

# Role Description

Priest in Charge of Southport Emmanuel &  
Assistant Curate of North Meols Team Crossens St John



**Signed off by:** Archdeacon of Knowsley & Sefton  
**Date:** November

## 1. Details of the post

**Role title:** Priest in Charge and Assistant Curate  
**Name of benefices:** Southport Emmanuel & North Meols Team (Crossens St John)  
**Deanery:** North Meols  
**Archdeaconry:** Knowsley & Sefton

Initial point of contact on Clergy Terms of Service: The Diocesan Secretary

*Please note that this Role Description focuses on the particular needs and opportunities in the Parishes of Southport Emmanuel and Crossens St John. It should be read and understood in conjunction with the Bishop's Statement and the parish profile and, for the successful candidate, alongside the Bishop's formal letter of appointment.*

*This Role Description will be reviewed annually at the Ministerial Development Review (MDR) and may be updated subsequent to the MDR to reflect important changes in the ministry of the parish priest and the context of that ministry, including wider responsibilities in the diocese. Significant changes to this role description should be agreed with the church wardens in consultation with the PCC and with the area dean and signed off by the archdeacon.*

## Archdeacon's Statement

This is a new role and a major attraction would be working with the Team Rector of the North Meols Team, Rebecca Clarke, new in role herself since October 2017. The hope and plan is that the title of this role will become Team Vicar in the North Meols team and there will be opportunity to shape the future working together of all the churches in mission and ministry.

Emmanuel is a well known landmark in Southport, you can't miss it! There is a lot of potential for its future development and her people are looking for someone who will use and develop their gifts. There are a number of schools in the parish and imaginative missional possibilities exist. The recent beginning of a new congregation at 4pm on a Sunday afternoon shows their desire to try new things.

St John's has a self supporting curate, Chris, priested in 2018 who has been a member there for many years. It is envisaged that your primary focus would be on Emmanuel but that in collaboration with Chris there would be suitable focus on St John's. There is an excellent church school in

Crossens who would value the attention that could be given to enhance their worship and extend their work.

## **Role Responsibilities**

A priest shares with the Bishop both the privilege and responsibility of oversight within the Church and is charged with leading God's people in the offering of praise, the proclamation of the gospel, the celebration of the sacraments and the mission of God. This privilege and responsibility will be exercised with due regard to servant leadership, mutual ministry and personal example and a commitment to maintaining and developing personal spirituality and wellbeing

For many years we have been working to achieve growth in our diocese. We have used different ways to express this but the aim and direction of travel has remained the same – consistent with the whole of the Church of England. When Bishop Paul was installed he adopted our growth agenda refreshing it by saying '**we are asking God for a bigger church so we can make a bigger difference; more people knowing Jesus more justice in the world**'

We think we will achieve this mission if we have:

100 new congregations

1000 new leaders

10,000 new disciples

to help us do this we are calling every worshipping Christian in our diocese to:

1. Sign up to the Bishop of Liverpool's rule of life which will encourage and support us to Pray, Read, Learn, Tell, Serve, Give, **#RuleOfLife** [www.ruleoflife.org.uk](http://www.ruleoflife.org.uk)
2. Bring 1 person into the regular worshipping and serving life of the church **#BringOneFriend** [www.liverpool,anglican.org/BringOneFriend](http://www.liverpool,anglican.org/BringOneFriend)
3. Do 10 acts of service or find 10 new points of connection beyond the walls of the church **#DoTenThings** [www.liverpool,anglican.org/DoTenThings](http://www.liverpool,anglican.org/DoTenThings)

Entrusted with the inheritance of faith in Southport Emmanuel and Crossens St John a priest is also charged to be faithful in the stewardship of church finances; the mutuality of parish share which underpins ministry and mission in our diocese; oversight of church governance; care of the church building and PCC property, and encouraging the vocation of God's people to discern their vocation and to exercise their ministry, lay and ordained. The outworking of this charge will include the following:

## **Vision, mission and purpose**

- To develop the vision of both churches for numerical and spiritual growth through the Diocesan growth agenda
- To discern with others the priorities and objectives for each church and lead them in fulfilling them

## **Leadership, collaboration and releasing lay ministry**

- To encourage people to use their gifts in the service of God, release more people to take up leadership positions and enable to consider their vocation
- To think and act strategically and work collaboratively with existing lay leadership, Readers, Team Rector and curate, retired clergy

## **Welcome and nurture**

- To stimulate interest in Jesus' call to make disciples by promoting the Rule of Life
- To ensure both churches continue to be places of welcome but also congregations willing to invite others to explore the Christian faith

## **Reflecting, learning and change**

- To foster and develop the relationship between both churches
- To introduce change sensitively and carefully

## **Actively engaging with the wider community**

- To support and develop the use of both church buildings for the community
- To think of new and imaginative ways of connecting with those who live and work in the local community in particular schools

## **Actively engaging children and young people**

- To further develop the work with children, young families, teenagers and uniformed organisations
- To be involved as a governor at St John's school and support and encourage the whole school community

## **Other key tasks**

- To play a full part in the life and strategic development of North Meols deanery, its clergy chapter and N Meols team.
- To participate in the ecumenical life of North Meols

