

## **The Benefice of Holme on Spalding Moor and Seaton Ross, Diocese of York.**

***‘ We are looking for someone who is an inspirational and a strong communicator... comfortable with all ages... prepared to do things differently... and encouraging of lay ministry’.***

Thank you for your interest in the post of Rector (0.5) in the benefice of Holme on Spalding Moor and Seaton Ross, Diocese of York

We are at a time of opportunity and development in the life of the Diocese of York, a time of openness to new possibilities, as the parishes of the South Wold Deanery and the Diocese seek the encouragement and inspiration of God’s Holy Spirit for our Diocesan Vision of *Living Christ’s Story*, and making that vision real in the lives of our churches together, through the South Wold Deanery Plan.

As a Diocese, we seek to *Live Christ’s Story* through:

- Becoming more like Christ, as we live his story today.
- Reaching people we currently don’t.
- Building confidence and growing churches of missionary disciples, who are younger and more diverse.
- Transforming our finances and structures so that we can support a presence in all our communities, neighbourhoods and networks.

and in each place, to catch the vision and embrace the opportunities for mission particular to these communities.

The people of this benefice recognise the challenges they face, and are realistic as well as enthusiastic and open to fresh ideas for mission. Across the six villages, they want to work with their new priest to make Christ visible in their communities, and to live out the story of God’s love, grace and forgiveness.

As the profile says, the people of the benefice are

*‘active, engaged and energetic, and are committed to living the gospel in their lives outside the church. Anyone willing to serve alongside us will experience unqualified support and help in developing the spiritual life of the church and we look forward to sharing in that journey ahead with you. .’*

Across the six villages, there is strong community spirit and real opportunities to reach out in mission and service to those we currently don’t reach. There is supportive, faithful, enthusiastic lay leadership who are committed to working together, and who want to look forward, continue to build the Church and share the Gospel. They recognise the ministerial opportunities and challenges of their situation, and will support their new priest with prayer, worship, and practical service together, especially with their strong expectation of active participation, valuing the contribution of everyone in the church community to the life of these churches.

They seek someone who will help them to deepen their devotion and their discipleship, raise the profile of the churches, engage with the local schools and participate in the community with hospitality and imagination. Their priest will see the strengths and possibilities that exist, and will be able to identify ways for them to continue growing together, building a sustainable future together.

I came to be Bishop of Selby in the autumn of 2024, and I have found a warm welcome, supportive colleagues and an openness to God's possibilities for the church in this Diocese. The clergy and lay ministers appreciate the genuine collegiality that we enjoy with one another, working together to overcome challenges, develop vision and implement plans. This is a positive and hopeful time for the Diocese of York.

The new priest in charge will find a warm welcome in the Deanery of South Wold, with friendly, encouraging and supportive lay and ordained colleagues with a real vision for the future. They will also have the support of the area team of archdeacon and bishop, and of the diocesan staff. We all work for the support, care, wellbeing and development of our ministerial colleagues.

I hope that you will find in this Profile a sense of the opportunities for ministry here, and that you will be able to perceive whether you are being called to take further this process of discernment.

If you would like to have an informal conversation with me, or with the Archdeacon, we would be glad to hear from you.

May the Holy Spirit guide you as you consider your call to Holme on Spalding Moor and Seaton Ross, in the Diocese of York .

With blessings and grace

+Flora Selby