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Thank you for considering the chance to be the Vicar of St Mary's, Grassendale. We'd love to welcome you to our wonderful church community, full of life colour and warmth. You'll be supported in so many ways here.

We're situated a stone's throw away from the River Mersey in South Liverpool. And for more than 170 years, we've come together to look after each other, and support our local community, with the likes of our food pantry, community café and regular litter-pick.

St Mary's congregation is like one huge family, worshipping our Lord in our own unique ways, at whatever stage of our faith journey we're on. We love to celebrate, encourage and pray for each other. Everyone is welcomed into our services with a warm smile and a cup of tea. And if we're really lucky, a biscuit or two!

Please read on to find out more about who we are!





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So who are we looking for at  
St Mary's Grassendale?

We hope to find someone who has:

- Has a clear, inclusive vision with a plan to move the Church forward.
- Will encourage pastoral care as a shared responsibility.
- Has a commitment to social justice.
- Has experience of promoting and enhancing young people's journey of faith.
- Has a commitment to promote mission.
- Can connect with our many young families and make links with our local schools.
- Can deepen discipleship and lead more people to Jesus.
- Can manage conflict within the Church family should it occur



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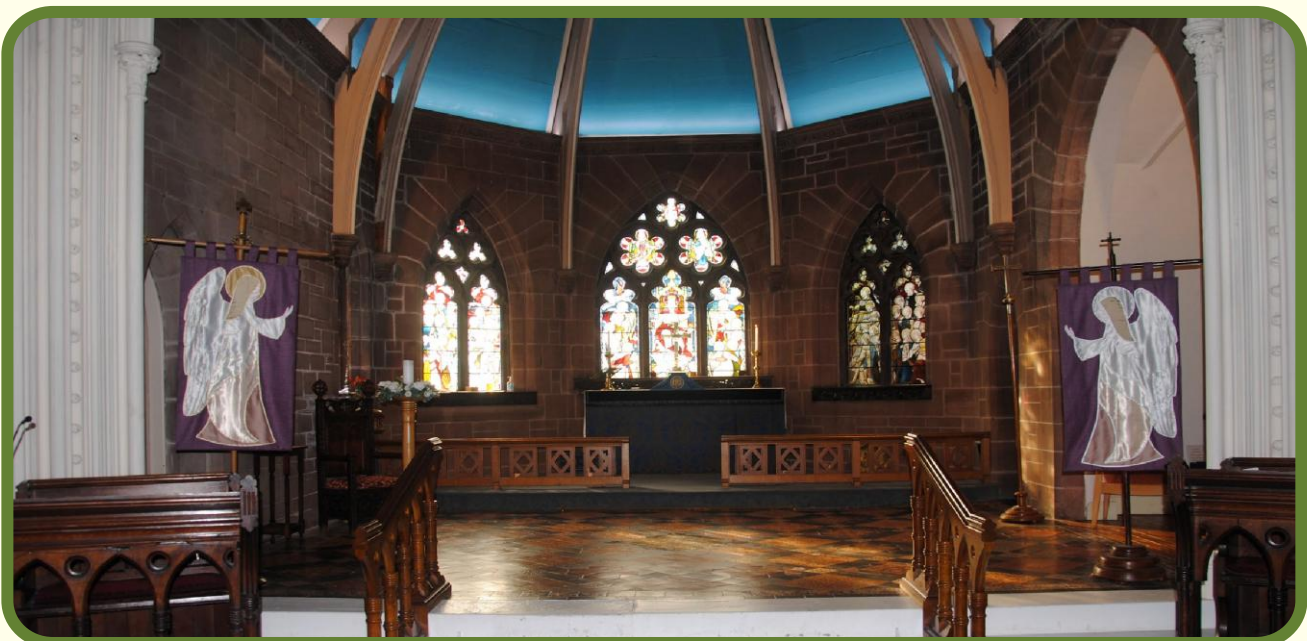
## Who'll be supporting you in your role:

- Our church family!
- A Lay Reader
- An Ordinand
- Two Lay Worship Leaders
- Two Lay members who preach
- Church Wardens/Assistant Church Wardens
- Treasurer
- PCC
- Safeguarding team, led by our Safeguarding Lead
- A Sacristan, a vergers and team
- A Finance Team led by our Treasurer
- A team of our family who regularly read our scripture during worship and lead our intercessions.

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After much thought, we have committed to the 'Single Larger Parish' in Liverpool South Deanery, called Christ our Light. This follows the Diocese of Liverpool 'Fit for Mission' initiative. You will be working within a team within the Single Larger Parish with much of the administration being looked after by the central support services team.

Our PCC is composed of a wide variety of experience, with both old and new members, pulling together to be one body, to serve Christ during this Interregnum.





We're aiming to make St Mary's the heart of our Parish, by connecting with our local community in as many ways possible, including:

- Love in the Name of Christ (LINC): for 30 years, our community café has offered snacks and hot meals on a Wednesday during term time.
- Monthly Coffee Mornings.
- Tiny Toes: for Pre-School children during term time.
- L19 Pantry: offering a community pantry full of nutritious food for members of L19, along with providing other services such as health, debt, housing and energy support.
- Who Let The Dads Out? (WLTDO): The chance for Dad's to get together once a month, on a Saturday morning, we also welcome mums.
- Our beautiful Woodland Garden and Church Gardens, maintained by church volunteers.
- Community Events such as Family Fun Bingo Nights, Spring Fairs.
- Christmas Fairs, complete with carol singers from one of the local Primary Schools.
- Christmas Nativity and Christingle services. A thriving Rainbow, Brownies, Guides, Squirrels, Cubs, Beavers and Scout groups.
- Link with local Councillor.

The Hall is also available to hire for Children's Parties.



# What would you expect to find in our Parish?



The Parish of St Mary's, Grassendale, has a population of 9,076 and a deprivation rating of 23.08.

The Parish encompasses a range of socio-economic backgrounds and housing types, with many social housing initiatives within the Parish.



We have excellent transport links locally, with a bus stop outside our Church Hall, Cressington train station is a 1-minute walk away, and a 15-minute ride into the city centre, or to Liverpool John Lennon Airport.



## Also within the Parish we're lucky to have:

A local highstreet, supermarket, Library, Garston Park, Garston Leisure centre, Otterspool Promenade along the River Mersey, hairdressers, Beauty Therapists, Nursing and Residential Homes, Bars, Restaurants and Cafes and the newly refurbished Adventure Playground - the 'Venny'.



Whilst there are no secondary schools within the Parish, we do have two primary schools (1 of which is a Roman Catholic School) and two local nurseries.

# Our services:

At St Mary's we offer 3 Services on a Sunday:

- 9am Holy Communion, attended by approximately 25 adults and 5 young people (1st Sunday of the month is Book of Common Prayer).
- 11am Family Worship attended by approximately 100 adults and 80 young people (1st Sunday of the month is Holy Communion, 2nd Sunday of the month is Praise Service where we welcome our friends from Girl Guiding UK and Scout Association).
- 6.30pm Night Prayer, attended by approximately 18 adults and 5 young people (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month is Holy Communion).
- Baptism services are usually held on the last Sunday of the month during our 11am Service, but we are very flexible to accommodate our families. These Services are currently looked after by our Assistant Priest. Last year, we held 18 Baptisms.
- We usually have 1 or 2 Wedding Services per year and 13 Funeral services.
- We have a thriving KFJ (Kids for Jesus) at our 11am Service, where our young people (3-



Other activities our family are involved in:

- Monthly Prayer Meeting
- House Group
- Banner Group
- Volunteering with the maintenance and upkeep of the Church and the Church Hall
- Girlguiding UK and Scout Association