

## **Vision Champion Role 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 Jesus Christ, being witnesses to Jesus Christ, growing leaders for Jesus Christ and inspiring children and young people.

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

Vision Champions will encourage the local church to play its part in developing a local response to our diocesan vision. The approach to delivery of Vision 2026 locally will vary depending on the specific parish and therefore the role of Vision Champion can be slightly different based on the local context for each church.

### *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 to grow a healthy church that transforms its community within the local parish;
- be a link between their local parish and the diocesan teams in keeping up to date with Vision 2026 news;
- 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 engaged in the life and leadership of the local church. This will give them the opportunity to be an advocate for Vision 2026.
- Commit – circumstances permitting – to undertake the role of Vision Champion for a minimum of three years.

## **Support for Vision Champions**

### *Vision Champions will:*

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

## **Vision 2026 prayer**

*Heavenly Father,  
we embrace Your call for us to make disciples,  
to be witnesses, to grow leaders and inspire children and young people.  
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*