

ROLE DESCRIPTION

Diocese of Carlisle

Role description signed off by: Archdeacon of Carlisle

Date: 18th June 2024

To be reviewed next: At first MDR

Details of post

Role title (as on licence): Rector of Kirkoswald, Renwick, Great Salkeld and Lazonby; and Priest in Charge of Cross Fell Group.

Name of benefice: Benefice of Kirkoswald, Renwick, Great Salkeld and Lazonby / Benefice of Cross Fell Group.

Archdeaconry: Carlisle

Deanery: Penrith

Mission Community: East of Eden

Initial point of contact on terms of service: Liz Howson

Role Purpose

To promote the work of the church in building God's Kingdom in Cumbria in line with the Diocesan Vision.

Safeguarding

To ensure that the parishes at all times are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare and safety of children and adults, especially those who are vulnerable, and expects all office holders and volunteers to share this commitment. The PCCs have adopted the House of Bishops' 'Promoting a Safer Church; Safeguarding Policy Statement'. To be familiar with the Diocesan Safeguarding policy and to oversee its application within the parishes. To attend Diocesan Safeguarding training as directed by the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor. To ensure that each parish has a parish safeguarding officer and to maintain a good working relationship with the parish safeguarding officer.

The Diocese of Carlisle is committed to safeguarding children, young people and adults and our aim is to create protective and supportive environments where all people, and especially those who may be vulnerable, are able to worship and pursue their faith journey in safety.

General

1. Spirituality

To be a person diligent in prayer, in reading Holy Scripture, and in all studies that will deepen your faith and fit you to bear witness to the truth of the gospel To maintain a distinctively Christian faith and spiritual life with appropriate support networks (including spiritual director or equivalent and regular retreats). To be on a life journey involving development of theological understanding and spiritual reflection.

2. Personal Development

To continually develop personal skills and knowledge in relation to ministry through Diocesan ministry days, courses of study, reading, consultancy, training courses and workshops.

3. Self management

To follow an appropriate pattern of work to meet the demands of ministry, as well as maintaining a spiritual and personal life. This will include time management, personal administration, planning and organisation, working effectively alone or in a team, chairing meetings, interpersonal skills and appropriate breaks.

4. Working collaboratively

To develop a highly collaborative pattern of working to include a commitment to working within the mission community and promoting collaboration between clergy, laity, different parishes and partner denominations

Including working collaboratively with clergy colleagues, churchwardens, PCC, staff and volunteers, and other leaders in the local church, ensuring individual's gifts and talents are identified and used effectively in any given situation or task. To share ministry as appropriate, encouraging and building up the community of faith. Make attendance at every Clergy Chapter meeting a very high priority

5. Leadership

Priests are called to be servants and shepherds among the people to whom they are sent. All clergy are called to inspire, motivate and empower members of the church, individually and collectively, to promote God's Kingdom and to further the Diocesan vision.

To share with the Bishop both in the cure of souls and in responsibility, under God, for growing the kingdom. 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 discern and support lay leadership and SSM vocation in each congregation in your cure, in line with the Diocesan Strategy.

6. Communications

To communicate effectively and appropriately in both written and verbal form with people of all ages and situations in society, inside and outside of the church.

7. Management & organisation

To work with the PCC and churchwardens or other colleagues to put in place appropriate structures and resources for the Christian community. This will include clear boundaries and accountabilities of roles. To ensure appropriate processes and policies in relation to services, weddings, baptisms and funerals, health and safety, financial, fabric, staff and volunteer

management, etc. To ensure that the structures and processes meet appropriate diocesan and legal requirements.

8. Outreach

To develop a ministry that encourages new people into Christian faith and will support existing Christians in evangelism and discipleship. To develop relations with community, external organisations and, where appropriate the employing body to promote positive links with the church. In parishes where church schools exist, to work wholeheartedly with church schools to support the Christian ethos and the life of the school generally.

9. Worship

To lead worship prayerfully, competently and confidently. To plan, organise and conduct a programme of worship that supports the vision and needs for ministry including appropriate use of resources, music, teaching and preaching.

10. Preaching

To reflect, interpret and preach the gospel in a way that will encourage faith development. To adapt content and style for different audiences, occasions and purposes (using biblical interpretation, doctrine, pastoral care, ethical teaching and other models).

11. Teaching

To teach at different ages and levels of faith or knowledge, in support of faith development. This may include admission to Holy Communion, confirmation, school assemblies, introduction to Christianity, nurture of new believers, and lifelong Christian discipleship. This may be in formal teaching environments or in small groups. To plan, organise and conduct a programme of teaching which supports the vision and needs of the church community. To encourage Christian Stewardship of people's time, money and abilities so that the whole ministry of the church is strengthened and enabled.

12. Pastoral Care

To identify pastoral care needs and put in place appropriate structures and skills to provide this to the community (including, parish visitors, pastoral assistants, local volunteers). To lead the Christian community in giving support to those in need of pastoral care as appropriate, including baptism and marriage preparation, care to the sick and dying, bereavement, individual support and visiting.

Priests are ordained to lead God's people in the offering of praise and the proclamation of the gospel. They share with the Bishop in the oversight of the Church, delighting in its beauty and rejoicing in its well-being. They are to set the example of the Good Shepherd always before them as the pattern of their calling. With the Bishop and their fellow presbyters, they are to sustain the community of the faithful by the ministry of word and sacrament, that we all may grow into the fullness of Christ and be a living sacrifice acceptable to God

Specific:

Rector of Kirkoswald, Renwick, Great Salkeld and Lazonby

We are looking for:

A leader who will be parish priest of the Benefice & Joint Leader of the East of Eden Mission Community. A person who has the ability to accommodate the diverse styles of worship, yet who understands, and has experience of, innovative ways of reaching the wider community and who also encourages and supports the laity to play a full part in outreach and spreading the good news of the gospel. We would welcome a male or female Rector.

Experience.

Rural ministry and vision setting.

Working with ecumenical partners.

Leading mature and all age worship.

Engagement with, and pastoral support for, people of all ages.

Encouraging and enabling laity, building on our strong foundations of a group of worship leaders.

Promoting & resourcing house groups, as well as overseeing discipleship programmes.

Knowledge, Skills and Competence.

Ability to manage fruitful change including our desire to simplify administration by, for example, reducing the number of PCCs.

Ability to build links with individuals and the community (church & non-church).

General Attributes.

Comfortable in the countryside, with an understanding of rural issues.

Flexible attitude and an inclusive and welcoming approach to Ministry and Mission.

Willingness to engage in further training that enhances the skills of community leadership.

Passion and ability to develop and nurture discipleship amongst young families. Full UK driving licence and access to a car.

Priest in Charge of Cross Fell Group

We are looking for a new priest with a calling to rural ministry, with a love of people, who will:

- Be a prayerful person of open Church of England stance, with a good sense of liturgy and a willingness to develop and foster creative worship in a dignified fashion, using a variety of traditions, taking a contemporary approach where appropriate.

- Be a man or woman who will encourage the prayer life of individuals and churches in the benefice.
- Be a man or woman able to deliver lively and enthusiastic worship based on the tradition of 'breaking bread together on the first day of the week.'
- Be someone who will develop links with other denominations locally, in line with the diocesan God For All strategy.
- Be an inspirational leader who will discern and encourage vocations to a range of ministries, and be willing and able to work collaboratively in a team with lay and ordained colleagues.
- Seek to develop courses for enquirers, and also courses to deepen the faith of the committed, so that the gospel can be seen to be lived and shared in our communities.
- Understand the importance of the pastoral care of all in our parishes, especially perhaps the elderly, the housebound, the sick and the vulnerable.
- Encourage us to support Christian Aid and other charities with our time and money.
- Be a well-organised person, with good time-management and IT skills.

See also the Parish Profiles for further information.