

### Role description for Pastoral Team members as Pastoral Visitors

(The Pastoral Team includes the Pastoral Assistants who have trained on a Diocesan training programme; 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, as authorised by the Incumbent
- 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 pray weekly for the people we visit on a regular basis

*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 bimonthly 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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