

DIOCESE OF LEEDS

ROLE DESCRIPTION

Position: Vicar, Benefice of Kirby-on-the-Moor, Cundall with Norton le Clay and Skelton-cum-Newby

Details of the Post

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| Role title: | Vicar Benefice of Kirby-on-the-Moor, Cundall with Norton le Clay and Skelton-cum-Newby |
| Full/part time: | The role is a 60% incumbency |
| Patron: | Cundall: Peter Stanley, Cundall Hall Kirby-on-the-Moor: Bishop of Leeds Skelton: Richard Compton, Newby Hall |
| Archdeaconry: | Richmond and Craven |
| Deanery: | Ripon |
| Initial point of contact on terms of service: | Archdeacon of Richmond and Craven |

General Purpose of the Role

- To engage with our congregations and communities as a priest, teacher, preacher and a leader of prayer.
- To continue the development of discipleship within the community, deepening people's understanding of how God is working in their lives, leading them deeper into the mystery of His love.
- To respond imaginatively to the challenges and opportunities of rural ministry and of the significant new housing developments around the benefice.
- To encourage, develop and nurture the existing positive ministry of lay people, through training, delegation, encouragement and support, so that they might be all that they might be, so that they can continue to support the ministry and mission of this benefice.
- To understand the unique characteristic of each of our churches and work with these, whilst initiating change sensitively, when needed.
- With and through the congregations and communities:
 - 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 lead in pastoral care in the wider community particularly in times of crisis;
 - 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 distinctively Christian witness, to make new positive links and develop the existing links with community and external organisations based in the parish, especially the schools, so that full use is made of opportunities for outreach and service to the community.

Key Working Relationships:

- Bishop of Leeds Nick Baines, Area Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley, Archdeacon Jonathan Gough and Area Dean Tony Collins.
- Retired clergy.
- Churchwardens and the PCC.
- Vicar of St James Boroughbridge and other nearby churches.
- Head teachers and key staff at the three schools in the benefice area.
- Significant people in the wider communities, for example Kirby Hill Parish Council and leaders of other community spaces such as the pubs.