

Vicar of Bramhope
0.5 stipend plus housing
(to work Sundays plus 3 days by arrangement)

ROLE DESCRIPTION

Role description signed off by the Ven. Paul Ayers, Archdeacon of Leeds

Date: September 2018

1. Details of post

Role title (as on licence):	Vicar
Name of benefice:	Bramhope
Patron:	Leeds Diocesan Board of Patronage
Episcopal area:	The Episcopal Area of Leeds
Archdeaconry:	Archdeaconry of Leeds
Deanery:	Headingley
Initial point of contact on terms of service:	Archdeacon of Leeds

2. Role Purpose

General in both the parish and Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community

- To share with the Bishop both in the cure of souls and in responsibility, under God, for “building confident Christians, growing churches and transforming communities”;
- 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 including safeguarding;
 - To build up the Kingdom of God by helping to lead the congregations into growth in depth of discipleship, in numbers and in service to their local communities
 - creatively developing links with local communities so that the church becomes increasingly a sign of God’s love to all those who live in the parishes
 - leading in ministry and evangelism to the wider community, developing outreach strategies to create opportunities for individuals of all ages to discover God’s love for them and choose to become followers of Jesus Christ

- discovering opportunities to work with the people of any faith and none for the 'common good' of the local neighbourhood as a whole.
- undertaking parish priest duties including conducting funerals, weddings, baptisms and other occasional offices.
- leading in pastoral care, teaching, nurturing faith and the planning and leading of worship and preaching.
- leading in ministry to all, from the elderly to young families and children.
- developing productive partnership with local schools
- ensuring that appropriate worship, preaching and pastoral care is provided in the parishes
- encouraging lay ministry and the participation of the congregations in leading elements of worship and service.
- encouraging Christian stewardship of people's time, money and abilities so that the ministry of the church is strengthened and enabled;
- leading the administration of the parish and undertaking any other reasonable duties as appropriate.

The person appointed will:

- Develop collaboratively an inspiring vision for mission and lead in its implementation
- Build on existing models of ministry and go beyond them
- Prioritise numerical and spiritual growth
- Find achievable ways to reach younger people
- Develop lay leadership and ministries

3. Key Working Relationships

- The Bishop of Leeds
- The Bishop of Kirkstall (with responsibility for the Leeds Episcopal Area)
- The Archdeacon of Leeds
- The Area Dean and Lay Chair of Headingley Deanery
- Headingley Deanery Synod and Clergy Chapter
- The Diocesan Office team
- The Diocesan Director of Mission and Ministry
- Clergy and lay colleagues
- Churchwardens
- The Parochial Church Council
- Ecumenical partners

- Local community partners including schools and colleges.
- Colleagues in ministry in the deaf community, in the Diocese and nationally

4. Archdeacon's Comments

Our vision as the Diocese is for confident clergy equipping confident Christians to live and tell the good news of Jesus Christ. For all of our appointments we are seeking clergy who have a joyful and confident faith which has inspired a track record of church growth.

The parish of Bramhope has a lively church which belies its relatively small population. The church values both traditional and contemporary expressions of worship and wants to see both grow and flourish. The congregations are ready to explore ways of developing more every-member ministry and lay leadership. It is a parish with a high proportion of professionals, both working and retired, and it needs a competent leader who is able to share responsibilities and help people to develop their gifts. In recent years there has been significant growth among younger families, and the church is very keen to see this continue.

All new appointees in the Diocese are required to undertake:

- (i) the diocesan induction programme which includes diocesan training for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults,
- (ii) a course on presence and engagement in the context of other faiths, and
- (iii) the residential "*Leading Your Church into Growth*" course (LYCiG).

The accommodation offered will be the Vicarage as detailed in the Parish Brochure. Prior visits, if necessary, can be arranged via Archdeacon Paul Ayers' PA. Please contact helen.allison@leeds.anglican.org