



## **DIOCESE OF WINCHESTER**

### **“WALKING THE WESSEX WAY”**

#### Role Description for the Vicar of Old Basing and Lychpit

##### Details of Post

Role Title:	Vicar
Name of benefice:	Old Basing and Lychpit
Deanery:	Basingstoke
Archdeaconry:	Winchester

#### Role Context – An Introduction from Bishop Philip

Thank you for your interest in this role.

In this Diocese, we serve a whole range of diverse communities, from the historic city of Winchester with our glorious Cathedral, to the great port city of Southampton, the burgeoning boroughs of Basingstoke, Bournemouth and Christchurch, thriving market towns such as Andover, Alton, Alresford and Romsey, and innumerable picture-perfect Hampshire villages. In all that there is much wealth – but there is also significant deprivation too, especially in our large urban conurbations where our churches are supporting some of the diocese’s poorest communities.

In every context, we are committed to the making the love and life of Jesus Christ known, through our churches, schools and chaplaincies, in a way that makes a tangible difference to those communities and their people.

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.

With the assurance of my prayers as you seek God’s best next step for you.



## 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.
- a) **Serving** - Our diocese has played a major role in shaping this nation, and the life of the diocese is still marked by loving service, in innumerable ways, reaching out in love to those on the margins, serving the wider community, the nation and the wider world.
- b) **Learning** - Our diocese has been a major engine of Christian learning and education, from the time of King Alfred onwards, and remains a centre of education, learning and discipleship, through its universities and colleges, through its schools and churches.
- c) **Growing** - Our diocese has been a huge catalyst for church growth and mission. Today, we are still working for the revitalisation and renewal of our churches, equipping and enabling them for the challenges of this generation and beyond, nationally and internationally.
- d) **Loving** - Our diocese has emanated love that has changed our communities and the wider world. Today, as people encounter our churches, schools and chaplaincies, they find themselves brought face to face with the love of God in Christ, and find their lives changed as a consequence.

## Specific

Working within the Benefice of Old Basing and Lychpit, we look forward to welcoming a priest who will walk alongside the parishioners in faith, help them to grow spiritually and pastorally; lead them in mission and service, and who will grow the parish into a flourishing, confident church community, generative of ministry and resource for those it serves and beyond.

The priest will be someone who:

- ◆ Lives out a life firmly rooted in Christ and inspired by the Holy Spirit, and who will nurture the spiritual life of our community as well as their own spiritual life.



- ◆ Will lead and inspire our church congregations to develop styles of worship that meet the needs of all ages in our community and bring the joy of the Gospel to all.
- ◆ Will encourage and enable laity in leading church services and other aspects of parish leadership.
- ◆ Recognises the skills and talents of those in the Parish and delegates effectively.
- ◆ Will, through effective and relevant teaching, help us grow in faith and deepen our understanding of Christ's message in our daily lives.
- ◆ Will strengthen our focus on discipleship among families, young adults, and children, helping us to nurture faith across all ages.
- ◆ Will build on our strong links with the Infant and Junior Schools and other local organisations that involve young people.
- ◆ Will inspire the church to be a relevant Christian presence in the community; especially in serving the disadvantaged and marginalised.
- ◆ Will make time to comfort those in need, those who are ill and those whose life on earth is ending, together with the existing pastoral support team.
- ◆ Will provide supportive leadership to all in positions of parish responsibility, enabling them to carry out their roles confidently and effectively in partnership with the incumbent.
- ◆ Will fully participate in and contribute to the life of the deanery (including synod and chapter) and diocese.

## Key Contacts

### Generic

The Assistant Curate, LLM & Lay Staff Team

The Church Wardens and PCC

The Deanery Chapter and Synod of Basingstoke Deanery

The Diocesan Staff at Old Alresford Place

### Specific

Head teachers at local schools: St Mary's Church of England (Voluntary Aided) Junior School & Old Basing Infant School

Local councillors/officials within Basingstoke & Deane District



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## Supportive

Lay Chair: Dr Philip Hiorns

Area Dean: The Revd Dr Ben Kautzer

The Archdeacon: The Venerable Richard Brand

The Suffragan Bishop: The Rt Revd Kelly Betteridge, Bishop of Basingstoke