

Role Description

House for Duty – Glazebury All Saints



Signed off by: Archdeacon of St Helens and Warrington
Date: July 2017

1. Details of the post

Role title: House for Duty (Assistant Curate)
Name of benefice: Glazebury All Saints
Deanery: Winwick Deanery
Archdeaconry: St Helens and Warrington

Initial point of contact on Clergy Terms of Service: The Diocesan Secretary

Please note that this Role Description focuses on the particular needs and opportunities in the Parish of St Anywhere. It should be read and understood in conjunction with the Bishop's Statement and the parish profile and, for the successful candidate, alongside the Bishop's formal letter of appointment.

This Role Description will be reviewed annually at the Ministerial Development Review (MDR) and may be updated subsequent to the MDR to reflect important changes in the ministry of the parish priest and the context of that ministry, including wider responsibilities in the diocese. Significant changes to this role description should be agreed with the church wardens in consultation with the PCC and with the area dean and signed off by the archdeacon.

Archdeacon's Statement

All Saints is a friendly open and welcoming parish with a strong commitment to all ages. In particular through its links with the village primary school it seeks to encourage the active involvement of children within the church in general.

They have been poorly served in recent years in terms of long term priestly provision and have largely coped by being self-organised and relying on retired priests to cover services. This gives the parish lots of strength and resilience, but has meant that the mission of the church hasn't been able to develop so well.

A new dedicated half time priest will be able to bring much.

In order to connect the parish into the wider Deanery, the Area Dean, The Rev Canon Stephen Grey will be licenced to the parish to provide overall support to the new priest and to help build bridges to the wider Deanery mission.

Role Responsibilities

A priest shares with the Bishop both the privilege and responsibility of oversight within the Church and is charged with leading God's people in the offering of praise, the proclamation of the gospel, the celebration of the sacraments and the mission of God. This privilege and responsibility will be exercised with due regard to servant leadership, mutual ministry and personal example and a commitment to maintaining and developing personal spirituality and wellbeing

Entrusted with the inheritance of faith in *All Saints* a priest is also charged to be faithful in the stewardship of church finances; the mutuality of parish share which underpins ministry and mission in our diocese; oversight of church governance; care of the church building and PCC property, and encouraging the vocation of God's people to discern their vocation and to exercise their ministry, lay and ordained. The outworking of this charge will include the following:

Vision, mission and purpose

- Help develop a new mission plan for the parish
- Build its identity as a village parish church in the context of the Deanery mission

Leadership, collaboration and releasing lay ministry

- Build a collaborative team with the local lay leaders
- Work with retired clergy who have supported the Glazebury ministry

Welcome and nurture

- Connect to the wider village life and be seen as a priestly presence in the community
- Develop and offer a nurture course

Actively engaging with the wider community

- Consider partnership/chaplaincy opportunities with Bents garden centre – a major local employer/venue
- Consider the major aspects of village life and work out how to connect the church to them
- Build links with the Methodists and other Christians

Actively engaging children and young people

- Work with the Deanery schools officer to encourage the local school
- Consider extending the church/schools partnership