

DIOCESE OF LEEDS

Vicar of the United Benefice of Todmorden

Role Description

1. Details of Post

<i>Role Title:</i>	Vicar of the United Benefice of Todmorden
<i>Name of Benefice:</i>	Todmorden Benefice
<i>Deanery:</i>	Calder Valley
<i>Episcopal Area:</i>	Huddersfield
<i>Initial point of contact on terms of service:</i>	Archdeacon of Halifax

2. Role Purpose

General

- 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 be vicar 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 to seek opportunities for sharing resources with other local benefices.
- 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 the parish.
- To ensure that a high standard of worship, preaching and pastoral care is provided across the churches of the benefice so that people are more able to live and grow as disciples of Christ.
- To seek ecumenical cooperation wherever possible with Christians Together in Todmorden
- 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.

3. Specific

The new vicar will be the first full time priest appointed since the formation of the new benefice so developing cross fertilisation, excellent communications and a culture of mutual support across the benefice will be important. He/she will be expected to:

- Bring energy and leadership to our benefice helping us to grow both spiritually and numerically;
- Be skilled in working collaboratively and in developing the talents of all God’s people for mission and service;
- Be a visible presence in the life of the local community and together with the PCCs develop strategies for drawing those at the edges more deeply into the life of the church and into its worship
- Support existing opportunities for outreach and seek to build new ones
- Work collaboratively to develop strong links of working with children and families
- Develop strategies for ensuring that good pastoral care is delivered across the benefice

Special Notes:

The benefice includes the lively market town of Todmorden (home of incredible edible) and the villages of Cornholme and Walsden in the foothills of the Pennines. There are two church schools one in Todmorden and one in Walsden. St Michael's Church is currently in the consultation process for closure. There is no longer a Sunday congregation there, only a midweek Eucharist and there is no longer a separate PCC.

4. Key contacts

The Area Bishop – The Rt Revd Jonathan Gibbs

The Archdeacon – The Ven Dr Anne Dawtry

Joint Area Deans - The Revd Canon Kathia Shoesmith, The Revd Marion Russell

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