

Diocese of York

Role Description: Benefice of Easington with Liverton House for Duty Priest-in-charge

I Introduction

This role description takes into account the Parochial Church Councils' statements of the condition, needs and traditions of the parish (the 'parish profile'). It should be reviewed 6 months after the commencement of the appointment, and if necessary at Ministerial Development Review, alongside the setting of objectives. The Patron's rights to present have been suspended pending deanery planning under the auspices of Living Christ's Story. It is the intention that, subject to the usual consultations, the Priest-in-Charge will be the first named incumbent of the new benefice.

2 Details of post

2.1	Role title	House for Duty Priest in Charge
2.2	Name of benefice	Easington with Liverton
2.3	Deanery and archdeaconry	Guisborough, Cleveland
2.4	Initial point of contact on terms of service	The Diocesan Human Resources Adviser
2.5	Patrons	Lord Chancellor

3 Role purpose: Generic

- 3.1 To share with the Archbishop and the Bishop of Whitby in the cure of souls in the benefice.
- 3.2 To be the priest of the benefice, having regard to the calling and responsibilities of the clergy of the Church of England as described in the Ordinal, the Canons, national Safeguarding policies, and all other relevant legislation, in accordance with the Archbishops' statement Guidelines for the Professional Conduct of the Clergy.
- 3.3 To work with other ministers and with members of the Parochial Church Councils in the development of the Church's mission and ministry, having regard to the need for sustainability and effectiveness in mission in each place, and jointly where appropriate.
- 3.4 To ensure that a high standard of worship, preaching and pastoral care (appropriate to each setting) is provided.
- 3.5 To nurture discipleship and develop the ministry of all God's people, through training, co-operation and support, encouraging all people, as appropriate, to take responsibility for the mission and ministry of the parishes, and seeking to identify potential future leaders and ministers.

- 3.6 To promote the Diocesan vision of 'Living Christ's Story', prayerfully working to engage with the five marks of mission in the parish and to explore with the congregation(s) how they can respond effectively to the goals of: becoming more like Christ; reaching those we currently don't; growing churches of missionary disciples; and transforming our finances and structures.
- 3.7 To collaborate with others in the deanery in mission and ministry, and through deanery planning, participate in the future shaping of ministry according to the resources and opportunities available, and to be pro-active and constant in seeking the fullest possible degree of ecumenical co-operation and commitment.

4 Role purpose: Specific

- 4.1 To encourage and enable collaboration and cooperation between the parishes whilst respecting their individual characters and styles of worship.
- 4.2 To help strengthen confidence and outreach and to help the congregations to grow numerically, missionally and in terms of financial giving.
- 4.3 To work with the Deanery Leadership Team and other parishes in order that gifts and skills may be shared across the Deanery.
- 4.4 To be involved in the life of each community and to build up outreach through social events and the Occasional Offices.
- 4.5 To encourage and enable lay ministries of all kinds.
- 4.6 To help to build up effective and confident PCCs and Church Officers.

5 Key contacts and relationships

- 5.1 *Generic*
 - a The Archbishop, Suffragan Bishop and Archdeacon
 - b The Churchwardens and the Parochial Church Council
 - c The Area Dean, Lay Dean, Deanery Leadership Team, Chapter and Synod
 - d Diocesan and archdeaconry advisers in specialist areas
- 5.2 *Specific*
 - a The youth and family worker
- 5.3 *Supportive*
 - a The Area Dean
 - b The Diocesan Director of Mission and Ministry
 - c The Archbishop's Adviser and Co-ordinator of Pastoral Care

6 Role Context

The Diocese is currently re-assessing priorities for the resourcing and deployment of ministry, in conversation with the deanery. It is possible that this might lead to future pastoral re-organisation.

7 Benefice summary as at time of compilation

Number of parishes	2
Churches and listing	All Saints' (2), St Michael (2*), St Hilda (closed)
Parsonage	A three bedroom house in Easington
Other buildings	No
PCCs	2
Churchyards	Easington (closed), Liverton
Population	2,217
Average Sunday attendance	8
Free Will Offer	£3,605
Schools	2
Expenses	Paid in full
Letter of Request	No
Liturgical practice	Central with vestments

8 Review

The Archdeacon will review this role description with you when you have been in post for six months.

Date: 7 October 2025