

# Associate Minister Of Cuddington

*House for Duty*

*Two days plus Sundays*



## Foreword from the Associate Archdeacon



I wonder how many new people you meet in the course of a week? Research by Vodafone in 2023 suggests that an adult in England will interact with about 22 new people on average each week. If that applies in Cuddington, any new parish priest, starting from scratch, might reasonably expect to bump into each of the 591 residents in the parish, well inside their first year in post.

Except, that you won't be starting from scratch. There is an excellent and sizeable group of worshippers at St Nicholas who coalesce gladly around their single Sunday act of worship and are well fed from scripture across their various small groups.

There are significant and fruitful connections with local networks and communities like the pub and the tennis club, the school and the social club and – given that this Associate Minister role has no requirement to chair committees or fill out faculties – there is time to build on those connections *and* do so whilst flourishing.

So committed is the local community to having a parish priest to serve them, a local trust provides housing and support in addition to that given by the Benefice, Deanery, Area and Diocesan teams.

With well disciplined congregants looking for ways to serve their Saviour in their compact community, this House for Duty role is parish ministry as the ordinal first envisaged.

With substantial support from the Diocese and the Deanery, any appointee will also find gifted, talented and skilled congregants to help them on their way.

As ever, the new Priest will be committed to the diocesan vision of becoming a more Christ-like Church for the sake of God's World – contemplative, compassionate and courageous – and to model and enable a flourishing ministry, for all, in line with the diocesan work in this area.

I commend this profile to you and I would welcome conversations about the role with interested candidates.

Reverend Canon Christopher Bull

Associate Archdeacon

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## Introduction

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Cuddington is a wonderful place to live and our church is right at the heart of village life. We are fortunate that, because our incumbent does not live in the village, a few years ago a trust was formed to buy a lovely house overlooking the church so that we could have a priest living here – a visible sign of God’s care.

We want someone who will be part of our community, sharing our joys and being with us when things go wrong. We want a priest – someone who makes God known to the people and brings the people to God.

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Our village has a population of 590 and it is buzzing with life. We have a pub and a social club, a number of active groups, and we share a split site [primary school](#) with the neighbouring village of Dinton. With strong community involvement we have a strong record in the Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village competition.



This is a very happy village, but once you get to know us you will discover that we have our burdens and issues and we want you to rejoice when we rejoice and mourn when we mourn (*Romans 12:15*).

**We seek to be a church for all and so we want someone who is comfortable engaging and making friends with people of all ages. We attract people from neighbouring villages and we actively work with Dinton Church, especially to welcome families to our church community.**

Revd Canon Dr Phil Groves is an Associate Rector in the Benefice and acts as our incumbent. We don’t need you to chair the PCC, fill in faculties, attend endless committees, draw up rotas, or keep an eye on finances – that’s his job. We want you to be among us and use your skills and talents to draw us closer to God.

Please come and empower our lay people. We don’t want you to take over existing projects. If you have a vision for a new project, we need that vision to be shared and for the project to be sustainable once you have gone.



Phil will remain involved in our parish and village life. He is excited to welcome you as a partner and friend. He lives in Stone, 3 miles away, and is also the vicar of Dinton just a mile from us. He already works with a self-supporting priest in Dinton and a lay minister in Stone.

We will want you to lead and preach in Stone – perhaps once a month – to release Phil and we will seek opportunities to deepen our partnership with our neighbours.

However, your focus will be Cuddington and we want you to flourish among us by playing to your strengths and using the gifts God has given you.

We remain part of a wider Benefice (Wychert Vale) that includes Haddenham, a much larger and fast-growing community. The Rector, another Associate Rector and wider team are focused on the work in Haddenham and two other much smaller villages.



## Welcome from Our Vicar Phil



Hi, I'm Phil Groves and I am delighted to be acting as incumbent in Cuddington. I love living in Stone, but Cuddington is such a wonderful village. Thank you for your interest in this wonderful role that we are fortunate enough to be creating.

We are looking for someone to join our team who will enjoy living in a vibrant and close-knit community, and who will be able to minister to the church and the whole village. I encourage you to read this profile to learn more about our situation and what we can offer. There are many areas of our church life where you could contribute to our ministry. We are not expecting you to take them all on, but would love to tailor the role to your strengths.

We will be working closely together and so you need to know a bit about me.

I am an active parish priest and well known in the village. Until recently we were foster carers and we have had children at Cuddington and Dinton School. I love storytelling and I am known by all the children at the school and those who come to our Toddler Group. I also have great relationships with the older members of our congregation and have supported many Cuddington villagers through difficult times.

I am comfortable with a range of worship styles and I am creative, empathetic and innovative, always ready to give things a go. I am dyslexic and a member of the Church of England Neurodiversity Working Group. I am a grandfather with three adult children and a child in secondary school.

For six years I worked as a tutor at a theological college in Tanzania and I worked for 10 years at the Anglican Communion Office, working to enable all to listen to the experience of LGBTQI+ people and then on processes of reconciliation. I am an academic and practical missiologist and have co-authored a book on reconciliation (see [here](#)) which was highly praised by Archbishop Desmond Tutu. I write [blogs](#) for Via Media.

I hope this profile paints a picture of a faithful and active Christian community in a vibrant village. If after reading this you think the role could be something that God is calling you towards, then I would love to hear from you, and would be more than happy to answer any questions you have and show you our community.



## **Our story**

### **St Nicholas, Cuddington**

[www.wychertvale.org](http://www.wychertvale.org)

We are a church family that has been enjoying new growth and associated challenges for several years. Our congregation is a delightful mix of babies, toddlers, school children and adults. We do our best to be a church for the whole village and have a single service at 10am every Sunday morning. This is designed to be accessible for all: at times contemporary and informal, at others more structured, with opportunities for more in depth preaching.

### **Our Vision**

Our key mission aims are:

- Providing worship for everyone
- Deepening faith
- Developing leaders

Our church is very friendly, offering a warm welcome to both newcomers and visitors. Typically, there are about 45 in our congregation, with a dozen or so children. 80 or so attend at least once a month. The number on the recently revised electoral roll is 56.

Our tradition is evangelical, although our congregation is drawn from a variety of church backgrounds. We enjoy music in a range of styles from contemporary to traditional. Mission Praise is our main hymn book and there are TNIV pew bibles. After each service there is time for proper coffee and chat. Through our Sunday services, weekday activities and home groups, members find friendship and support in the ups and downs of daily life.

Importantly, a few of us meet for prayer every Wednesday at 9am, where we focus on prayer for our church and community.

Over the years members of the congregation have had strong links with various mission societies and charities. Locally, we support our local foodbank and women's shelter. Globally we raise funds for Christian Aid, Tear Fund and a small charity supporting disabled Palestinian children. We have featured services to support a local prison chaplain and a member of our congregation who is a lawyer supporting unaccompanied young adults who are seeking asylum.

A Methodist Church is the only other church in the village. Those attending and running it come from outside Cuddington.

A committed band of bell ringers ring our fine peal of eight bells before every service and at weddings, as well as practising each week and enjoying social time together.





## Children and Young People

The bringing up of children in the Christian tradition is very important to us. About half of our services are “all-age” where the children stay throughout; on other weeks children move across to the village hall opposite the church early in the service for a time of special teaching and games. There is an area within the church itself provided for parents with babies and toddlers, and they are always welcome in our services.

Teenagers from Cuddington and elsewhere meet fortnightly on Sunday evenings in term time for “Chill-In”. This youth group has recently grown significantly to as much as 30 children, but this of course brings challenges in how to engage the different ages attending.

The children’s ministry on Sundays is supported by midweek groups including a Toddler Group and a lunchtime school Club. There are very strong links and involvement with our church school.



*“We like church because we do lots of great crafts and like learning about God in a fun way”.*



*“Cuddington is a wonderful place because it has an amazing school, a cool village hall and a beautiful church. The Church bells on Sunday are like birds tweeting a song and the greenery shines in the sunlight like a mirror. The people around are so friendly and it is a very happy place”.*



## The Midweek Christian Community

An essential part of the Christian life in the community is provided by the Small Groups. At present there are three groups which meet fortnightly. Recently they have studied the *Living Hope* Lent materials, as well as using *Everyday Faith* for Bible readings to form the basis of their discussions. We are conscious that the traditional timings and format no longer work for many, so we seek fresh and imaginative ways to encourage engagement in small groups.



## Church events

Our church community puts on many events throughout the year to engage and support our village. These include popular craft/activity mornings, cream teas, pancake races, open air services at the playing fields, May Madrigals sung from the tower, Christmas trails around the village, concerts and quizzes. Some of these events are held in aid of good causes, in particular Tear Fund, Christian Aid, Women's Aid and the [local foodbank](#).



## Church leadership

Our Associate Rector has particular responsibility for Cuddington along with Stone and Dinton.

An Operations Group meets monthly and oversees the day to day running of the church. Many lay members are involved in the church council, leading services, talking school assemblies and in the many and varied activities and ministries of this very active church.

## Our present priorities

In June 2024 we held a church evening for all members of our congregation. We looked together at what we have to celebrate and what we discerned our mission priorities should be going forward.

The discussions focused on building on our foundations rather than a significant change of direction.

We saw the need for:

- Deeper engagement with the Bible
- Ensuring all ages are involved – including the older people
- Consciously being part of village life, and sharing the good news of Jesus more widely
- Deepening our prayer life
- Making sure we continue to innovate

This will involve among other things:

- Study opportunities
- Wednesday morning prayer time established (similar to Thursdays pre-covid)
- An encouragement to preach with depth



## Cuddington and Dinton School

Cuddington and Dinton School is a Church of England Voluntary Aided split site primary school. The infant site is in Cuddington and the junior site is in Dinton. The Church and School Committee organises weekly collective worship, with termly 'family services' for each school in the respective village churches where parents are welcome. The school catchment area incorporates parishes in other benefices and we work closely with the Rector of Long Crendon Benefice and we are exploring how to work with the Rector of Brill as we have recently extended the catchment to encompass a couple of her parishes.

For many years we have run a popular lunchtime club on the infant site.

[www.cuddingtonanddintonschool.co.uk](http://www.cuddingtonanddintonschool.co.uk)





# The Role

We seek an Associate Minister who:

- will enjoy being part of our thriving village life and help us to make the transforming love of Jesus known.
- has a firm, Bible-based faith with Jesus at the centre and enjoys preaching and teaching from scripture in a way that is relevant today.
- will lead worship in a variety of styles and in a way that engages with young and old.
- will work collaboratively with our incumbent (who lives in a different village) and other clergy, and provide pastoral support in an approachable manner.
- is ready to enable our small groups and lay leaders to flourish.

We offer:

- a single village community focus.
- a freedom from parish administration.
- a deep concern for the suffering world.
- a longing to grow in faith and deepen our service to our community.
- great links to our local church primary school.
- a large comfortable 4 bedroomed house located in the centre of the village.
- excellent transport links to London (40 mins by train) and Oxford.

## Our new priest

When we asked the congregation the kind of person we are seeking, these are some of the things they said:

- *Someone who will socialise and be seen around the village, perhaps making use of the pub and social club.*
- *A person who we can chat to as they go to the post office or when they are on a walk.*
- *Someone who can inspire us through preaching in a relevant way and who can bring depth and imagination to our home groups.*
- *Isla (aged 8) said: Someone who will get on well with children.*

Our village is in many ways idyllic, and there is much to celebrate. We are also human and when you get to know us you will hear of tragedy and trauma. As a parish priest, you will have every opportunity to "rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn" (*Romans 12:15*).

We do not want your time to be eaten up by endless meetings. You will not have the responsibility for chairing any of our committees – especially PCC and you will not be expected to be a School Governor.

We want you to focus on your strengths. This could be alongside those working with families and children, encouraging music in worship, or it could be with initiatives for the older members of our community. We only want you to focus on your strengths and we are open to all kinds of applicants with different things to offer.

## Our Church

### St Nicholas Cuddington



The church building is thirteenth century and is [Grade II\\* listed](#). To support the thriving Christian community in Cuddington and its outreach locally, there has been a successful internal refurbishment and it is now a light and airy space with stone floors, easy wheelchair access and comfortable, moveable seating which gives the building great flexibility. The sound and AV system was recently

upgraded. We have a small kitchen and WC, and a modest meeting room. There is full fibre broadband in the church provided free of charge to us by Voneus as a community building.

Our sung worship is supported by pianists and occasionally others from across the benefice. They usually use our clavinova but we also have a small pipe organ and a piano, as well as a keyboard for use outside. We would like to develop a group of musicians from within the congregation to lead our worship.

The churchyard is still open. Our recent Quinquennial highlighted no significant outstanding repairs, although some work will start shortly on the chancel, which is maintained by the Church Commissioners. We have a programme in hand to address ongoing maintenance needs.



*Associate Rector and churchwardens*



*Cuddington Bellringers*



## The Parish of Stone, Dinton, and Hartwell

The role will include working with our partner parish which has two active church congregations in the villages of Stone and Dinton (Hartwell is a tiny community with a closed church).

### St John the Baptist, Stone



*Belong, Believe and Build with Christ as our Cornerstone*

Stone is a village of 2,500 people. St John the Baptist provides core community cohesion through a community Café and a toddler group called *Little Wrigglers*, an adult craft meeting called *Socially Crafty* and our church choir.

We are benefiting from upgrades to our fabric – a toilet and lovely kitchen, and we are trying to address the church's poor access which is limiting for some.

Our enthusiastic community has attracted many new members in recent years, especially young families and older people, some of whom have come through our funeral ministry. Our main service is at 10:30am every Sunday and we can have 15 children with our adult congregation of around 30. We have been very successful in retaining families coming for baptisms who have found a welcome and a home. They speak of the inclusive nature of our church and how they are not judged. We are launching a Lego church and constantly innovating.

Prayer is essential and we are enlivened by our Zoom prayer meetings and our participation in *Thy Kingdom Come*.

We have an active LLM and an ordained prison chaplain who occasionally leads worship on Sundays when she is not required in the prisons. We also have two authorised preachers.

We have a Church School in Stone (VC) that the Associate Rector and LLM both visit.

### St Peter & St Paul, Dinton



Dinton is a group of small villages with a combined population of 800.

It has an impressive church situated just outside Dinton itself, close to the site of the Cuddington and Dinton Junior School. It is regularly used by the school and by Cuddington children's group leaders who run an after school Messy Christingle once a year.

There are three Anglican services a month – two services of Common Worship Holy Communion with a growing congregation of around 10 to 15. We also have a monthly evensong which attracts a wider community.

There is a self-supporting priest living in Dinton who is also active in Cuddington and Stone.

We share our building with a Romanian Orthodox parish. They worship through the week and on every Sunday with a congregation drawn from across Buckinghamshire.

The church is full on major festivals, funerals and concerts.



## Our communities

### Wychert Vale Benefice

The parishes of Cuddington, and Dinton, Stone & Hartwell are part of the Wychert Vale Benefice, which also includes Haddenham, Aston Sandford and Kingsey, a network of five parishes and six churches serving a group of vibrant and growing Buckinghamshire villages between Thame and Aylesbury.

The role of the House for Duty Associate Minister will be centred on Cuddington, where it is hoped the priest will be a visible Christian presence in our community. There will also be some opportunities for ministry in Stone and Dinton. This work will be shared with Revd Canon Dr Phil Groves (Associate Rector), while Revd Cassa Messervy (Rector) and Revd Sue Hughes (Associate Rector) focus on Haddenham St Mary's (the largest church in the Benefice) as well as the small villages of Aston Sandford and Kingsey. A team of other ministers, both retired and SSM, also work across the benefice.



### Cuddington



Cuddington is a beautiful small village located on a ridge overlooking the Thame Valley. A regular winner of Buckinghamshire's Best Kept Villages, it is an active and friendly community. Its 590 residents live in 250 houses gathered round the church. The school, shop, pub and hairdressers are all thriving and volunteers run the village hall (with weekly cinema), tennis club, playing fields and social club. For more information see [www.cuddingtonvillage.com](http://www.cuddingtonvillage.com)



## The Local Area

Situated approximately forty miles from London, our village occupies a central location between the Buckinghamshire county town of Aylesbury and the market town of Thame in Oxfordshire. The larger urban centres of Oxford, Milton Keynes, High Wycombe, and Reading are nearby, offering a broad selection of employment opportunities, medical services, educational institutions, shopping, recreation, sports, and cultural activities.

Just a short distance away, the village of Haddenham continues to expand and provides essential services such as a GP health centre and a library. Residents commonly make use of the Haddenham railway station, which offers connections to London, Birmingham, and Oxford.



*Thame High Street*



Families in the area are served by a variety of nursery and school options. Most children attend our village church school during their primary years. When it comes to secondary education, the proximity to Oxfordshire means families can consider the comprehensive system, while Buckinghamshire offers a selective format. The region is known for several excellent schools, including the Church of England secondary school in Waddesdon.

The community is well-supported by a range of care and nursing homes, along with a local hospice.

Cuddington is set amidst stunning countryside and features an extensive network of footpaths, making it popular with walkers and runners. The village offers a boules pitch, tennis courts, playground and playing fields. The nearby Chiltern Hills further enhance outdoor opportunities throughout the year, offering places for walking and peaceful reflection, demanding routes for cyclists, as well as many pubs, cafes, and restaurants for those seeking a more relaxed pace.





## The Vicarage



The house (2 Church Close) is in a prime position in the middle of the village, enjoying a quiet location at the end of a small close with a garden that backs onto the St Nicholas churchyard. Detached, comfortable and in good order, it was originally built in the 1970s but later extended. There are four bedrooms (two ensuite), a large living room, dining room and generous kitchen. Additionally, there is a good-sized study, a family bathroom and separate cloakroom. Outside there is an attractive but manageable garden, a detached garage and parking for several vehicles.

Fast fibre broadband is available to all properties in the village.





## Organisation and Finance

Both parishes (Cuddington, and Dinton, Stone & Hartwell) have well-functioning PCCs which are chaired by the Assistant Rector. The House for Duty post holder will not be expected to chair any meetings, although they will of course be welcome to attend the Cuddington meetings. We hope that your time will be freed up to focus on local ministry rather than organisational matters!

Both parishes raise most money through the parish giving scheme, pay their parish share in full and have reserves. Both parishes may have modest deficits this year, but we will not expect you to be involved in any fundraising.

### St Nicholas Cuddington

The PCC consists of 9 lay members, including two churchwardens, the Treasurer and the Safeguarding Officer. There are generally four or five meetings per year. A smaller Operations Committee meets most months to discuss items as they arise.

We have always paid our Parish Share in full. There has been a good push for the Parish Giving Scheme in recent years, with 90% of our income now coming via planned giving. Annual income is around £37k, and recent years have seen small surpluses or deficits of £1k-£2k.

Safeguarding is an important standing item at the PCC meetings. In recent years we have transitioned to using the Safeguarding Dashboard which has been a lot of work but should make all our lives easier going forward. We have found it a very useful way of staying on top of outstanding items such as DBS checks, for which we have a DBS administrator in the congregation.

There is a local trust which lets out the School House, and which in recent years has funded most of the church's relatively minor costs associated with children's work (as well as provided grants to the school).

## The Deanery

The Aylesbury Deanery is one of ten within the Buckingham archdeaconry of the Diocese of Oxford.

The deanery serves Aylesbury town itself, a rapidly expanding urban centre of 88,000 (2021); Princes Risborough, a small country market town, and its surrounding communities to the south; and four distinctively rural benefices to the west towards Thame, which include the larger villages of Brill, Haddenham, Long Crendon and Worminghall and smaller community centres and hamlets.

The diversity and richness of life in the 38 churches in the deanery offers many challenges and opportunities. Working in partnership, it is seeking to engage with the evolving mission in our existing rural and urban communities with regular well-attended clergy Chapter meetings. It is also responding to the new mission needs of large-scale developments around Aylesbury of Buckingham Park and Berryfields to the north, Kingsbrook to the east and Hampden Fields and other planned estates to the south and east, mainly in the adjoining Wendover Deanery.

*Revd Jonathan Hawkins*

*Area Dean*



# DIOCESE *of* OXFORD

*A Christ-like Church for the sake of God's world*

The Diocese of Oxford serves the mission of the Church in Buckinghamshire, Berkshire and Oxfordshire. The Diocese comprises more than 600 parishes, with over 800 churches, serving a diverse population of more than 2 million people located in all types of settings.

Due to the size and complexity of the Diocese, we have three Area Bishops who exercise considerable strategic and pastoral oversight for their Areas. The Bishop of Buckingham is the Rt Revd Dave Bull who has been the Area Bishop since February 2025. The retiring Archdeacon of Buckingham is Ven Guy Elsmore who has been in post since 2016. His successor, the Revd Gavin Knight starts in November 2025. In September 2020, Revd Canon Chris Bull was appointed Associate Archdeacon of Buckingham.

Through prayer, listening and discernment [a common vision has emerged for the Diocese of Oxford](#). The vision is based on the qualities described in The Beatitudes and addresses what kind of church we are called to be:

**A more Christ-like Church for the sake of God's world:  
contemplative, compassionate, courageous.**

Our Common Vision continues to emerge as we identify together areas of our common life where we believe God is calling to focus. The [diocesan focal areas](#) are not a description of everything we do, but these priorities are being supported centrally by resources, training, conferences, workshops, and much more. The diocese is inviting benefices and their clergy to share a vision rather than demanding a response, motivated by hope not driven by anxiety, and thereby to flourish in their ministry. It is hoped that clergy appointed into the Archdeaconry of Buckingham will want to commit to this vision and encourage their benefice to share in becoming a more Christ-like church for the sake of God's world.

## Appendix A

*The following provisional role description will apply from the date of licensing. It will be reviewed by the postholder and the Archdeacon of Buckingham approximately six months after the date of licensing. Amendments will be made where necessary, by agreement.*

### PROVISIONAL ROLE DESCRIPTION

#### SECTION ONE: DETAILS OF POST

<b>Role title:</b>	Associate Minister
<b>Type of Role:</b>	House for Duty (two days plus Sunday)
<b>Name of benefice:</b>	Wychert Vale Benefice
<b>Episcopal area:</b>	Buckingham
<b>Deanery:</b>	Aylesbury
<b>Archdeaconry:</b>	Buckingham
<b>Conditions of Service</b>	Please refer to Statements of Particulars document issued in conjunction with this role description
<b>Key contact for Clergy Terms of Service:</b>	Archdeacon of Buckingham <i>This role falls within the Clergy Terms of Service formally known as Common Tenure. The Archdeacon of Buckingham is the designated person by the Bishop of Oxford to issue the Statement of Particulars for the post holder.</i>
<b>Accountability:</b>	Priests share with the Bishop in the oversight of the Church. Whilst, as an office holder, the individual is expected to lead and prioritise work in line with the purpose of the role, they are encouraged to inform the Archdeacon and Churchwardens about any issues exceptional or otherwise that have the potential to affect ongoing delivery of ministry
<b>Additional Responsibility:</b>	N/A



## **SECTION TWO: CONTEXT**

### **Wider Context**

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### **Local Context**

Cuddington church is part of the Wychert Vale benefice which is a group of seven churches (six parishes) serving a group of villages in the Aylesbury deanery between Thame and Aylesbury. The Haddenham benefice, of which Cuddington was a part, was joined in March 2016 by the parish of Stone, Dinton and Hartwell. A covenant was entered by all the churches involved with four covenant principles being agreed:

- To share resources of all kinds.
- To get to know one another and to work with, listen to, support and value one another.
- To determine to play our part gracefully in the improvement and strengthening of communications throughout the new benefice upwards, outwards and benefice-wide.
- To commit ourselves to ongoing prayer.

For more information, see the parish profile.

## **SECTION THREE: ROLE PURPOSE AND KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **General:**

- A. To exercise the cure of souls shared with the bishop in this benefice in collaboration with colleagues, including the praying of the Daily Office, the administration of the sacraments and preaching
- B. 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 including
  - bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation and making him known to those in your care
  - instructing the parishioners in the Christian faith
  - preparing candidates for baptism and confirmation
  - diligently visiting the parishioners of the benefice, particularly those who are sick and infirm
  - providing spiritual counsel and advice
  - consulting with the Parochial Church Council on matters of general concern and importance to the benefice
  - bringing the needs of the world before God in intercession
  - calling your hearers to repentance and declaring in Christ's name the absolution and forgiveness of their sins
  - blessing people in God's name
  - preparing people for their death
  - discerning and fostering the gifts of all God's people
  - being faithful in prayer, expectant and watchful for the signs of God's presence, as he reveals his kingdom among us

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

### **Key responsibilities specific to the local situation**

For more information, please see the parish profile.

### **Other responsibilities**

- Participate in the Bishop's Ministerial Development Review scheme and engage in Continuing Ministerial Development
- Carry out any other duties and responsibilities as required in line with the benefice needs.
- Take care for their wellbeing including health and safety and building a good repertoire of spiritual and psychological strategies

## **SECTION FOUR: DEANERY SUMMARY**

### **The Deanery**

The Aylesbury Deanery comprises 29 parishes and 38 churches across the Aylesbury Vale with a wonderfully rich and diverse range of traditions, heritage and history, with every possible style of worship, in a broad range of buildings and meeting places – from homes, schools and community centres, to 13th Century Norman architecture – reflecting the variety of life found in the Aylesbury Vale itself.

Aylesbury and many of its surrounding villages are growing at an enormous rate. In 2016 Aylesbury was named as one of the top 5 UK property hotspots. This presents wonderful opportunities for working together to engage in God's mission to Aylesbury Vale!

*For more detailed information, please refer to the Parish Profile.*

## **SECTION FIVE: KEY CONTACTS FOR THE ROLE**

### **Generic and specific to the role**

#### **Groups & committees**

- The PCC(s)
- Deanery Chapter
- Deanery Synod
- Deanery Pastoral Committee

#### **In the benefice**

- Churchwardens
- Ministerial Colleagues
- Head teacher(s) of local school(s)

#### **Support structures**

- Area Dean
- Area Bishop
- Area Archdeacon
- Spiritual director, work consultant, etc
- Staff at The Diocesan Office with key responsibilities for various aspects of supporting

## **SECTION SIX: OTHER**

This role description is issued alongside and should be read in conjunction with the following documents:

The Ordinal

The Canons of the Church of England

Guidance for the Professional Conduct of Clergy

Bishop's Licence

Statement of Particulars issued to the office-holder on successful appointment

Diocesan Clergy Handbook

Parish Profile

Ministry Action Plans (MAPs)

Any objectives discussed and agreed between the post holder and the supervising minister

Role description signed off by:           The Venerable Guy Elsmore, Archdeacon of Buckingham

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Date:

To be reviewed next on: