

**The Rt Revd Libby Lane**  
**Bishop of Derby**



Dear Colleague,

**Priest-in-Charge (Fixed Term Full Time)**  
**St Thomas Becket Chapel-en-le-Frith**

Thank you for considering this post.

This is an exciting and challenging time for the Diocese of Derby. The Church of England is renewing its calling to be centred on Christ Jesus and shaped by Him. In the Diocese of Derby, we echo that call, as we re-articulate a vision for the next 7 years:

**Vision:** The Kingdom of God: Good News for All  
**Mission:** To proclaim *afresh* in this generation the good news of the Kingdom  
**Values:** Generous Faith - Courageous Hope – Life-Giving Love  
**Aims:** Transformed Lives: Growing Church, Building Community  
**Interventions:** Equipping people - Shaping structures – Sustaining resources for Mission

Within our new Archdeaconries, parishes and benefices in each deanery are engaging in Mission Action Planning towards a more sustainable future. We are looking to appoint a leader in mission who can work collaboratively with ordained and lay colleagues in the parish, and with neighbouring parishes as pastoral reorganisation is considered. The parish has previously had a half-time allocation, and the diocese intends the post holder of the fulltime fixed term role to support necessary transitions in the parish, work with colleagues and parishes in vacancy locally, and support shaping and equipping for sustainable missional ministry in the Deanery. We pray for a Priest-in-Charge who is passionate about rural town ministry and who has the experience to work with these communities in the High Peak and develop our vision for contextual, local ministry.

Chapel-en-le-Frith is a growing town and has good transport links with Manchester. With the increase in new housing more families are choosing to move into the parish, and these are supported by a thriving church primary school and state secondary school. While Chapel is not a tourist destination itself, the surrounding area hosts many visitors to this beautiful corner of the Peak District.

The parishes across the Peak Deanery are facing significant missional opportunity and transition, as so we are looking to appoint a strategic and compassionate leader to build on existing good missional discipleship and ministry in the parish and to look collaboratively at new approaches as they are explored with neighbouring parishes, supported by the archdeacon and the deanery Leadership team.

This is a post for someone who faces challenge with grace and resilience, who will travel hopefully, and work collaboratively within and beyond this parish, to equip, shape and resource growing church and building community.

Be assured of my continuing prayers for you as you discern God's call.

Yours, in Christ,

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