2019

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

1 Details of post	
Role title	Parish Priest; and Team Vicar-designate
Name of benefices	Barrow; and Lark Valley & North Bury Team
Deanery	Thingoe
Archdeaconry	Sudbury
<i>Initial point of contact on terms of service</i>	Archdeacon of Sudbury

2 Role purpose
General
To share with the Bishop both in the cure of souls and in responsibility, under God, for growing the Kingdom in the benefice and team parishes
To ensure that the church communities in the benefice flourish and engage positively with 'Growing in God' and the Diocesan Vision and Strategy.
To work 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 both in current mission and ministry and, through the deanery plan, in such reshaping of ministry as resources and opportunities may require. To attend Deanery Chapter and Deanery Synod and to play a full part in the wider life of the deanery.
To work with the ordained and lay colleagues as set out in their individual role descriptions and work agreements, and to ensure that, where relevant, they have working agreements which are reviewed. This involves discerning and developing the gifts and ministries of all members of the congregations.
To work with the PCCs towards the development of the local church as described in the benefice profile, and to review those needs with them. To recognise and value the individuality of each community.

To ensure that a high standard of worship, preaching, and pastoral care is provided.
To work together, as appropriate, with other Christian denominations which have a presence in the parishes, team and wider deanery.
Schools
To work closely with the two VC schools in the Barrow Benefice and with other local schools as agreed. The diocese is committed to work with both community and church schools and this should be seen as a key part of the priest's role.
Specific tasks and responsibilities
Lead and share in ministry and pastoral teams, by working with parishes to develop a shared vision and plans for Growing in God; encourage lay participation in services; identify and develop people's talents.
Be a biblical shepherd who will inspire and invigorate church members.
Share the Christian faith with people of all ages and work with parishes to widen the age profile of congregations through building on some of the initiatives already implemented.
Maintain existing links and continue work with Headteachers of all local schools to help develop ministry amongst young people and children, and particularly to build on the opportunities provided by schools. The parish priest will be an ex-officio Foundation Governor at both Risby CEVCP and Barrow CEVCP Schools.
Strengthen and encourage links with young people, families, the middle-aged and newly-retired and help to expand outreach, pastoral care and visiting capabilities for those in need such as the elderly, lonely and isolated.
Be willing to contribute to community life in all the villages of the benefice and LVNB Team

3 Key contacts
Generic The PCC's LVNB Team Council The Deanery Chapter & Synod The Church Wardens The Rural Dean and Lay Chair Heads of Church primary schools
Specific Ordained and lay colleagues (those holding the Bishop's licence, PTO, office holders and administrative staff, both voluntary team secretary and treasurers)
Aspirational tbd

<p>Supportive The Archdeacon, who will review this role description with you when you are six months into post. The Rural Dean and Lay Chair Diocesan Director of Mission and Ministry Bishop’s Ministry Officer Benefice Ministry team and LVNB Ministry Team, and its administrative office.</p>	
<p>Patrons Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Lord Chancellor St John the Evangelist College Cambridge Susan Elizabeth Winkler von Stienhielm (c/o Macfarlanes, LLP)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">LVNB Board of Patronage</p>	
<p>Role context and any other relevant information</p>	
<p>For the time being, this post is shaped to fill the vacancy for a parish priest in the Barrow benefice and to also fill the team vicar vacancy in the LVNB Team Ministry. The consequence of this is that there must be a committed sense of collaborative working.</p>	
<p>To be aware of the implications of the Centenary Share system on the finances of the benefices.</p>	
<p>To continue to support and develop the ministry of others across the benefices.</p>	

<p>4 Benefice Summary</p>	
<p>Parishes</p>	<p>Barrow Denham Great Saxham Little Saxham Risby</p> <p>LVNB: to include:- Flempton-cum-Hengrave Lackford West Stow w Wordwell Culford</p>
<p>Churches</p>	<p>Barrow : All Saints Denham : St Mary Great Saxham : St Andrew Little Saxham : St Nicholas Risby : St Giles</p> <p>LVNB: to include:- F: St Catherine L: St Lawrence W: St Mary C: St Mary</p>
<p>PCC</p>	<p>The PCCs seek to work together, to be supportive and effective in mission and growth.</p>
<p>Schools and Colleges</p>	<p>Barrow CEVCP School Risby CEVCP School & Brookes Cambridge School</p>

Churchwardens	Barrow x1 Denham x1 Great Saxham x 1 Little Saxham x 2 Risby x 2	Flempton x1 Lackford x2 West Stow x1 Culford x2
Ministers	1 x Lay Elder	LVNB Team (as per profile)
Buildings	Town Estate Room, Barrow	CCT church All Saints Wordwell Private church of St John Lateran, Hengrave (wedding blessings)
Churchyards (Open or closed)	Barrow : All Saints – closed Denham : St Mary – open Great Saxham : St Andrew– open Little Saxham : St Nicholas– open Risby : St Giles – open	Flempton - open Lackford - open West Stow & Wordwell–both open Culford - open
Population	Barrow : 2,000 Denham : 120 Great Saxham : 270 Little Saxham : 70 Risby : 1,200	& LVNB villages similarly
Average Sunday Attendance	Barrow) Denham St Mary) Great Saxham) & LVNBsee profiles Little Saxham) Risby)	
Parish Share	2019: £37,010 2018 : £42,886 (84.61%) 2017 : £44,056 (98.45%)	LVNB total £141,108, of which £14,800 relates to the 4 parishes listed
Expenses	Reimbursed in full	
Resolutions	None	
Church Tradition	Central	
Pastoral re-organisation	This appointment is the first appointment in the revised Deanery Plan, enabling ministry in two adjoining benefices commensurate with financial and housing resources.	
Presence of other Christian denominations	Free Church chapel in Barrow	
Presence of other faith communities	None	