



Role Description

Diocese of Winchester

"Walking The Wessex Way"

1. Details of Post

Role Title: Associate Minister
Name of benefice: Sherfield on Loddon and Stratfield Saye with Hartley Wespall
with Stratfield Turgis and Bramley
Deanery: Odiham
Archdeaconry: Winchester

2. Role Purpose

General

- i. To exercise the cure of souls shared with the bishop in this parish in collaboration with your colleagues
- ii. 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.
- iii. To work to advance the Kingdom of God through servant leadership, collaboration and example, and with regard to the current diocesan mission vision and values

Serving

Learning

Growing

Loving

Specific

- 1 Primary pastoral leadership for **St Leonard's**, sharing good practice across the Benefice
- 2 Renewing our regular worship, where all people are welcomed and encounter God in different ways
- 3 Deepening our faith and discipleship by teaching us the Bible, how to pray and to live the Jesus Way
- 4 Leading our pastoral care, so that it is appreciated in all parts of the parish

- 5 Empowering and equipping the congregation to be confident in their faith, able to share it with others
- 6 Raising up new leaders and supporting those in leadership roles
- 7 Lead us in being a Christ-centred church for the whole parish community, taking the good news of Jesus Christ to the village, Sherfield Park and the new residential developments within the parish
- 8 Helping us to connect with groups who are not well represented in our congregation
- 9 Engaging in the Growing Rural Parishes Project and the ways this can contribute to our life as a church and benefice

3. Key contacts

Generic

The Church Wardens and PCCs
The Deanery Chapter and Synod.
The Diocesan Staff at Old Alresford Place

Specific

Head teachers & Chairs of Governors of local schools: Bramley CofE Primary School
Local councillors/officials
Clergy and parishes within Odiham Deanery

Supportive

Lay Chair: Mr Richard Elphick (parishioner)
Assistant Area Dean: The Revd Angi Smith
The Archdeacon: The Venerable Richard Brand
The Bishop of Basingstoke: Currently vacant

4.Role context and any other relevant information.

***"In many ways the Diocese of Winchester is in transition, as is the world around us. In parish ministry we seek people who are aware of the challenges that we face, but who are motivated above all by faith, hope and love in addressing them. We welcome those who are committed to help God's church to be the very best it can be, in the power of the Spirit, releasing all God's people into the mission and ministry to which they are called. And we recognise too our need to develop in diversity. We are excited by the opportunities before us, and warmly invite applications from those who want to join us in addressing them".
Bishop Philip 2024***

Our parishes, through which so much of our mission and ministry take place, still lie at the very heart of our calling and gifting".

To achieve our vision, we need to see a growing number of healthy, sustainable multiplying churches that fulfil our missionary calling and embody our vision and values of serving, learning, growing and loving within their local communities.

In practice this will mean:

- Greater collaboration across parish boundaries that enable us to use the gifts of all with a blend of tradition and ethos of worship

Any new Priest will be appointed with the understanding that all Benefices will be part of this on-going journey of transformation