

Role Description: Benefices of Felton and Longframlington with Brinkburn (0.7FTE)

1 Introduction

The role description gives an outline of the responsibilities of a position. These may develop while someone is in post and this document will need to be kept up to date. It should be reviewed as necessary at Ministerial Development Review, alongside the setting of objectives.

2 Details of post

- 2.1 Role title: Priest in Charge of Felton and Longframlington with Brinkburn
- 2.2 Name of benefices: Felton and Longframlington with Brinkburn (held in plurality)
- 2.3 Patronage: The Bishop of Newcastle
- 2.4 Deanery and archdeaconry: Alnwick; Lindisfarne
- 2.5 Initial point of contact on terms of service: The Archdeacon of Lindisfarne

3 Role purpose: General

- 3.1 To share with the Bishop in the cure of souls.
- 3.2 Ever prayerful and mindful of the responsibilities laid upon you in the Ordinal, the Canons, national Safeguarding policies, and all other relevant legislation, in accordance with the Archbishops' statement Guidelines for the Professional Conduct of the Clergy, your ministry will be shaped by the Diocesan vision – Growing Church Bringing Hope – and marked by a generosity of spirit, an engagement with the people and situations you serve, and an openness to the promptings of God's love.
- 3.3 Your priestly vocation demands the careful preparation for, and the leading of public worship, the imaginative proclamation of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and the loving service of all God's people entrusted to your care. Together with your priestly colleagues and lay ministers, you will work collaboratively to enable the gifts of all God's people to be developed in the Service of his Kingdom.
- 3.4 In your priestly ministry you will take an active part in the Diocesan strategy – Growing Church Bringing Hope: Next Steps. This will include collaborative parish conversations and planning for mission and ministry as well as working with lay and ordained colleagues across the Deanery and more widely in the life of the Diocese. A number of supports are available to you through the provision of work consultants, spiritual directors and Continuing Ministerial Formation programs, and you will be expected to participate in the scheme of Ministerial Development Review.
- 3.5 Above all, you will remember that we are called to minister by a gracious, generous self-giving and loving God, as together we seek the Kingdom, share the faith, search for truth, serve our neighbour and follow Jesus in his suffering love for the salvation of all people.

Role Purpose: Generic and Specific

- 3.6 To take responsibility for pastoral care, occasional offices and leading of regular public worship in the parishes of Felton and Longframlington with Brinkburn.

4 Key contacts and relationships

4.1 Generic

- a. The Bishop of Berwick (Acting Bishop of Newcastle) and Archdeacon of Lindisfarne;
- b. The Churchwardens and the Parochial Church Councils;
- c. The Deanery Chapter and Synod;

4.2 Specific

- a. Head teachers of local schools
- b. English Heritage staff at Brinkburn Priory
- c. Village hall committee members
- d. Northumbria Community at Nether Springs

4.3 Supportive

- a. The Archdeacon of Lindisfarne
- b. The Area Dean, Lay Chair and colleagues in the Alnwick Deanery
- c. Work consultant or spiritual director.

5 Role Context

The parishes forming the two benefices are situated at the heart of the beautiful county of Northumberland, just a few miles from the historic market towns of Alnwick and Morpeth; only a 40-minute drive from the City of Newcastle yet only a 20-minute drive from beaches of outstanding natural beauty.

The benefices offer a rich diversity of worship traditions, community engagement and active age groups from 0 to 90. Both church buildings are Grade 1 listed and in good repair with excellent facilities including toilets, serveries, AV systems and broadband facilitating many opportunities for a priest with vision and energy. The parishes have managed well through the pandemic and are emerging enthusiastically, keen to re-engage with their comprehensive Mission Action Plans. Felton especially has a strong tradition of lay leadership and a good number of active worship and pastoral leaders of all ages, including those experienced at schools work and children's ministry, so we seek a priest who will encourage and nurture the considerable current and potential indigenous ministries.

Flourishing wedding ministry through Brinkburn Priory is also an area for potential attention and development.

Alnwick Deanery is actively engaging in the Diocesan Vision of 'Growing Church Bringing Hope: Next Steps' and working towards increased collaboration between ordained ministers and laity, and between parishes. Five priority areas support the vision and we seek a priest able to help the flourishing of these priorities:

- Turning outwards in mission in their communities
- Energising and equipping missional leaders, ordained and lay
- Making disciples who build up the Church for mission
- Engaging more children, young people and mission with schools
- Facilitating financial flourishing: giving generously, planning strategically, building sustainably.

6 Benefice summary as at time of compilation

Number of parishes	Two
Churches and listing	St Michael & All Angels, Felton, Grade I Listed St Mary the Virgin, Longframlington, Grade I Listed Brinkburn Priory, Grade I Listed
Parsonage	Modern four bedroomed detached house in Felton
Other buildings	Community Room at Longframlington
Churchwardens	Two in each parish
Ministers (including local ministry)	Lay Ministry Team at Felton, involved in leading worship, and a pastoral visiting team. One Reader and one Reader Emeritus at Longframlington. Lay people are involved in leading worship, pastoral work and administration.
Population	Felton: 2,000 Longframlington with Brinkburn: 1,500
Usual Sunday Attendance	Felton: 20 to 45 Longframlington with Brinkburn: 23
Parish Share (2021)	Felton £29,051, paid in full. Longframlington w Brinkburn £16,728, paid in full.
Resolution under the House of Bishops Declaration on the Ministry of Bishops and Priest?	No
Church tradition	Felton: central Anglican/open Evangelical Longframlington with Brinkburn: 'middle of the road' Anglican
Pastoral Reorganisation Proposals	None
Outreach/service to the wider community	Close links with local schools. Weekly lunch and play session for parents, babies and toddlers at Felton. Support for local, national and international charities. Felton Relief In Need Charity provides financial assistance to those in hardship. Weddings at Brinkburn Priory. Members of the congregations are active in village life. Use of Community Room at Longframlington by community groups.
Business element	None
Ecumenical links	Joint services with URC at Longframlington Felton have a good relationship with Northumbria Community at Nether Springs

7 Review

The Archdeacon will review this role description with you when you have been in post for six months.