**Diocese of Manchester**

Role Description signed off by: The Acting Archdeacon of Rochdale

Date: 04.03.2020

To be reviewed after 6 months

1. **Details of Post**

Role Title: Incumbent

Name of benefice: Droylsden St Mary

Deanery: Ashton

Archdeaconry: Rochdale

Initial point of contact on Terms of Service: The Acting Archdeacon of Rochdale

1. **Role Purpose**

**General**

1. To exercise the cure of souls shared with the bishop in this parish in collaboration with your colleagues
2. To have 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.
3. To work to advance the Kingdom of God through servant leadership, collaboration and example, and with particular regard to the current diocesan mission priorities
   1. for growing churches
   2. for increasing giving
   3. for serving the wider community
   4. for nurturing vocations
4. To share in the wider work of the deanery and diocese as appropriate, for the building up of the whole Body of Christ

**Specific**

1. To lead the PCC/congregation in their planning for mission
2. To develop and sustain a shared leadership for the parish
3. To discern and encourage vocations to lay and ordained ministries
4. To nurture and encourage ‘whole life discipleship’ amongst all church members
5. To ensure good stewardship in its widest sense
6. To strengthen links with the schools and local community
7. To lead the work with St Stephen’s Audenshaw to prepare both churches for the time when they become a united benefice.

**3. Key contacts**

**Generic**

The churchwardens and PCCs of the Benefice

The Deanery Chapter, Synod and Mission and Pastoral Committee

The Staff at Church House

**Specific**

St Mary’s C of E School

Droylsden and District Foodbank

**Supportive**

The Area Dean The Reverend Roger Dixon

The Acting Archdeacon The Venerable David Sharples

The Suffragan Bishop The Right Reverend Mark Davies

**4. Role context and any other relevant information**

There is an expectation that the new parish priest will also become parish priest at St Stephen’s Audenshaw when the present vicar there retires (probably Easter 2021) Care will need to be taken to ensure that both churches are actively involved in working towards this from the outset of the appointment. In line with diocesan strategy, discussions have also taken place around a future Mission Unit/Cluster whereby St Mary’s and St Stephen’s would join with the other churches in Droylsden and Audenshaw, plus those in Denton and Haughton and be served by a team of stipendiary, self-supporting and lay ministers. The exact details around this have yet to be confirmed.