

Role Description

Priest in Charge – St Faith’s Crosby & St Mary’s Waterloo



Signed off by:

Archdeacon of Knowsley and Sefton

Date:

April 2017

1. Details of the post

Role title:

Priest in Charge

Name of benefice:

St Faith’s Crosby and St Mary’s Waterloo

Deanery:

Sefton South

Archdeaconry:

Knowsley and Sefton

Initial point of contact on Clergy Terms of Service: The Diocesan Secretary

Please note that this Role Description focuses on the particular needs and opportunities in the Parish of St Faith’s Crosby and St Mary’s Waterloo. It should be read and understood in conjunction with the Bishop’s Statement and the parish profile and, for the successful candidate, alongside the Bishop’s formal letter of appointment.

This Role Description will be reviewed annually at the Ministerial Development Review (MDR) and may be updated subsequent to the MDR to reflect important changes in the ministry of the parish 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 and with the area dean and signed off by the archdeacon.

Archdeacon’s Statement

The new priest in charge will need to appreciate the distinctiveness of each church’s worship style. They will also need to see the many missional opportunities that a community like Waterloo presents and to be able to build good relationships with others and between others. The Anglican churches in Waterloo are also well served by retired and self-supporting clergy and readers. It is a great place to live and has much to offer and enjoys excellent transport links.

St Mary’s building has been closed and we are currently exploring an alternative use for it but the people are determined to keep a presence there in the hall and annexe.

Sefton South Deanery Mission and Pastoral committee has recently recommended that St Faith’s and St. Mary’s together with the united benefice of Christ Church and St John’s Waterloo should become one parish with one PCC. The vicar of the new parish would be the current vicar of Christ Church and St John’s and the priest in charge would become associate priest.

For the past couple of years, all 4 churches have been working closely together as a group to collaborate in all sorts of ways and this has been a very positive experience. The Diocese is encouraging the creation of larger parishes under a single PCC to make them 'Fit for Mission'. There would be more strategic thinking, fewer meetings, better sharing of resources, more collaboration and more missional activities. The way in which the single parish will operate still needs further exploration and the Diocese is keen to help parishes think through what works and what doesn't.

This is a post which would suit someone who wants to join the churches on Waterloo on their existing journey and would like to shape the direction of that journey in the future.

Role Responsibilities

A priest shares with the Bishop both the privilege and responsibility of oversight within the Church and is charged with leading God's people in the offering of praise, the proclamation of the gospel, the celebration of the sacraments and the mission of God. This privilege and responsibility will be exercised with due regard to servant leadership, mutual ministry and personal example and a commitment to maintaining and developing personal spirituality and wellbeing

Entrusted with the inheritance of faith, a priest is also charged to be faithful in the stewardship of church finances; the mutuality of parish share which underpins ministry and mission in our diocese; oversight of church governance; care of the church building and PCC property, and encouraging the vocation of God's people to discern their vocation and to exercise their ministry, lay and ordained. The outworking of this charge will include the following:

Vision, mission and purpose

- To grow St Faith's and St Mary's numerically and spiritually
- To develop a vision for growth across diverse congregations

Leadership, collaboration and releasing lay ministry

- To encourage people to use their gifts in the service of God and release more people to take up leadership positions and consider their vocation.
- To work with existing clergy, reader and lay members

Welcome and nurture

- To stimulate interest in Jesus' call to make disciples
- To ensure St Faith's and St Mary's remain places where all ages are welcomed and in which people can grow in their faith and understanding of the Christian faith.

Reflecting, learning and change

- To explore with the Waterloo group of churches the vision God has for a new single parish
- To introduce change sensitively and carefully

Actively engaging with the wider community

- To make the most of the opportunities presented by community activity
- To think imaginatively about ways of connecting with those who don't attend church

Actively engaging children and young people

- • To develop the work with children, young families and teenagers

Other key tasks

- To play a full part in the life and strategic development of Sefton South deanery, the Waterloo group of churches and clergy chapter
- To participate in the ecumenical life of Waterloo