

Job Description

Diocese of Leeds

Vicar

Embsay with Eastby.

Details of the Post - *this post is a 0.5 fte appointment in conjunction with the 0.5 post for a Clergy Development Officer within the Ripon Episcopal Area.*

Role title	Vicar Church of St Mary the Virgin, Embsay with Eastby.
Patron	The Rector, Holy Trinity Church, Skipton (in vacancy)
Archdeaconry	Richmond and Craven
Deanery	Skipton
Initial point of contact on terms of service:	Archdeacon of Richmond and Craven.

General Purpose of the Role:

- To share with the Bishop both in the cure of souls and in responsibility, under God, for transforming lives, congregations and communities in this parish with reference to any current priorities established by the Bishop
- To be the Vicar of the parish, 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, through the deanery plan, in such reshaping of ministry as resources and opportunities may require.
- 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 this parish.
- To ensure that a high standard of worship, preaching and pastoral care is provided so that people are more able to live and grow as disciples of Christ.
- To seek ecumenical cooperation wherever possible.
- 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.
- Whilst maintaining a distinctively Christian witness, to make new positive links and develop the existing links with community and external organisations based in the parish so that full use is made of opportunities for outreach and service to the community

The person appointed will provide spiritual leadership and counsel to the village communities of Embsay and Eastby, working collaboratively with the associate priest, retired clergy and the lay members of St Mary's to:

- continue the development of discipleship within the community, deepening people's understanding of how God is working in their lives;
- develop the existing positive role of lay people in the life of St Mary's while being sensitive to the traditions of worship;
- extend the significant secular links with families and young people into fuller engagement with our worship;
- maintain and further our relationship with the Methodist Church in Embsay,
- maintain and develop the existing links with the primary school in the village,
- implement the steps identified in the income review in order to establish and maintain a stable funding base for the work of the church;
- further the links with churches in the Skipton area,
- review the future development of the parish through the St Mary's Plan for Growth alongside the Diocesan Strategy – Maturing in Christ, in order to celebrate and build on existing strengths while identifying areas for development.

Key Working Relationships:

- Area Bishop Helen-Ann, Archdeacon Jonathan Gough, Area Dean Ruth Harris
- Associate priest, and retired clergy,
- Churchwardens and the PCC
- Headteacher of Embsay School
- Ministers of churches in Skipton and nearby,
- Significant people in the wider Embsay and Eastby communities, for example the Parish Council.