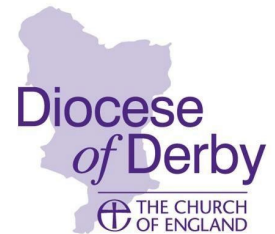


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**Vacancy for Priest-in-Charge of the Benefices of Ilkeston, Holy Trinity and Long Eaton, St. Laurence.**

(Parishes under the extended episcopal care of the Bishop of Oswestry)

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

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

These parishes have faced recent times of challenge and are therefore in need of renewal, revitalisation, encouragement and someone who will love them and get stuck in alongside them. There is a real heart for growth and an understanding that working with neighbouring parishes is essential, something also understood by those parishes. St. Laurence C of E Primary School in Long Eaton is really keen to strengthen friendship and partnership with the Church quickly.

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. The Bishop of Oswestry is working in partnership with the Diocese of Derby as we seek someone who will work collaboratively across and beyond the Parish 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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