

**Priest-in-Charge of the United Benefice of West Hallam with  
Mapperley,  
with Stanley and Stanley Common  
(3 year fixed term)**



Thank you for considering this post.

As the Church of England is being asked to renew its calling to be centred on Christ Jesus and shaped by Him, in the Diocese of Derby, we echo that call in our vision for 2030:

- 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

In each Deanery, benefices are being reshaped towards a more sustainable missional future. This group of Churches, also known as WSSM, is made up of 3 Parishes and 4 churches, one of which is an LEP. Their context is similar (semi-rural/suburban) with a real sense of village, despite proximity to more urban areas and some growth in commuter housing. The main task is to nurture and grow a true sense of team, building sustainable and effective ministry and thus enabling and equipping each church and congregation for today's world (with a particular focus on working closely with local schools). The Parishes recognise the need for change and there is a genuine desire for growth, in both depth and number and especially amongst young people and families.

Part of this role is also to develop relationships with neighbouring Parishes, scoping possible future outcomes by the end of the 3 year term. This has been referenced in meetings with Wardens and PCCs.

Many of our church buildings play an important part in our communities, offering an icon of identity, belonging and purpose. This is the case across these 4 churches where Occasional Offices continue to play an important role. The buildings, all different, present a range of challenges and opportunities which will require some strategic thinking.

The vacancy has been supported by an able and committed 'home team', both lay and ordained. We now seek a person of vision and purpose to serve these Parishes in a way that brings the life and hope of the Kingdom across all their communities, championing working together and moving into God's future for them. It is a full-time, fixed term stipendiary post. It is a both a challenge and an exciting opportunity.

My hope is that a new leader will build team by continuing to develop what is already established, and looking for new opportunities. This is a place where the Kingdom of God can further grow as 'good news for all', seeing transformed lives through growing church and building community.

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

Yours in Christ,

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Bishop of Derby