

DIOCESE OF LEEDS

Role Description

1. Details of Post

Role Title: Priest-in-Charge

Name of parishes: The Benefices of Settle Holy Ascension; and Giggleswick and Rathmell with Wigglesworth.

Deanery: Bowland and Ewecross

Archdeaconry: Richmond and Craven

Initial point of contact on terms of service: Archdeacon of Richmond and Craven

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 Benefices with reference to any current priorities established by the Bishop.
- To be the Priest-in-Charge of these Benefices, 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 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 develop the ministry of the laity, through training, delegation, encouragement and support so that they have greater involvement in the mission and ministry of these Benefices.
- 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 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 make new positive links and develop the existing links with community and external organisations based in the Benefices, so that full use is made of opportunities for outreach and service to the community.

3. Specific

- To continue the work already being done in the Benefices to develop further ways of working together
- To continue giving the Benefices and people a renewed vision of what it means locally to proclaim and model the Kingdom of God, given the distinctive qualities of the three Parishes.
- To develop further the mission of the Church in our three parishes.

- Be a strong leader, well organised, able to listen sympathetically and to delegate when necessary.
- The ability to engage with children and young people and to continue expanding our work with local schools.
- To increase the awareness of the role of the Church in the community by being a visible presence and engaging actively with people.
- Be aware of and approach positively the challenges of rural ministry.
- A sound knowledge of Christian theology and a strong focus on preaching the gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ.
- The ability to engage with congregations in teaching, preaching and prayer.
- The enthusiasm to connect with people of all ages and to support and encourage them in their Christian journey.
- A willingness to embrace a range of worship patterns and, if necessary, to initiate change in a sensitive manner.
- To interact positively with the Christian communities in the area and work with the other local clergy.

4. Key contacts

- The Churchwardens, Parish Officers and members of the PCCs
- The Area Bishop
- The Archdeacon
- The Area Dean

5. Role context and any other relevant information

Discussions are currently taking place about the formation of a team ministry for these two Benefices and the Benefices of Clapham with Keasden and Austwick; and Langcliffe with Stainforth and Horton in Ribblesdale. If the pastoral re-organisation takes place, it is proposed that the person appointed as Priest in Charge to these two Benefices will be named as the Team Rector in the pastoral scheme.

6. Benefices summary

Parish: Benefices of Settle, and Giggleswick with Rathmell and Wigglesworth

Churches: 3

PCCs: 3

Churchwardens: 8

Clergy: 1 Associate Priest

Buildings: Parish Rooms at Giggleswick

Churchyards: 3

Population: 2011 Census - Settle 2564, Giggleswick 1280, Rathmell 305, Wigglesworth 379 - but with growth in all four settlements since then

Parish Share 2018: Settle £28,500, Giggleswick £52,343, Rathmell with Wigglesworth £4,536

Expenses: reasonable expenses reimbursed in full

Role description signed off by: The Archdeacon of Richmond and Craven

Date:

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