

Diocese of York

Role Description: Assistant Minister, Benefice of Derwent Ings and the Benefice of Escrick and Stillingfleet w Naburn (House for Duty)

1 Introduction

This role description has been agreed with the Priest-in-Charge of the benefices. It will be reviewed 6 months after the commencement of the appointment, and if necessary at Ministerial Development Review, alongside the setting of objectives. This is a house for duty post.

2 Details of post

- 2.1 Role title: Assistant Curate
- 2.2 Name of benefice: Benefice of Derwent Ings and the Benefice of Escrick and Stillingfleet w Naburn
- 2.3 Deanery and archdeaconry: Derwent, York archdeaconry
- 2.4 Initial point of contact on terms of service: The Diocesan Secretary

3 Role purpose: Generic

- 3.1 To share with the Incumbent or Priest-in-Charge, the Archbishop and the Bishop of Selby in the cure of souls in the benefice.
- 3.2 To be a priest of the benefice, having regard to the calling and responsibilities of the clergy of the Church of England as described in the Ordinal, the Canons, national Safeguarding policies, and all other relevant legislation, in accordance with the Archbishops' statement Guidelines for the Professional Conduct of the Clergy.
- 3.3 To work with other ministers and with members of the Parochial Church Council(s) in the exercising of the Church's mission and ministry, having regard to the need for sustainability and effectiveness in mission in each place, and jointly where appropriate.
- 3.4 To ensure that a high standard of worship, preaching and pastoral care (appropriate to each setting) is provided.
- 3.5 To work with the incumbent / Priest-in-Charge to nurture discipleship and develop the ministry of all God's people, through training, co-operation and support, encouraging all people, as appropriate, to take responsibility for the mission and ministry of the parishes, and seeking to identify potential future leaders and ministers.
- 3.6 To promote the Diocesan vision of 'Living Christ's Story', prayerfully working to engage with the five marks of mission in the parish and to explore with the congregation(s) how they can respond effectively to the goals of: becoming more like Christ; reaching those we currently don't; growing churches of missionary disciples; and transforming our finances and structures.
- 3.7 To collaborate with others in the deanery in mission and ministry, and through deanery planning, participate in the future shaping of ministry according to the resources and

opportunities available, and to be pro-active and constant in seeking the fullest possible degree of ecumenical co-operation and commitment.

4 Role purpose: Specific

- 4.1 To work in partnership with the Priest-in-Charge, Lay & Authorised Ministers and all office holders, to deepen and extend the shared life and ministry of the Partnership.
- 4.2 To be an encouraging, prayerful and visible pastoral presence within village communities across the Partnership.
- 4.3 To communicate the Gospel, connect joyfully and make God's love visible to people of all ages
- 4.4 To contribute to the nurture of our good relationships with local schools
- 4.5 To play an active part in the sacramental ministry of the parishes, including occasional offices

5 Key contacts and relationships

5.1 *Generic*

- a The Archbishop, Suffragan Bishop, Archdeacon and Priest-in-Charge
- b The Churchwardens and the Parochial Church Councils
- c The Area and Lay Deans, Deanery Chapter and Synod
- d Diocesan and archdeaconry advisers in specialist areas

5.2 *Specific*

- a Revd Jackie Doyle Brett
- b Dr Catharine Grievson (LLM)
- c Emma Mawer (Multiply Leader)
- d Margaret Clegg (Pastoral Team Co-ordinator)

5.3 *Supportive*

- a The Area and Lay Dean
- b The Start of Ordained Ministry Adviser
- c The Archbishop's Adviser and Co-ordinator of Pastoral Care

6 Role Context

The Diocese has a programme of re-assessing priorities for resourcing and deployment and of reduction in the number of stipendiary clergy. Planned reduction of numbers of stipendiary clergy has applied to the deanery and may continue to do so.

7 Benefice summary as at time of compilation

Number of parishes: 7

Churches: 8

Other places of worship: none

Parsonage: Yes, in the village of Escrick

PCCs: 7

Churchwardens:

Churchyards: a mixture of open and closed

Population: 6,600

Schools: Escrick Church of England Primary
Queen Margaret's School (Independent)
Elvington CofE VC Primary
Sutton upon Derwent Cof E VC Primary
Wheldrake w ThorganbyC of E Primary
Naburn CofE Primary
Expenses: travel expenses paid

8 Review

The Archdeacon will review this role description with you when you have been in post for six months.

Date 14th June 2024