

The Northanger Benefice

Role Description for Assistant Priest (House for Duty)

The role is for a House for Duty Assistant Priest who will join our Northanger Benefice Ministry Team. The new priest will work as a close colleague with the Rector, playing a leading role in nurturing the ministry in all of our parishes and sharing assemblies at our Chawton and Selborne schools. The priest will participate in ministry across the Benefice, with services each Sunday, and the likelihood of ten each of baptisms, weddings and funerals each year, possibly more. The position will be held under Common Tenure on the basis of working Sunday plus two other days per week, or equivalent, as agreed with the Rector. One day a week will be spent working in the wider Deanery; the details of this will be agreed with the Area Dean and reflect the applicant's gifts. The Assistant Priest will be resident in the Selborne Vicarage.

A broad picture of the Northanger Benefice, the churches, the parishioners and the surrounding area is given in the Benefice Profile. This role description should be read in conjunction with the Diocesan, Deanery and Benefice Mission Action Plans set out in that profile.

We are looking for a House for Duty Priest who:

Spirituality

- Has a personal faith and a desire to seek and wait upon God and His will.
- Draws on the riches of scripture, tradition and the beliefs and practices of the Church of England.

Worship and Preaching

- Is able to use the resources of the Church of England in BCP and Common Worship faithfully and imaginatively and with empathy to the worship currently offered by the congregations. .
- Is willing to share the lead in worship with others and to encourage others to lead.

Leadership and Collaboration

- Is willing to work as part of a team, and particularly with clergy colleagues and Churchwardens.
- Has an aptitude for inspiring, motivating and empowering others. Encourages lay leadership.

Discipleship, Learning and Nurture.

- Is willing discern the gifts and skills of others
- Supports and encourage young people to take an active part in services and wider aspect of Church life.

Evangelism and concern for Social Justice.

- Enables others to articulate and share their faith.
- Is willing and ability to build relationships and engage with the whole community.

Pastoral Care.

- Has a sensitivity for and understanding of the varied pastoral needs of the community
- Is able to exercise pastoral care in a sensitive and practical way.
- Will be visible in the community.

Stewardship and parish Organisation.

- Is able to help others to see the graciousness of God in creation.
- Is committed to work as part of a team.

Ecumenism and links with other bodies.

- Will work with and encourage others who serve the local community.
- Will fully participate in and contribute to the life of the deanery (including synod and chapter) and diocese.