

## DIOCESE OF LEEDS

### Incumbent of the Benefice of Honley with Brockholes

#### Role Description

#### 1. Details of Post

<i>Role Title:</i>	Incumbent of the Benefice of Honley with Brockholes
<i>Deanery:</i>	Almondbury & Kirkburton
<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 both 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. Role Purpose - Specific

This parish is looking for a priest who will

- Lead the parish in developing and implementing a vision for growth in congregation size, given the rising average age of the current attendees.
- Lead the Parish in addressing the challenges raised in the Quinquennial Inspection surveys.
- Develop the discipleship of congregations and the nurture of new Christians.
- Build on the good relationships with local schools, and engage in their life, including through governorship in the church schools.
- Spend time growing relationships with the local communities, and engaging in community life.
- engage with young families, and encourage participation of children and young people in church.
- develop our praise, prayer, worship and music, making it accessible to all, including potential new church members

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

This benefice of two churches is well established, and the PCC has clear sense of purpose. The congregations are enthusiastic and hopeful, ready to continue moving forward under the leadership of a new incumbent, and keen to see their congregations grow in number and depth of discipleship, to see their links with schools and community organisations flourish, and to be beacons of God's love across their 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 Julie Anderson

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