

DIOCESE OF LEEDS

Interim Priest in Charge of the Parishes of Stainland and Outlane (and subsequently to include Greetland & West Vale)

Role Description

1. Details of Post

<i>Role Title:</i>	Priest in Charge of the Parishes of Stainland and Outlane (and subsequently also Greetland & West Vale)
<i>Deanery:</i>	Brighouse and Elland
<i>Archdeaconry:</i>	Halifax
<i>Episcopal Area:</i>	Huddersfield
<i>Initial point of contact on terms of service:</i>	Archdeacon of Halifax

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 these parishes in line with the current priorities established by the bishop.
- To be a spiritual leader in the parishes, 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 in such reshaping of ministry as resources and opportunities may require.
- To work with the PCCs towards the development of the local church in line with each parish's vision and the Diocesan strategy.
- To build on each church's passion for drawing people into a life of faith and hope, so that these parishes may be a place and community of Christian hope, spirituality and discovery.
- 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

- To deepen the worship, teaching and outreach of the churches and congregations
- To be a confident leader in church and community, able to engage with all;
- To communicate well and inspire faith; encouraging all to deepen their relationship with God,

- To inspire a particular focus on children, young people and families, including maintaining and deepening links into local schools;
- To deepen relationships between the churches, including building the relationship between the Stainland & Outlane parishes and the parish of Greetland & West Vale, in preparation for the parishes coming together following the retirement of the current priest in charge of Greetland & West Vale.

4. Role context and any other relevant information

These parishes are committed to the wellbeing of their communities, and to sharing the love of God and faith in Jesus Christ with the people whom they are called to serve. There is a desire to grow the links and the work with local schools, uniformed organisations, community groups, and local residents. The congregations are enthusiastic and committed, with good lay leadership and involvement in the parish's mission, and to the future reorganisation to include the parish of Greetland & West Vale. They are ready to work with a new priest to deepen and grow in number, in discipleship, in outreach and in engagement in the life of these communities.

5. Key Contacts:

The Bishop of Huddersfield
Archdeacon of Halifax
The Area Dean

The Rt Revd Smitha Prasadam
 The Ven Bill Braviner
 The Revd Canon James Allison

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