Diocese of York

**Role Description**

Benefice of Derringham Bank

Role Title Assistant Curate (to be known locally as

Associate Vicar)

**Introduction**

This post is, initially, externally funded and it is assumed that the person appointed will move to revitalise an existing parish within six years.

This role description will be reviewed with the Incumbent 6 months after the commencement of the appointment and, if necessary, at Ministerial Development Reviews, alongside the setting of objectives.

**Details of Post**

Parish: The Ascension, Hull

(one parish with two churches, The Ascension and St Thomas)

Patron: The Archbishop

Deanery: Hull (West)

Archdeaconry: East Riding

Parsonage House: To be confirmed

Terms of Service

contact: Mrs Kirsty McCullough, Diocesan Office

**Role Purpose: Generic**

* 1. To share with the Archbishop of York and the Bishop of Hull in the cure of souls of the parish.
  2. To serve as Associate Vicar of the parish, 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. To work with other Ministers in the parish and with members of the Parochial Church Council in the development of the churches and parish, having regard to the need for sustainability and effectiveness in mission and outreach.
  4. To ensure that a high standard of worship, preaching and pastoral care is provided.
  5. To nurture discipleship and develop the ministry of all God’s people, through training, co‑operation, support and example, encouraging all God’s people as appropriate to take responsibility for the mission and ministry of the parish, and seeking to identify potential future leaders and ministers.
  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 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.
  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 resources and opportunities.
  8. To be pro-active and constant in seeking the fullest possible degree of ecumenical co‑operation and commitment within the parish.

**Role Purpose: Specific**

1. To actively support the establishment of the parish as a Resourcing Church, under the leadership of Rev’d Vicky Earll.
2. To consciously prepare for a future appointment in the deanery of Hull into a context where revitalization has been identified as being needed.
3. To take responsibility for extending ministry to families, children and young people, and into local schools, encouraging a move towards a younger age profile. This will include overseeing the development of engagement with, and provision for children and families at the Sunday morning service.
4. To line manage the Youth and Community Pioneer.
5. To oversee the establishment of St Thomas’ as a Youth and Community Centre in addition to its role as a place of worship.
6. To demonstrate a passion and commitment to proclaiming Christ to those who don’t know Him.

e) To work collaboratively with the congregations to care for the spiritual and pastoral needs of the churches and the wider parish.

f) To affirm and develop the gifts of the whole church family through the building of teams and new ministries.

g) To work collaboratively and committedly with colleagues from across the deanery.

**Role Context:**

This post has been created in line with the Diocesan vision of church revitalisation in Hull and as part of the wider strategy for St Michael le Belfrey in York to plant into the Diocese every two years.

**Key Contacts and Relationships:**

*Generic*

1. The Archbishop, Suffragan Bishop and Archdeacon
2. The Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council
3. The Deanery Chapter and Deanery Synod
4. Diocesan and archdeaconry advisers in specialist areas

*Specific*

1. The Revd Vicky Earll, Vicar

*Supportive*

1. The Associate Dean, the Revd Matthew Brailsford
2. The Lay Dean, Dr Tim Scott
3. The Director of Mission and Ministry, the Revd Dr Ian McIntosh

**Benefice Summary as at time of compilation**

Churches and listings The Ascension unlisted

St Thomas unlisted

Churchwardens: The Ascension: Mrs Alice Tienes and Mrs Susan Feasey

St Thomas: Miss Sandy Laing and Mr Bernard Hair

Churchyards: None

Church School: None

Parish Population 15,900

(2011 census)

Average Sunday attendance: 30

Freewill Offer (FWO)

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| **2022** | **2023** | **2024** |
| £25,000 | £17,000 | £18,000 |

Expenses:

These should be agreed with the PCC and reimbursed in full