

## **Vision Champion Job Description.**

The Church of England in Lancashire is working to live out 'Vision 2026' under the mission statement 'Healthy Churches Transforming Communities'. The Vision has the key aims of making disciples of, being witnesses to and growing leaders for Jesus Christ.

Underpinning Vision 2026 is prayerful activity in parishes across the Diocese. To support the implementation of the Vision, each parish is invited by the Bishop of Blackburn to appoint a 'Vision Champion'.

These Vision Champions will encourage the local church to play its part in developing a local response to our diocesan vision.

### *Vision Champions will:*

- be excited by the opportunities presented by Vision 2026;
- be a positive, encouraging voice in the parish, drawing attention to the resources and opportunities Vision 2026 offers;
- be supportive in helping the local church prepare its contribution for May 2016;
- be prayerful: each Vision Champion will be praying for the blessing of God on the local parish, community and across the Diocese.

### *Vision Champions should:*

- be a member of (or co-opted onto) the Parochial Church Council (PCC) to make sure that they are fully plugged into the life and leadership of the local church. This will give them the opportunity to advocate for Vision 2026 within the local church.
- Commit – circumstances permitting - for three years in the role

## Support for Vision Champions

### *Vision Champions will:*

- receive regular updates;
- participate in the network of Champions across the Diocese, sharing ideas and encouraging one another;
- have access to the recently appointed Vision Co-ordinator to support them in their role.

The Bishop is looking forward to commissioning all Vision Champions at the Guild Hall, in Preston on 10 May 2016.

*Heavenly Father,  
we embrace your call for us to make disciples,  
to be witnesses and to grow leaders.  
Give us the eyes to see your vision,  
ears to hear the prompting of your Spirit  
and courage to follow in the footsteps of your Son,  
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.*