DIOCESE OF LEEDS

Interim Vicar of Marsden and Slaithwaite with East Scammonden

Role Description

1. Details of Post

   Role Title: Vicar
   Name of benefice: Marsden and Slaithwaite with East Scammonden
   Deanery: Huddersfield
   Episcopal Area: Huddersfield
   Initial point of contact on terms of service: Archdeacon of Halifax

2. Role Purpose

   General

   • To share with the Bishop both in the cure of souls and in responsibility under God, for growing churches, changing communities and for transforming lives.
   • To have 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 to seek opportunities for sharing resources with other local benefices.
   • To develop the ministry of the laity, through training, delegation, encouragement and support so that they have greater involvement in the mission and ministry of the parish.
   • To ensure that a high standard of worship, preaching and pastoral care is provided so that people are more able to live and grow as disciples of Christ.
   • 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.

3. Specific

   These two parishes that have recently become a united benefice are looking for a priest to inspire and encourage them to minister more effectively in the communities which they serve. He/she will:

   • Help develop and implement a long term strategy for the united benefice
   • Develop worship in both new and traditional ways that help to build faith and reach out to new people including families and young people
   • Work collaboratively with the congregations to develop individuals and groups into deeper spirituality and new ways of service
• Lead the congregations in reaching out to people of all ages and backgrounds, especially to children and families
• Continue and develop existing links with local schools
• Be committed to delivering pastoral care and to building up an effective pastoral care team for the benefice.

Special Note:

This is an interim post initially for three years renewable for a further three years. The churches expect the vicar to be realistic about the time they can give to parish work, and that they will take proper rest days and holidays. It is hoped that the new priest will build partnerships with laity and neighbouring clergy so they do not feel the parish rests on their shoulders alone. The benefice will support them in their personal development, CMD and reading.

4. Key contacts

The Area Bishop – The Rt Revd Jonathan Gibbs
The Archdeacon – The Ven Dr Anne Dawtry
The Area Dean - Vacant

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