



# Diocese of Winchester

## "Walking The Wessex Way"

### 1. Details of Post

*Role Title:* Vicar  
*Name of benefice:* New Forest Edge  
*Deanery:* Christchurch  
*Archdeaconry:* Bournemouth

### 2. Role Context: An Introduction from Bishop Philip.

I'm delighted to be able to set the Role description 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 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 New Forest Edge:

1. To support and collaborate alongside the Benefice team both lay and ordained in the development of a new strategic vision for the Benefice of New Forest Edge.
2. To model collaborative leadership being both a team leader and player across the team.
3. To encourage, equip and train up leaders both lay and ordained for the growth of the church.
4. To establish and promote discipleship within the congregations, enabling deeper personal and corporate growth.
5. Exhibits and proactively encourages discipleship of church members, in the giving of their time, talents and money
6. Develop the commitment within the Benefice working with schools and committed to further develop our relationships with young people beyond school.
7. To work with the existing congregation in a way that is appreciative of the diversity of tradition but also enables change and revitalisation for future generations.



8. To enable good pastoral care within the Benefice in collaboration with the pastoral teams.
9. To work collaboratively with other parishes in the deanery and wider community of the church within the area.

### **Key contacts**

#### **Generic**

The Clergy, Church Wardens and PCC's of the Benefice of New Forest Edge  
The Deanery Chapter and Synod  
The Staff at Old Alresford Place

#### **Specific**

Head teachers of the local schools within the Benefice  
Clergy and parishes within Christchurch Deanery

#### **Supportive**

Lay Chair: Mrs Susan Lyontte  
Area Dean: Revd Canon Michael Smith  
Assistant Area Deans: Revd Stephen Miles and Revd Kathy Hicken  
The Archdeacon: The Venerable Jean Burgess  
The Suffragan Bishop: The Rt Revd Rhiannon King, Bishop of Southampton