

## DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

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

**Role Description signed off by:** The Archdeacon of Rochdale

**Date:**

To be reviewed 6 months after the commencement of appointment and again after three years or at the first Ministerial Development Review

### 1. Details of Post

**Role Title:** Team Rector of Saddleworth  
**Deanery:** Oldham and Ashton  
**Archdeaconry:** Rochdale

Initial point of contact on Terms of Service: The Archdeacon of Rochdale

### 2. Role Purpose

#### 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 particular regard to the diocesan vision:
  - a) **parish renewal**
  - b) **growing younger**
  - c) **church planting and revitalization**
  - d) **developing missional leaders**

In all of this we are deeply committed to championing ***racial justice*** and ensuring that our clergy, lay leaders and congregations represent the rich diversity of our diocese.

We are working towards the 2030 ***net zero carbon*** goal set by General Synod, by supporting our churches and schools with measuring their energy use and taking simple, practical steps to reduce their carbon footprint.

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

### **Specific**

- i. To play a full part in the Mission Community and Deanery.
- ii. To develop small groups and other ways of deepening discipleship.
- iii. To enable and cultivate established and new ministries with young people and with families, in schools and churches, especially with those moving from primary to secondary school.
- iv. To share the church's mission and pastoral care with others and equipping and encouraging those others.
- v. To use the rural setting as an inspiration for liturgy and different styles of worship while being mindful of the existing worship traditions
- vi. To strengthen links with the local communities and build new partnerships, especially mindful of those who feel isolated or 'left behind.'
- vii. To develop further our care for creation in the parishes

### **3. Key contacts**

#### **Generic**

Churchwardens

PCCs

Mission Community

Deanery Chapter and Synod

St John's House staff

## **Specific**

Ministry Team

Sunday School Junior Church and Toddler Group Leaders

Uniformed Organization Leaders

Pastoral Teams

Care Homes

Vision/MAP Teams

Choirs/Bellringers

## **Schools:**

### **St Chad's & Kilngreen**

- Diggle School (primary)
- St Chad's CofE Primary School
- Saddleworth School (secondary)

### **Christ Church Friezland**

- Friezland Primary School

### **St Anne's**

- St Anne's CofE Lydgate Primary School

### **St Mary's**

- Greenfield Primary School
- Greenfield St Mary's CofE Assisted Primary School
- Bright Futures

### **St Thomas's Friarmere**

- Delph Primary School
- Saddleworth Environmental Education

### **Christ Church Denshaw**

- Christ Church CofE Primary School

### **Holy Trinity Dobcross**

- Holy Trinity CofE Dobcross Primary School

Community Organizations

Churches Together in Saddleworth

Brass Band Organizations

## **Supportive**

The Mission Community Leader	The Reverend Sachin Awale
The Area Dean	The Reverend Daniel Ramble
The Archdeacon of Rochdale	The Venerable Karen Smeeton
The Bishop of Middleton	The Right Reverend Mark Davies
The Bishop of Manchester	The Right Reverend Prof. David Walker

## **4. Context**

The Diocese of Manchester's vision (to be 'a worshipping, growing and transformative Christian presence at the heart of every community') cannot be achieved without radical rethinking of our present structures. We expect that candidates for a post in the Diocese of Manchester are committed to working together with ordained and lay colleagues in Mission Communities so we can better be mutually accountable to each other and be better able to meet the needs of local people. A successful applicant for this post would be expected to participate fully in the Mission Community as well as the Deanery, and encourage the ministries of others (lay and ordained). Saddleworth is a group of villages, each with its own identity, which forms a team. The Churches are at the heart of their respective communities and take a full part in the traditions of the area, such as the Whit Walks and Brass Band Contests, the Rushcart Festival and Maundy Thursday Road End Fair. The rural / semi-rural identity of the area means a candidate would need to be at home in the countryside and willing to be part of village life. There is a wide spread of liturgical tradition, from BCP to Fresh Expressions and Anglo-catholic to Evangelical. A candidate for this post needs to be secure in their own spiritual identity and comfortable leading worship in a 'broad church'. They would need to be comfortable in an Inclusive Church setting.