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The Garrowby Hill Benefice

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**'We want someone who will help us to grow further and develop deeper
our faith and ministry in the places where we live.'**

Thank you for your interest in the post of half-time Incumbent of the Garrowby Hill Benefice in the Deanery of South Wold.

We are at a time of opportunity and development in the life of the Diocese of York. Together with the other ministers, the churchwardens and the PCCs, the new Incumbent will be leading the Benefice through a time of openness to new possibilities, as both the 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, through the 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 Benefice, to catch the Vision and embrace the opportunities for mission particular to these communities.

These parishes want to work with their priest to make Christ visible in their communities, and to live out the story of God's love, grace and forgiveness.

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This is a Benefice with a strong pastoral and community focus, and a commitment to families, schools and children, with real opportunities for developing this area. There is supportive, enthusiastic and committed leadership who want to look forward and share the Gospel with their rural communities. The members of the congregations across this Benefice are faithful and committed. They recognise the ministerial challenges of these communities and will support their new incumbent with prayer, fellowship, and practical service together

They seek someone who will help them to deepen their discipleship, raise the profile of their churches, strengthen links between the different parishes, engage with the local schools and continue to reach out to the community with hospitality and imagination, as together they proclaim the love of Jesus here. With some variety across the five parishes, the tradition is broadly catholic and the worshipping

traditions include both the Book of Common Prayer and Common Worship. There is a proud ecumenical inheritance at Bugthorpe and Kirby Underdale.

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 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 Incumbent will find a warm welcome in the Deanery of South Wold, with friendly and encouraging fellowship, and 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 and development of our ministerial colleagues.

I hope that you will find in this brochure a sense of the opportunities here for growth in your ministry and your own discipleship, 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 Spirit guide you as you consider your call to Garrowby Hill.

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