**The Rt Revd Libby Lane**

 **Bishop of Derby**

**Priest in Charge of Kirk Langley, Mugginton, Kedleston, Longford and Long Lane**

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 6 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

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 in rural contexts.

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. There is considerable scope to further develop schools work, pastoral care within the community and to farmers in partnership with Derbyshire Rural Chaplaincy, to build upon occasional offices and to build upon the seasonal cycles of the year. In a new phase of ministry there is a desire to build on all these strengths and develop further a vision for contextual, local ministry as the benefice forms and explores what structures and governance will best enable mission to flourish.

Parishes across Dove and Derwent deanery are all facing significant missional transition with opportunity to reconsider shaping of ministry and resource that is fruitful and sustainable. There are retired priests and a reader within the benefice who will be additional colleagues within the ministry team available to offer support and resource to you.

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, new missional opportunities and pioneering. This is an ideal post for someone who enjoys pioneering and supporting transformational change in a rural context and 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.

