

## DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

**'a worshipping, growing and transformative Christian presence at the heart  
of every community'**

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Role Description signed off by: The Archdeacon of Rochdale

Date: 08/04/25

To be reviewed 6 months after the commencement of appointment and again  
after three years or at the first Ministerial Development Review

### 1. Details of Post

Role Title: Interim Minister of the benefice of Littleborough  
(three year term with the possibility of a further three)  
Deanery: Rochdale  
Archdeaconry: Rochdale

Initial point of contact on Terms of Service: The Archdeacon of Rochdale

### 2. Role Purpose

#### General

- i. To exercise the cure of souls shared with the bishop in this parish in collaboration with your colleagues
- ii. To have 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.
- iii. To work to advance the Kingdom of God through servant leadership, collaboration and example, and with particular regard to the current diocesan mission vision and goals:
  - a) **growing** – growing new disciples in missionary church communities which are younger, more diverse, active and spiritually engaged

- b) **nurturing** – increasing vocations, nurturing new and existing disciples, increasing financial giving
  - c) **serving** – present for all, speaking and acting prophetically for justice, supporting pastorally especially the vulnerable, deprived and excluded
- iv. To share in the wider work of the mission community, deanery and diocese as appropriate, for the building up of the whole Body of Christ

### **Specific**

- i. To play a full part in the Mission Community and Deanery
- ii. To enable, encourage and develop established and new ministries in schools, with young people, and with families
- iii. To discern and encourage vocations to lay and ordained ministries and fostering 'whole life discipleship' amongst all church members
- iv. To be mindful of the existing worship traditions within the parishes and to explore and try new liturgies to enable the congregations to grow
- v. To strengthen links with the local communities and build new partnerships, especially mindful of those who feel 'left behind.'
- vi. To examine ways of encouraging stewardship and develop new income streams
- vii. To prayerfully examine the configuration of buildings in the benefice

### **3. Key contacts**

#### **Generic**

Churchwardens  
PCCs  
Mission Community  
Deanery Chapter and Synod  
St John's House staff

## **Specific**

Holy Trinity CE Primary School (VA)  
Stansfield Hall CE/Methodist Primary School (VC)  
Littleborough Community Primary School  
Bible Study Group  
Sunday School  
Youth Theatre Workshop  
Benefice Church Council  
Pastoral Response Group  
Social Committee  
Churches Together

## **Supportive**

The Mission Community Leader	The Reverend Janet Pitman
The Acting Area Dean	The Reverend Anne Gilbert
The Archdeacon of Rochdale	The Venerable Karen Smeeton
The Bishop of Middleton	The Right Reverend Mark Davies
The Bishop of Manchester	The Right Reverend Professor David Walker

## **4. Context**

The Diocese of Manchester's vision (to be 'a worshipping, growing and transformative Christian presence at the heart of every community') cannot be achieved without radical rethinking of our present structures. We expect that candidates for a post in the Diocese of Manchester are committed to working together with ordained and lay colleagues in Mission Communities so we can better be mutually accountable to each other and be better able to meet the needs of local people. A successful applicant for this post would be expected to participate fully in the Mission Community as well as the Deanery, and encourage the ministries of others (lay and ordained). This interim post will allow the benefice to take a full part in the Mission Community and the Deanery and the successful candidate will be expected to lead and encourage this process. Creative partnerships as well as a need for flexibility. The parishes are open to a review of the current pattern of worship.