



THE **King's Church** Wisbech

Being A Deacon Of The King's Church

(Deacons' Role Description)

Introductory statement

At The King's Church, Wisbech our vision is: 'That we may present everyone mature in Christ' – by Loving Jesus, Building Relationships and Serving our Community.

The leadership of the King's church has a 3-fold structure. The first a spiritual role to serve God and the second a secular role to comply with the rule of the government of Great Britain. The first role is undertaken by the Overseers (Spiritual) and the second role of is undertaken by the Trustees (Secular). The Deacons have the third role which helps and assists in both these aspects. The Deacons and Trustees are appointed by the Overseers and are to assist in the running of the church.

In all these roles having the right character is a key requirement for the role. The character of Deacons or helpers is set out in 1 Tim 3:8-13. Acts 6 states that deacons should be full of the Spirit and wisdom and be prepared to work both spiritually and physically to serve the church.

Overseers, Trustees and Deacons can receive gifts and payments from the church, but do not have to. However, all financial matters should be transparent to the local congregation.

Deacons are to:

- Endeavour to live in step with the Holy Spirit, being willing to be filled with the Holy Spirit, directed and led by Him, discerning the will of God, individually and as a team on an ongoing basis.
- Accept and agree with the doctrine as set out in the Trust Deed.
- Regularly attend church services.
- Assist in enabling some church activities to take place e.g. organising or volunteering to help in some way.
- Work with the Overseers: seeking approval for new activities or initiatives; seeking guidance in both church and personal matters; being accountable to the Overseers in both church and personal matters; bringing any concerns or complaints about the church directly to the Overseers; being willing and able

to accept guidance (including constructive criticism) about church issues from the Overseers.

- Work to facilitate pastoral and mutual care with those in the church.
- Work closely with the other Deacons and meet regularly with the Overseers.
- Support in both word and deed the leading of the Overseers, but being prepared to challenge them if/as the Holy Spirit leads.

Deacons should:

- Know the Bible and be able to explain to others what it teaches.
- Give guidance and practical wisdom to others based upon what the Bible teaches
- Accept guidance and practical wisdom based on what the Bible teaches from the body of Christ.