**Role Title:** Local Pastoral Minister

**Responsible to:**

**Benefice/ Parish:**

All who would follow Christ are called to love our neighbours but God also calls some, through their gifts of inspired listening and understanding to public ministries of care. The Diocese of Truro recognises that in parishes, benefices and clusters of parishes groups of people may be called to exercise just such a public ministry by visiting those in need as well as offering other ministries of care and welcome.

**Role:**

Local Pastoral Ministers (LPM) work as part of a parish/benefice team and provide pastoral support for individuals, families and groups of all ages within the church and community. Working under the supervision of the pastoral team coordinator LPMs will be given specific responsibilities which could include:

* Visiting those who are housebound/ill
* Nursing and Care Home visits
* Bereavement support
* Hospital visiting
* Baptism preparation and follow up
* Marriage preparation and follow up
* Administering Home Communion
* Befriending those attending church
* Being a listening ear at social events

**As part of the role LPMs are also required to**

* Be a regular worshipping member of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ church
* Be selected and recruited by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ PCC in accordance with Safer Recruitment guidelines
* Complete the Diocese of Truro Key Skills training course
* Be commissioned as an LPM by the Diocese of Truro
* Carry a Diocese of Truro issued ID card
* Attend pastoral team meetings
* Complete up to four ‘visits’ a month
* Have regular supervision with the pastoral team coordinator
* Keep a confidential record of the dates and times of visits and issued raised. This needs to be stored confidentially within GDPR guidelines
* Alert the pastoral team coordinator or parish clergy of any concerns
* Alert the parish clergy of any spiritual needs or if an individual is nearing the end of their life
* Abide by the parish safeguarding policy & alert the Parish Safeguarding Officer of any concerns
* Follow any risk assessment guidelines and update them if necessary
* If lone working work within lone working and good practice guidelines
* Attend additional training as and when required
* Keep an in date DBS check
* Complete safeguarding training to level C2 and attend refresher training every three years.

**Characteristics of a Local Pastoral Minister**

* be one who is seeking to live a life of Christian discipleship rooted in worship;
* be a person of prayer, able to listen to and care for others;
* be supportive of the leadership of the church;
* act in ways respected by the church and the wider community;
* respond positively to what is asked of them, be committed to the work and accept support and training;
* treat what they are told by others with confidentiality and discretion.