

Role description for Pastoral Team members as Pastoral Visitors

(The team includes the Pastoral Team Leader who has trained on a Diocesan training programme as a Pastoral Assistant, and Pastoral Visitors who work in a supportive capacity having completed the Diocesan Pastoral Visitors training together with ongoing in-house or additional Diocesan training when available. Trained Pastoral Assistants also have individual role descriptions).

Role: To provide pastoral care for members of All Saints Church, and members of the parish and local community where appropriate.

Role Requirements:

To be:

To be a person of compassion and understanding, who offers pastoral care in a gracious, Christ-like manner; and who treats each person with respect and dignity, as a unique individual created in the image of God.

To do: (Expectations for your role)

Any of the following, by prior agreement with the Pastoral Team Leader:

- To visit the sick, those in hospital and the housebound
- To support the dying and the bereaved
- To welcome newcomers to the church and those who have moved into the local area
- To support families with church links within the community
- To distribute Holy Communion to the sick and the housebound on a mutually agreed frequency basis
- To pray with and for people when visiting, either informally or using approved prayers as appropriate
- To be a pastoral presence at Sunday services and afterwards during coffee and tea, to welcome, listen and care.

To do all of the following:

- To attend the Pastoral Team meetings on a regular basis, for support, guidance and supervision by the team leader together with individual support and supervision sessions planned with the Team Leader on a bi-monthly basis or as may be needed.
- I agree to comply with all aspects of the All Saints Safeguarding Policy: <https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-05/PromotingSaferChurchWeb.pdf>), including recruitment and training requirements; and all other church policies.
- I agree to read and adhere to the Church of England's Parish Safeguarding Handbook: <https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-10/ParishSafeGuardingHandBookAugust2019Web.pdf>
- To fill out the contact sheet for each visit and to bring completed sheets to team meetings

Reports to:

Pastoral Team Leader (Vision Group Chair)

Agreement:

I agree to being a member of the Pastoral Team at All Saints Church, under the governance structures of the incumbent and the PCC.

Name (print and sign): _____

Incumbent: _____

Date: _____

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