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Role Description

1. Details of Post

Role Title: Rector
Name of benefice: The Priory Church of St Mary and St Cuthbert Bolton Abbey
Deanery and Area: Skipton Deanery in the Episcopal Area of Ripon
Archdeaconry: Richmond and Craven
Initial point of contact on terms of service: Archdeacon of Richmond and Craven

2. Role Purpose

General

- To share with the Bishop both in the cure of souls and in responsibility, under God, for transforming lives, congregations and communities in this Benefice with reference to any current priorities established by the bishop.

- To be the Rector of this Benefice, 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 the Benefice.

- To work with the PCC and fellow clergy towards the development of the local church and to review that vision with them.

- 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.

3. Specific

- can work with a congregation drawn not just from within the parish but also from further afield, coming to enjoy a traditional form of worship in this beautiful and atmospheric setting

- will develop the pastoral care with extensive experience, reaching out not just to local residents but to the many tourists and "special occasion" visitors to our church

- can recognise the demographic challenge of a committed but generally ageing congregation, and can work to engage the younger age groups both within the church and outside.

- recognises where change is needed and can bring it about whilst caring for natural concerns and sensitivities.

- has the political skills to work within the symbiotic relationship that the Priory has with the surrounding Bolton Abbey Estate and its Trustees of the Chatsworth Settlement.

- can maintain the momentum in supporting, sponsoring and initiating many improvements over the last five years

4. Key contacts

- His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, the Patron of the Living
- The Bolton Abbey Estate and its Trustees of the Chatsworth Settlement
- The Churchwardens, Parish Officers and members of the PCC
- The Bishop of Ripon
- The Archdeacon of Richmond and Craven
- The Area Dean of Skipton

5. Role context and any other relevant information

The high-profile Priory Church at Bolton Abbey is a member of the Greater Churches Group seeking a Rector who can lead its committed congregation to build even further on its many blessings, spreading the Christian message in this part of the Yorkshire Dales and beyond.

6. Benefice summary

Parish:	
Churches:	1
PCCs:	1
Churchwardens:	2
Clergy:	0
Buildings:	Boyle Room
Churchyards:	1
Population:	542
Parish Share:	£114,220 to be paid in full
Expenses: Reasonable expenses reimbursed in full	
Resolutions:	None
Church tradition:	Central Church of England

Role description signed off by: The Archdeacon of Richmond and Craven

Date:

To be reviewed 6 months after commencement of the appointment, and at each Ministerial Development Review, alongside the setting of objectives.