

Diocese of Manchester

Role Description for: Team Vicar (0.5)
Role description signed off by: The Archdeacon of Rochdale

Date:

To be reviewed after 12 months

1. Details of Post

Role Title: Team Vicar (0.5 stipendiary)
Name of benefice: Good Shepherd, Ashton
Deanery: Ashton
Archdeaconry: Rochdale
Initial point of contact on Terms of Service: The Archdeacon of Rochdale

2. Role Purpose

General

- i. To exercise the cure of souls shared with the bishop in this parish in collaboration with your colleagues.
- ii. To have 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.
- iii. To work to advance the Kingdom of God through servant leadership, collaboration and example, and with particular regard to the current diocesan mission priorities
 - a) for growing churches
 - b) for increasing giving
 - c) for serving the wider community
 - d) for nurturing vocations
- iv. To share in the wider work of the deanery and diocese as appropriate, for the building up of the whole Body of Christ.

Specific

- To have responsibility for St. Michael and All Angels' church and its future development as an effective town centre church
- To exercise a chaplaincy role in the town centre, along with the present curate, and to share in the civic life of Ashton-under-Lyne to strengthen links with St Michael's.

- To continue developing with colleagues a mission strategy for the Parish and, specifically, the MAP for St Michael's.
- To be a governor for Parochial School and strengthen its links with St Michael's
- To work with the parishes of the emerging cluster to establish opportunities for closer working, sharing resources and joint missional activity

3. Key contacts

Generic

The PCC and St. Michael and All Angels' DCC
 Clergy and Lay Colleagues in the Parish of the Good Shepherd
 Clergy and Lay Colleagues in the emerging Cluster
 The Deanery Chapter, Synod and Mission and Pastoral Committee
 The Staff at Church House

Specific

Schools:	Parochial School and others of our church schools as required and agreed
Cluster parishes:	Christ Church, Ashton St. John, Hurst St. George, Stalybridge Mossley Parishes, St George and St John
Leaders from other denominations:	Roman Catholic: Fr Simon Firth Nazarene: Pastor Carl McCann New Life Church: Stuart Gosling URC: Vacant Methodist: In transition

Supportive

The Team Rector
 The Area Dean
 The Archdeacon
 The Suffragan Bishop

4. Role context and any other relevant information

The Deanery Pastoral Plan places the Parish of the Good Shepherd in an Ashton Cluster which, at the time of writing, also includes Christ Church Ashton and St John's Hurst. As the Deanery's strategic vision develops, it is

envisaged that the parishes of St George's Stalybridge and the two Mossley parishes of St George and St John will join the cluster.

The role of St. Michael's as the historic Town Centre Church is under review and is expected to develop under the leadership of the Team Vicar.

St. Michael's has accepted that the Eucharist will not take place every Sunday morning and that it is most likely that non-Eucharistic worship will take place on two Sundays a month. It is seeking to establish lay leadership for these services.

Chaplaincy work within the Town Centre is crucial in the church developing its mission to those who shop, play, and work in the Town Centre and to the future of the Church of England in the Town Centre of Ashton-under-Lyne. The new TV will be expected to work alongside the Team Rector and Curate to maximise the opportunities

The Good Shepherd was formed in 2008 and is keeping under regular review its focus on mission and ministry and new ways of working. The Team Curate, who will be in post until the summer of 2020, has been given free-reign to develop new forms of evening worship at St. Michael's.