



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

Role Description for the House for Duty, Priest-in-Charge, Christ Church, Colbury.

Details of Post: House for Duty, Priest-in-Charge

Role Title: Priest-in-Charge
Name of benefice: Colbury
Deanery: Lyndhurst
Archdeaconry: Bournemouth

Role Context – An Introduction from Bishop Philip

I'm delighted to be able to set the profile for this benefice in our wider diocesan context. 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.

Whilst not being ignorant of the challenges, 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 consider this particular ministry opportunity.

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 Colbury.

1. To develop, hold and articulate a strategic vision for the growth of the Benefice.
2. Able to sustain and develop our relationship with the local schools and support our existing outreach programmes, enabling new ways of reaching missing generations within the church family.
3. To model collaborative leadership being both a team leader and player.
4. To encourage, equip and train up leaders both lay and ordained for the growth of the church.
5. To establish and promote discipleship within the congregations, enabling deeper personal and corporate growth.
6. Work with the pastoral team to build good links within the congregation and enable the fellowship to support and care for one another. d
7. To work collaboratively with other parishes in the deanery and wider community of the church within the area.

Key Contacts

Generic

The Church Wardens and PCC of the Benefice of Colbury
The Deanery Chapter and Synod of Lyndhurst Deanery
The Staff at Old Alresford Place

Specific

Head teacher of local Foxhill Primary School.
Clergy and parishes within the Deanery

Supportive

Lay Chair: Mr William Andrews
Area Dean: Revd Simon Newham
The Archdeacon: The Venerable Jean Burgess
The Suffragan Bishop: The Rt Revd Rhiannon King, Bishop of Southampton