**Diocese of Manchester**

***‘a worshipping, growing and transformative Christian presence at the heart of every community’***

**CHRIST CHURCH, AINSWORTH (0.5)**

*Role Description signed off by:* The Archdeacon of Bolton/Salford

*Date*: 08/09/2024

To be reviewed 6 months after commencement of the appointment, and after three years

1. **Details of Post**

*Role Title: Incumbent (0.5)*

*Name of benefice(s):* *Christchurch Ainsworth*

*Deanery: Bury & Rossendale*

*Archdeaconry: Bolton*

*Initial point of contact on terms of service:* The Archdeacon of Salford & Bolton

1. **Role Purpose**

**General**

1. To exercise the cure of souls shared with the bishop in this parish in collaboration with your colleagues
2. 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.
3. To work to advance the Kingdom of God through servant leadership, collaboration and example, and with particular regard to the current diocesan mission vision and mission goals

a) **Growing -** growing new disciples in missionary church communities which are younger, more diverse, active and spiritually engaged

b) **Nurturing -** increasing vocations, nurturing new and existing disciples, increasing financial giving

c) **Serving -** present for all, speaking and acting prophetically for justice, supporting pastorally especially the vulnerable, deprived and excluded

1. To share in the wider work of the deanery, mission community, and diocese as appropriate, for the building up of the whole Body of Christ

**Specific**

To build up the faith of the Church:

* By having pastoral responsibility for Christ Church, Ainsworth, exercising collaborative leadership with the existing team.
* By developing and harnessing the gifts of congregation members and the ministry team.
* By modelling a vibrant relationship with Jesus that shows pastoral care, deep prayer, a joy in worship, as well as good and lively preaching that helps the church grow in number and discipleship.
* By exercising leadership that confidently and prayerfully leads the church in the mission opportunities that God is revealing, both within the parish and in the mission community.
* By supporting and developing ministry across all ages, especially amongst families, children and young people.
* By being an open-hearted and compassionate priest in whom others can place their trust and who demonstrates support, understanding and encouragement for the people of God.
* By serving the church and community by using their gifts and skills to exercise leadership in the mission community, local schools, ecumenical partners and uniformed organisations connected with the parish.

1. **Key contacts**

**Generic**

The Churchwardens and PCC.

Parish ministers.

Mission Community colleagues.

Ainsworth Methodist Church and uniformed organisations.

**Specific**

The Head Teacher, Governing Body, and staff of Christ Church Ainsworth school

**Supportive**

Area Dean: Canon Donna Williams

The Archdeacon: The Ven. Dr Rachel Mann

The Suffragan Bishop: +Matthew Porter

1. **Role context and any other relevant information.**

Christ Church Ainsworth is a semi-rural/suburban parish to the west of Bury. It is an active member of Radcliffe and Whitefield Mission Community in the Deanery of Bury and Rossendale. The church has a strong mid-week ministry to children and young people at its mid-week praise service and a robed choir at Sunday Communion. The parish has a village feel and strong connections to the local community. There is a comfortable, modern 4-bedroom parsonage available for use by the successful candidate.