

Signed off by: Archdeacon of St Helens and Warrington

Date: 15th Feb 2016

1. Details of the post

Role title: Team Vicar for Discipleship along with renewal of St Johns
Ravenhead

Name of benefice(s): Eccleston Team

Deanery: St Helens

Archdeaconry: St Helens and Warrington

Initial point of contact on Clergy Terms of Service: The Archdeacon of St Helens and Warrington

2. Wider context

The Diocese of Liverpool has a vision to be a place where there is a sustainable, led and transforming Christian presence in every community encouraging all people to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God. This touches each and every aspect of Congregational and parish life and will need to be worked out carefully and prayerfully in each setting. Within this wider vision the Bishop has set a clear priority of growth in numbers of church members and in vocations.

The Diocese of Liverpool places a strong emphasis on devolved Deanery mission planning as interpreting this wider vision within the local context.

This is an exciting time to join the Eccleston team as three new Team vicars will be working together with an experienced Team Rector to create a collaborative ministry to encourage growth across this significant part of St Helens.

3. Local context

The Eccleston Team consists of five churches, Christ Church (1838 Grade 2 Listed), St James', St Luke's, St Matthew's (soon to be merged with St James) and St John's Ravenhead. The post holder will be based at St John's Ravenhead and will be the missional lead for the congregation meeting here and for all the community outreach that is based at this building. In addition, they will have a leadership role across all the team, focussing on developing adult discipleship, small groups, courses and also prayer in its different forms. The team is going to be very new with three new vicars working together with an experienced Team Rector. Over time the team will develop its strategy and seek to make use of the talents and experience of all those who exercise leadership in this team ministry.

4. Responsibilities

4 (a) – General

- ♦ To share with the Bishop in the privilege and responsibility of the oversight of the ministry based at St Johns.
- ♦ To lead God's people in the offering of praise and the proclamation of the gospel.
- ♦ To sustain the community of the faithful by the ministry of word and sacrament.
- ♦ To identify and nurture gifts of every member, and in particular vocations to Ordained and Reader ministry.
- ♦ To engage all members in ministering to the needs of the parish.
- ♦ To advance the Kingdom of God in this place through servant leadership, mutual ministry and personal example.
- ♦ To have particular regard for the Bishop's priority for the church to grow numerically.

4 (b) – Local

- ♦ To play a full part in the life of the Eccleston Team and to lead worship in the churches as it becomes necessary.
- ♦ To see the renewal and growth of the St Johns congregations over the next three years including an emphasis on financial stewardship and meeting the parish share.
- ♦ To have responsibility, within the Team, for all the development of Adult discipleship across the team.
- ♦ To develop a visible expression of collaborative ministry with ordained, lay, paid and unpaid working together with different areas of responsibility
- ♦ To develop and enhance the vision and use of St John's parish centre and church buildings
- ♦ To see prayer life develop across the team, at individual, small group and congregation level
- ♦ To take a full part in the life of the Clergy Chapter, Deanery and Diocesan synodical system.