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**Vacancy for Team Vicar in the East Scarsdale Team**

Thank you for considering this post.

This is an exciting 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:** 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 Team Vicar who can work collaboratively and purposefully with the Team Rector and others across these parishes and in the Deanery. The new Team Vicar will need to be someone who can thrive either leading a team or being part of one, with skills that can enable sustainable missional growth.

The Team is full of possibility both in what already exists and in what could exist. The new Team Vicar will need to work across the church communities, finding their place in each of them as well as with community stakeholders, helping to discern God’s emphasis amongst those opportunities and then prayerfully work towards them. This is likely to include some helpful pastoral re-organisation creatively designed to release capacity for mission and ministry. The nurturing of disciples in a range of contexts is key to this along with a willingness to help develop a mixed ecology approach to church life.

We are looking to appoint a missional leader, passionate about ministry in such post-industrial contexts, who embodies our diocesan values with imagination and persistence. It will be hard work and deeply rewarding and contributing to the ongoing development of a team of leaders will be vital. We hope and pray for someone who is willing to both lead and work with others 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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