

The Joint Benefice of All Saints, Catherington and St James, Clanfield
The United Benefice of Blendworth, Holy Trinity with Chalton, St Michael and Idsworth, St Hubert
St John's Rowlands Castle

We are seeking to fill the following three posts- also cross-licensed to each other:

- Vicar of the Joint Benefice of Catherington and Clanfield, who would also be Assistant Curate of Blendworth, Chalton and Idsworth and Rowlands Castle, living in Catherington.
- Vicar of the United Benefice of Blendworth, Chalton and Idsworth and Vicar of Rowlands Castle, who would also be Assistant Curate of Catherington and Clanfield, living in Rowlands Castle.
- Assistant Curate (Associate Minister) House for Duty, of Blendworth, Chalton and Idsworth, Rowlands Castle and Catherington and Clanfield, living in Blendworth / Horndean.

Shared Ministry:

The churchwardens of the six parishes, with guidance from their PCCs, have worked with the Area Deans and Diocesan Mission Development Officer to look at possible ways by which the parishes would be open to exploring working together with their new clergy team when in post. The following list has been agreed as a good start in thinking about what shared ministry could like across four different areas.

*Shared **Mission** Opportunities*

- A co-ordinated approach to schools work
- A marriage preparation programme
- Marriage enrichment courses
- Baptism preparation
- Confirmation classes
- The joining of young people together at times to form a critical mass
- A co-ordinated approach to welcoming people moving into new housing estates
- Sharing Messy Church expertise
- Joint enquirer's/discipleship courses such as Alpha/Christianity Explored/Emmaus
- Generally sharing good practice in mission and learning with each other

*Shared **Pastoral** Opportunities*

- Extending the bereavement listening programme
- Extension of the 'Here to listen' pastoral group and phone line
- Home Communion
- Care homes – sharing good practice, plotting our presence and praying together for this ministry
- Joint Lent courses

*Shared **Worship** Opportunities*

- Working together to ensure a sensible and varied choice of worship style across the 6 parishes
- Look at weekday service provision together
- Licensing the new clergy team across the parishes and extending the invitation to all other current licensed ministers and readers to be licensed across the parishes should they desire. This will lead to greater liaison regarding resources in this area
- Combined evening praise services
- This year we have a joint Ascension Day service and hope to attend the Thy Kingdom Come event at Portchester Castle on Pentecost Sunday 9 June together

*Shared **Admin and Operations** Opportunities*

- BCI are already coordinated as one administratively. We will need to look longer term as to how Rowlands Castle fits with this system
- Openness to exploring an appropriate centralised administrative base for shared working
- Could there be greater collaboration with resourcing funerals?

The parishes and the diocese would be looking for the successful applicants to work together to continue this process developing the shared ministry that has already started to grow. The Area Deans and Mission Development Officer would be available to support in this process should that be helpful. Please contact the Archdeacon joanne.grenfell@portsmouth.anglican.org if you wish to discuss this.