

## 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*

## 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 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

- iv. 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.

## **3. 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

## **4. 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.