

The Parishes of St Aidan Hellifield (with Halton West) & St Mary the Virgin Long Preston
Job Description

Plan and lead worship in the three churches in the benefice using available resources (people and resources) to ensure that high quality worship is maintained.

Conduct occasional offices, Saint's Day and other special services throughout the year.

Lead the spiritual direction of our parishes, sharing God's love at the heart of our communities.

Steer Bible study groups, Lent study group and other teaching opportunities for members of both parishes.

Take the lead in the provision of pastoral care to all within the community including those confined to home. Provide the sacraments to those who wish to receive them.

Work in partnership with Churchwardens, retired clergy LLM, lay worship leaders and the congregations of both churches to build effective teams for worship and mission. Delegate where appropriate.

Chair the two PCC's and explore opportunities for joint working to strengthen the mission of the church in both villages.

Be a visible presence in both villages, and interacting with all age groups, participate in fund-raising events as appropriate.

Work in and with our local schools, co-ordinating and building a team to deliver weekly assemblies in Long Preston VA CofE School, Open the Book in Hellifield Community Primary School and welcoming the children into church for services during the year.

Actively encourage younger people, including families, single people and children, but also those in their 40's and 50's, to Christ and to church, whilst valuing the contribution of the existing congregations .

Explore ways of building on the remote worship which has been taking place in the pandemic

Contribute to the mission and ministry with the wider Diocese, Episcopal Area and Bowland & Ewecross Deanery. Work with fellow Priests as part of the Deanery Clergy Chapter.