**Diocese of Manchester**

Role Description signed off by: The Archdeacon of Rochdale

Date:

To be reviewed after 6 months

1. **Details of Post**

Role Title: Incumbent

Name of benefice: Middleton and Thornham

Deanery: Heywood and Middleton

Archdeaconry: Rochdale

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

1. **Role Purpose**

**General**

1. To exercise the cure of souls shared with the bishop in this parish in collaboration with your colleagues
2. 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.
3. To work to advance the Kingdom of God through servant leadership, collaboration and example, and with particular regard to the current diocesan mission priorities
   1. for growing churches
   2. for increasing giving
   3. for serving the wider community
   4. for nurturing vocations
4. To share in the wider work of the deanery and diocese as appropriate, for the building up of the whole Body of Christ

**Specific**

1. To develop, with the PCCs, a vision for the united benefice
2. To lead the parishes in their planning for mission
3. To explore possibilities for outreach and evangelism
4. To develop and sustain a shared leadership for the parishes
5. To discern and encourage vocations to lay and ordained ministries
6. To nurture and encourage ‘whole life discipleship’ amongst all church members
7. To ensure good stewardship in its widest sense
8. To engage effectively with the civic life of Middleton
9. To strengthen links with the local schools

**3. Key contacts**

**Generic**

The churchwardens and PCCs of the Benefice

The Deanery Chapter, Synod and Mission and Pastoral Committee

The Staff at Church House

**Specific**

Middleton Parish Church School

St Anne’s Academy

Boarshaw Community Primary School

St John’s CE (Aided) Primary School

Ecumenical partners

**Supportive**

The Area Dean Revd. Frances Guite

The Archdeacon Ven. Cherry Vann

The Suffragan Bishop Right Revd. Mark Davies

**4. Role context and any other relevant information**

There are no plans for further pastoral re-organisation of the benefice. The new incumbent will have a key task, with others, of developing the emerging mission cluster with the benefices of Castleton, Langley and Tonge cum Alkrington.