**The Rt Revd Libby Lane**

 **Bishop of Derby**

**Priest in Charge of the Benefice of Ashbourne with Mapleton, Ashbourne St John, Clifton and Norbury with Snelston**

Thank you for considering this post. This is an exciting and challenging time for the Diocese of Derby. As the Church of England is renewing its calling to be centred on Christ Jesus and shaped by Him, the Diocese of Derby echoes 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

**Outcomes:** Deepening relationship with God; Making new disciples; Serving local communities,

 Challenging injustice

**Priorities:** prioritising those facing social and economic deprivation, becoming younger and more diverse, being greener,

In each deanery, parishes and benefices are engaging in Mission Action Planning towards a more missional and sustainable future that embed our desired outcomes in every context. We are looking to appoint a priest who can work collaboratively across these churches and the deanery. The new Priest in Charge will be someone who thrives when leading transformational change across small towns and rural contexts with the skills to enable sustainable missional growth.

These parishes have remained strong through the vacancy and are seeking to grow in their discipleship and ability to engage pastorally and missionally with their communities. A particular focus is helping them develop their existing community partnerships to form new worshipping communities and to build on existing connections with their local schools. There are opportunities to engage with the tens of thousands of visitors to the area and to contribute to the strong ecumenical partnership working across the town seeking to impact civic life. Parishes across Carsington Deanery are all facing significant missional transition with opportunity to reconsider shaping of ministry and resource that is fruitful and sustainable.

We are looking to appoint a gospel hearted, compassionate and persistent enabling leader to build up ministry across these parishes and support them in the exploration of partnerships and new missional opportunities. This is an ideal post for someone who enjoys mission in town environments, is interested in civic life and experienced in schools work but also values rural ministry and the opportunities that tourism brings to the church. We are praying for someone who will work generously within and beyond these parishes, to equip, shape and resource growing church and building community that God’s Kingdom may come.

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

