

Refreshing our commitment

Ministry Grouping DEEPENING OUR FAITH

Ministry **Faith Development Coordinator**

Primary purpose To lead and respond to prayer life and spiritual needs of the Parish Community through opportunities for strengthening and deepening our relationship with God

As leader of this Group, you are not necessarily expected to carry out any individual ministry lying within it, but are warmly invited to offer your gifts to such ministries within this Group or others as your time permits.

What does it involve?

- To encourage parishioners across the Parish to develop and deepen their faith through a broad range of prayer and spiritual activities as mutually agreed with the Parish Priest and Sacramental Preparation Leader
- To identify resources – including those developed by our diocese – and coordinate activities across our Parish that will help parishioners deepen their spiritual life.
- To support and coordinate existing activities across our Parish including Lent and Advent prayer and discussion groups, Mothers Prayers and the Prayer Chain. Be made aware of major issues affecting them and, with the assistance of the Parish Coordinator as required, try to resolve any co-ordination issues between the ministries and between other Parish Groups.
- Encourage a deepening of our faith through various routes and, with the Newsletter and Website editor, signpost the parish to appropriate opportunities within and outside the parish, such as small groups, mothers' prayers, retreats, pilgrimages, silent prayer and devotion
- To develop new activities – particularly those aimed at deepening the faith of young people and including, for example, greater awareness and involvement in retreats and pilgrimages.
- To liaise with our Parish Representatives in Churches Together in Oxted and District and Churches Together in Warlingham to ensure activities are well-planned together.
- To ensure that activities and initiatives are well-promoted throughout the Parish as agreed by the Parish Priest and Communications Group Leader.
- To offer guidance, encouragement and possible training to those involved in existing or new activities to support their work.
- act as the link between those involved in existing activities (Mothers Prayers, Prayer Chain Coordinator, Small Groups Coordinator) and the Parish Committee. This is to provide a channel of communication between the Parish Committee and those involved in existing activity and so supporting the future development of the Parish.
- identify people who may be developed to perform your role or those leading various existing or future activities as required so that the needs of the Parish are met continuously.

You will be a member of the Parish Committee and will share in its work in advising the Parish Priest of relevant issues and in the continued development of the Parish. You will relay and champion the decisions of the Parish Committee to those leading various activities and initiatives throughout the Parish. You will work with the other members of the Parish Committee in advising the Parish Priest and in the continued development of the Parish.

Gifts required:

- Prayerful
- Reliable and well-organised

- Able to lead through collaborative and informal working rather than formal structures and sanctions
- Sensitive to the differing needs of those seeking to explore and deepen their faith

Time required (average weekly/monthly)	1-2 hours weekly plus attendance of Parish Committee meetings and any Diocesan training
Likely peaks in time commitments:	Lent and Advent
How long would I need to commit for?	Ideally, 3 years with an opportunity to review the role after 6 months
Location:	Home/Parish office
Reports to:	Parish Priest
Other key relationships:	All those fulfilling ministries of existing prayer and spiritual activities, Sacramental Preparation Leader, Liturgy I Leaders, Liturgy II Leaders, Parish Coordinator, Parish Administrator, Communications Leader
Support available:	Diocesan training
DBS Check required:	Unlikely. Safeguarding Officer to confirm

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Yes this is for me

I'd like to know more

Signed

Name

Contact details

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