**Incumbent: St Mary’s Halton**

We are seeking a full-time priest to lead this parish (population 8,000) of open evangelical tradition in the town of Runcorn. The successful applicant will be committed to encouraging the congregations in everyday discipleship, mission and ministry. This is an opportunity to work in a very varied missional context, ranging from historic Halton village, with its parish church and castle, to estates ministry in part of Runcorn new town.

In particular, we are looking for someone who will:

* build on and develop the vision and mission of knowing God ourselves and making him known to others
* be gifted in Biblical teaching, committed to prayer and ministry and will be able to guide and strengthen us as we work to bring the good news of the Gospel to the congregation
* aim to widen the reach of Halton Parish to a more diverse and younger group of people; is family orientated with a keen interest in visiting and developing our involvement with our local primary schools.
* be able to engage with all members of the church, who sees caring for and building up the church important whether they are long retired or at earlier stages of life
* encourage the congregation to live out their Christian faith in everyday life, Monday to Sunday
* develop pastoral care in the community and finding new and novel ways of delivering church services in a dual church parish
* provide leadership on safeguarding and encourage all to contribute toward creating a safer church
* be a team player with good management skills, likes to work with others, delegates effectively, is computer literate with a view to developing a more visible online presence.

In addition, the post carries with it an expectation of collaborative working more widely across the parishes of the town. See the important separate note on ‘Working Together in Runcorn’.

**Closing date for applications: 19 November**

**Interviews: 8 December**

**Prospective applicants are welcome to discuss the post with the archdeacon:**

**The Ven Dr Michael Gilbertson**

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**Please note: The Diocese of Chester will not interview any candidates for posts if they cannot provide an assurance of a valid DBS and up to date safeguarding training.**