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Vacancy for a Vicar in the Benefice of Long Eaton, St. John

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 5 years:

Vision: The Kingdom of God: Good News for All

Outcomes: Deepening relationship with God; Making new disciples; Serving local communities;
Challenging injustice

Priorities: contexts of social and economic deprivation, growing younger and more diverse, being greener

Values: Generous Faith - Courageous Hope – Life-Giving Love

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 Vicar who can work collaboratively and strategically with the PCC and key leaders of this growing and flourishing Parish. The new Priest will be both a leader and a team member as they nurture and develop prayer, pastoral care and leadership amongst both congregation and community but also play a key role as part of the breadth of community engagement at St. John's, working particularly to deepen faith connection amongst those whose lives are touched as a result of mid-week activity. The church values and promotes diversity and inclusion.

There are well-established and experienced volunteer teams who are excited to work with the new Priest in focussing on the next phase of mission and ministry and making it a reality. This is likely to include strengthening and growing community partnerships and opportunities, working to support a growing ministry amongst children, young people and families and deepening discipleship across the generations.

We hope and pray for someone who has the humility and grace needed both to lead and work alongside others to continue 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.

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