

**Signed off by:** Archdeacon of Liverpool  
**Date:** 19.9.24  
**Role title:** Missing Generations Project Leader and Priest in Charge St George's Everton (3 year fixed term interim post)  
**Deanery:** Liverpool North & Walton  
**Archdeaconry:** Liverpool

## *The Leadership role in Liverpool Diocese:*

For many years we have been working to achieve growth in our diocese. We have used different ways to express this but the aim and direction of travel has remained the same – consistent with the whole of the Church of England. We have articulated a vision for this growth by saying

**we are asking God for a bigger church so that we can make a bigger difference: more people knowing Jesus and more justice in the world.**

In our diocesan vision we have identified four priority areas for our work in mission in this season:

- Introducing people to God through Jesus Christ
- Deepening discipleship, especially by means of our Rule of Life
- Developing Christian leaders in every place
- Working for justice

Like everyone entering a new role in the Diocese, you will accept the priority of these areas, and will measure your ministry by effectiveness in these areas. You will be supported and expected to be accountable (through the Ministerial Development Review as well as through regular meetings with your colleagues) for how they are being implemented within your area of responsibility.

In common with all clergy in the diocese, you will work together with others to:-

1. Establish a culture of invitation in evangelism within the local church.
2. Start new worshipping communities and maintain existing healthy worshipping communities that are accessible to all.
3. Establish a culture in the local church of expecting a deepening of discipleship and putting into practice the 6 disciplines of the Rule of Life.
4. Develop prayerfully a strategy for mission and church growth and aligning it with the Diocesan strategy Fit for Mission.
5. Identify, train, release and support new Christian leaders and teams.
6. Encourage vocations by identifying the gifts of others and assisting people to seek God's calling for their lives.
7. Develop the distinctive ministry of the local Church within the wider context of the Diocese, Deanery and local ecumenical setting by establishing and maintaining good collaborative working relationships with clergy and lay colleagues.
8. Lead your congregations both to pray for justice in the Church and the world and to recognize how, working with others, your congregations can work for more justice in the Church, your local communities, and the world.
9. Ensure that safeguarding, financial and other governance disciplines are followed.
10. Collaborate with others to develop a flourishing children and youth ministry.

## ***The Context:***

The Missing Generations Project is a partnership between St George's Everton and the neighbouring parish of St Peter's with St John Chrysostom, funded on a fixed term basis by the Church of England Strategic Development Fund. This radical growth project aims to see a step change in the number of new disciples in the 11-29 year-old age range and by doing so become a 'resource' (people, money, ideas, training, learning from mistakes etc.) to the wider church in the north of the city. The target is to grow by over 100 new disciples by the end of 2026, through developing a network of interlinked but distinct worshipping communities, focussing predominantly on the 'Generation Z' cohort and establishing their own forms of worship, discipleship, fellowship, leadership and mission.

As interim priest in charge of S George Everton, you will support and nurture them through the inevitable changes that this project will bring and be a leader in teaching and preaching the faith. It will also be important that you lead the congregation and new worshipping communities in embracing and stepping into the diocesan 'Fit for Mission' programme.

## ***The Priorities:***

- Quickly step into the already discerned vision, and lead on its timely implementation within the funding window of this project
- Establish and maintain strong team working relationships with the project co-lead and other key partners
- Identify opportunities for, and develop, new worshipping communities in line with the project vision
- Identify, nurture and develop new Christian leaders for these communities

## ***Other Key Responsibilities:***

- Nurture and support the congregation of St George Everton through pastoral care and worship in this period of growth, change, and some inevitable loss
- Be an excellent teacher and preacher of the faith, nurturing faith in and deepening discipleship among new and established members of the church
- As Priest in Charge, lead the congregation to discern the future of their building and develop teams to work on, eg, fundraising and grant opportunities
- Speak confidently and prayerfully about money, establishing a culture of generous discipleship and realistic stewardship

## ***Housing:***

Housing will be provided for the post holder for the better performance of their duties. The identified house is a modern semi-detached corner property a short walk from St George's. The ground floor comprises a study/4<sup>th</sup> bedroom, WC, living room, dining kitchen, storage and manageable garden. The first floor has two double bedrooms and a family bathroom, and the second floor consists of a third double bedroom with en-suite bathroom.

## Role Description

*This Role Description will be reviewed biennially at the Ministerial Development Review (MDR) and may be updated subsequent to the MDR to reflect important changes in the ministry of the 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, in a team ministry with team clergy and with the area dean and signed off by the Archdeacon.*