**The Rt Revd Libby Lane**

**Bishop of Derby**

**Vacancy for Team Rector of Staveley and Barrow Hill**

(A Parish 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 embed our desired outcomes in every context. We are looking to appoint a priest who can work collaboratively across this parish and in the Deanery. The new Team Rector will be someone who thrives when leading transformational change with the skills to enable sustainable missional growth.

This parish is facing significant transition. St. Andrew’s, Barrow Hill has recently closed after a protracted process leaving a genuine opportunity to re-imagine our presence in that community; the Parish Church in Staveley is uniquely physically placed to have key involvement in a town awarded significant Government funding in 2022; there are other opportunities in Inkersall where St. Columba’s is based. There are also significant areas of new housing and an established presence in local church and community schools.

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 Derbyaswe seek someone who will work collaboratively across 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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