



DIOCESE OF WINCHESTER **“WALKING THE WESSEX WAY”**

Role Description for an Associate Minister in North Hampshire Downs Benefice

Details of Post

Role Title: Associate Minister
Name of benefice: North Hampshire Downs
Deanery: Odiham
Archdeaconry: Winchester

Role Context – An Introduction from Bishop Philip

Thank you for your interest in coming to minister here 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 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.

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

As a member of the benefice ministry team, NHD are seeking an Associate Minister who will provide primary pastoral leadership to the two rural parishes of Long Sutton and South Warnborough, as well as having some additional pan-benefice roles.

This is a half-stipend role, with a weekly pattern of working on Sundays plus 3 days, and the provision of a half-stipend and accommodation. Whilst this is an associate role, NHD are looking for someone who is able to take on some incumbent-level responsibility



The priest will be someone who will:

- ◆ Have a heart for rural ministry
- ◆ Be warm, open, and friendly and love engaging with people from varied backgrounds
- ◆ Have deep faith and be confident in sharing it with others, deeply rooted in the scriptures and a gifted preacher
- ◆ Increase depth and numbers in the worshipping communities, homegroups, and other environments, and develop new homegroups and leaders
- ◆ Lead others in waiting upon the Lord in worship and prayer, born from their own prayer and devotional life
- ◆ Lead pastoral care that is appreciated throughout the parish
- ◆ Be comfortable working within a team which is principally evangelical in its tradition, whilst being skilled in ministering to and with people from a variety of traditions, recognising that there is a need to balance personality, experience and spirituality that varies with different people and situations
- ◆ Be a thoughtful team player - confident to champion parish needs and fit them with the broader benefice direction
- ◆ Will fully participate in and contribute to the life of Odiham Deanery (including synod and chapter) and diocese

Key Contacts

Generic

The Rector & Staff Team

The Church Wardens and PCCs

The Deanery Chapter and Synod of Odiham Deanery

The Diocesan Staff at Old Alresford Place

Specific

Head teacher at local school: Mrs Cameron and Mrs Maidment – Long Sutton Primary School

Supportive

Lay Chair: Richard Elphick

Area Dean: Vacant

The Archdeacon: The Venerable Richard Brand

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