



Ordained pioneer minister for St James' Church, Milton

The Bishop of Portsmouth wishes to appoint a full time ordained pioneer minister (associate priest) who will play an active and key role in the encouragement of and nurture work with children, families and schools, and fresh expressions in the parish. The successful candidate will also be part of the strategic leadership and development of the vision of the church communities in this corner of the city of Portsmouth.

The ER number is 137 and ASA is 100 within a parish of 25000. The post attracts a four bedroom house close to the church.

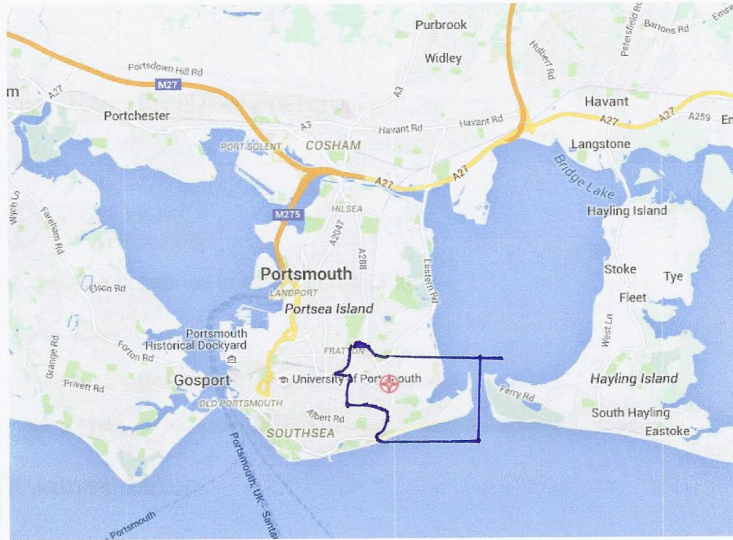
Informal enquiries welcome to the parish priest, Fr Paul Armstead.

For job description, background information and application form please contact the Archdeacon of Portsdown.

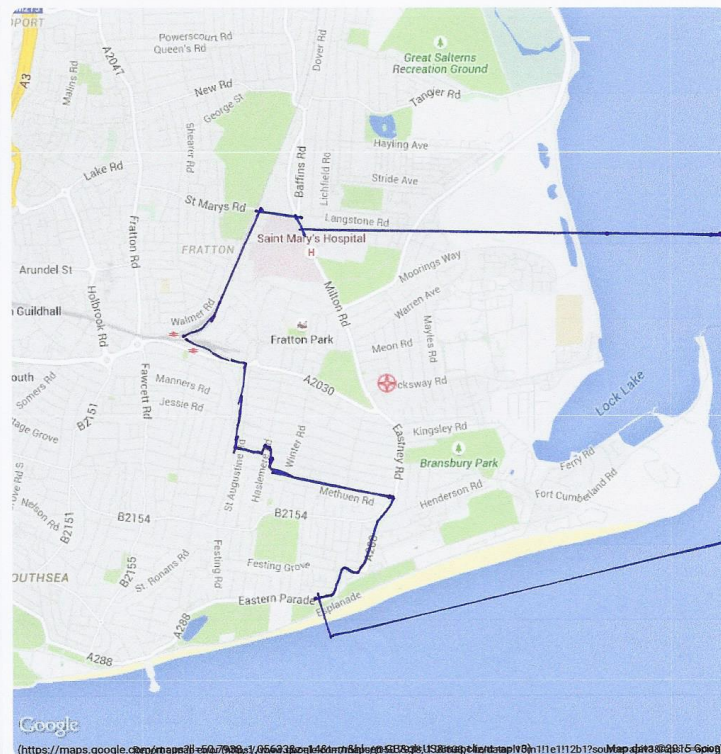
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Job description

There is no job description as such as we would like to be brave enough to offer a blank piece of paper but in order to provide a basis on which to start we offer the following:

- To go out and 'smell the sheep' of the parish to find out what their needs, desires, hopes and aspirations are and how and where as 'church' we can meet them
- To make introductions and build upon the existing relationships with the younger people, schools and other organisations, expanding the culture of church and family.
- Partner with other churches in the deanery and southern cluster in the provision of youth work where appropriate. Liaise with colleagues for shared opportunities and training possibilities.
- To build fresh expressions of church wherever the call is answered to 'pioneer'.
- To share in the life of the parish assisting with services and occasional offices as holiday cover and other occasions require. Share in the pattern of daily offices.
- A four bedroomed house across the park (Milton Park) is provided by the diocese for this post.

You will be

- An ordained priest within the Church of England. You will be in sympathy with the Anglican catholic tradition. Within these parameters the liturgy in the parish church is catholic in ethos and well ordered, though with varying degrees of formality
- A member of the Diocesan team of Pioneers who meet regularly (every six weeks) for support and mutual upbuilding under the leadership of diocese's Dean of Pioneer Ministry
- an inspirational person with energy, ambition, vision and ability to work collaboratively as part of a dedicated and enthusiastic team
- a committed person who will play your part in caring for the pastoral well-being of the community and enquirers wherever they are gathered with devotion, sensitivity and skill

Personal Competence and Vision

- a person with proven ability and experience in working with children and young people, and capable of leading forward our ministry with children and their families, building consensus, and inspiring confidence in the process and outcome
- a person able and willing to teach, encourage and foster the gifts of others
- a person with the ability to relate to both sexes and to nurture and inspire them in the way of Christian discipleship
- a person with an awareness of the way in which the contribution of the young may reach and enrich the wider community
- a person who will develop our ministry to families, including those who are hard to reach, in ways that will facilitate growth within the Church community
- a person who will engage with and celebrate the rich social and ethnic diversity of the area



The Church and area

The parish of St James covers the southeast corner of the city of Portsmouth and the areas known as Milton and Eastney. The southern border is the Solent and the eastern border is Langstone Harbour.

The estimated population of the parish is in excess of 25000 out of a city (and Deanery) of 209000. The Deanery of 19 parishes is split into three clusters and we undertake a lot of work together, collaboratively, and our boundaries are slightly porous as a result.

There is a lot of information about the workings of the parish church and what happens here on our website www.stjamesmilton.org.uk

As to the wider community, the Church Urban Fund statistics taken from the 2011 Census are attached.

There are 8 schools in the parish, all local authority sponsored. One secondary, one special needs (all years), one primary, two junior and three infant schools. There is currently an assembly and/or teaching role in five of these.

New housing is being built continuously. New estates have been completed on the now unused parts of St Mary's Hospital and there are proposals for a 260 house build at St James Hospital and 70 at the University site when they vacate. In addition to this small conversions and infills occur.

Existing housing stock consists of late Victorian/early Edwardian terraced housing with minimal gardens. There are some larger, more expensive houses and flats (eg the former Marine Barracks) in some parts of the parish. There are a significant number of housing association/Navy properties which are houses, flats or maisonettes.

There a number of community venues, Milton Village Hall, Eastney Community Centre and Cockleshell Community Centre where people gather as well as the four other church buildings belonging to other denominations where people meet. Then there are two parks, a sports ground and the coastline where people meet outdoors.

Milton was one of the original six villages of Portsmouth and that is very much the feel of a lot of the area. People either know each other or there is a lot of isolation in contrast. Community engagement by the local neighbourhood forum is particularly active.

The church is visible although the building is not particularly and the quest is seek ways of finding those who the statistics show are present but as yet are not visible.

There are excellent links with the rest of the city by public transport and likewise to rest of the country by road, rail and air (from Southampton Airport).

God is at work in this part of the Diocese and in this parish but his work needs to be visible as we meet the people where they are and at the points of their lives that they are at.

**Statistics taken from National Census 2011
and Church Urban Fund**

St James

Population count	23700		
Households	9917		
% under 18	20		
% over 64	15		
% Married	40		
% Cohabiting	13		
% Christian	54		
% other religion	5		
% no religion	35		
% religion not stated	8	Position	Total
Life expectancy - male (yrs - position)	76	3436	8738
Life expectancy - female (yrs -position)	80	2541	8647
Child poverty (% - position)	20	6975	9386
Working age poverty (% - position)	9	6220	9388
Pensioner poverty (% - position)	13	6177	9388
No qualifications (% - position)	21	3683	9385
Social housing (% - position)	8	3154	9360
Lone parenthood (% - position)	30	7963	9388
Older population (% - position)	15	2588	9385
Ethnic diversity (% - position)	13	6992	9385
Overall deprivation		8569	12775

relatively deprived