

## ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF LEEDS

### Role Description

#### 1. Details of Post

<i>Role Title:</i>	Associate Priest
<i>Name of benefices:</i>	Christ Church, South Ossett and Trinity Church, Ossett and Gawthorpe
<i>Deanery:</i>	Wakefield
<i>Archdeaconry:</i>	Pontefract
<i>Initial point of contact on terms of service:</i>	Archdeacon of Pontefract

#### 2. Role Purpose

##### General

- To share with the Bishop both in the cure of souls and in responsibility, under God, for transforming lives, congregations and communities in these parishes in line with the current priorities established by the bishop.
- To be the Associate Priest of these parishes, working with the Priest-in-Charge, 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 help collaborate within the deanery in mission and ministry and, through the deanery plan, in such reshaping of ministry as resources and opportunities may require.
- To help develop the ministry of the laity, through training, delegation, encouragement and support so that they have greater involvement in the mission and ministry of the parish.
- To help work with the PCCs towards the development of the local church and to review that vision with them.
- To help 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 seek ecumenical cooperation wherever possible.
- To gain a good working understanding of the Diocese and the support it provides.
- 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 help make new positive links and develop the existing links with community and external organisations based in these parishes, so that full use is made of opportunities for outreach and service to the community.

##### Specific

##### Working with the Priest-in-Charge

- To sensitively manage and enable change and further the vision of collaborative ministry in these parishes.
- To have a pastoral heart, friendly, approachable, empathetic and a good listener
- To continue in Bible teaching, outreach, evangelism and nurture.
- To identify, train and encourage those called to lead in word, worship and other public ministries; and to ensure that the pattern of services strengthens the ministry here.
- To identify, train and encourage those called to lead in pastoral and other personal ministries.

- To continue to encourage 'cell' and/or small groups, whilst recognising the integrity of the distinctiveness of the two churches, so that we can be more effective as the priesthood of all believers.
- To have an active involvement in the development of the churches work with children and young people.
- To continue building an outward looking community, playing their part in developing ministry across Ossett so that the congregations and communities are better equipped to contribute to the life of the town.
- To play an appropriate part in the Deanery and the Diocese.

**Role context and any other relevant information including pastoral re-organisation**

- To work with the Priest-in-Charge in leading the vision of these two parishes in sharing ordained ministry and working more closely together in this town and the future forming of a United Benefice.

**3. Key contacts**

The Area Bishop, Archdeacon and Diocesan support  
 Deanery Chapter and Area Dean  
 The Clergy & Lay teams  
 The PCCs  
 Heads & Governors of local Primary schools

**4. Benefice summary**

Parishes:	Two
Churches:	Two church buildings
Buildings:	Two parish centres, two church schools
Churchyards:	One open at Manor Road (half a mile from Christ Church) and one closed at Trinity
PCCs:	Two PCCs
Churchwardens:	Two at each church
Population:	Trinity Church c16,000 Christ Church c8,500
Average Sunday attendance:	Trinity Church: 81 (Sunday only) Christ Church: 137 over 3 services inc. Thursday
Parish Share:	Trinity Church £54,588 Christ Church £73,186
Expenses:	Reimbursed in full
Resolutions:	None
Church tradition:	Open evangelical

*Role description signed off by: The Archdeacon of Pontefract*

*Date:*

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