



Vicar of Ripley and Priest-in-Charge of Swanwick and Pentrich

Full time stipendiary post

Thank you for considering this post. This is an exciting time to be joining the Diocese of Derby. The outworking of our vision and strategic outcomes and priorities across the life of diocese offers challenge and opportunity for every post holder.

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 with a re-articulated vision to 2030:

- Vision:** *The Kingdom of God: Good News for All*
Transformed Lives: Growing Church and Building Community
- Outcomes:** Deepening relationships with God, serving our local contexts, challenging injustice, and making new disciples.
- Priorities:** Contexts of social and economic deprivation, growing younger, growing more diverse, and 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 priest who can work collaboratively and purposefully across these parishes and in the Deanery. You will need to be someone who thrives in leading, developing and releasing existing and new teams with skills that enable sustainable missional growth.

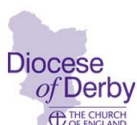
The group of churches, known as 'The Butterley Churches', have been working together for three years and are hoping to deepen and strengthen their relationships to grow in every way. The person appointed will need to find their place in each of the worshipping congregations, as well as with community stakeholders, helping to discern opportunities and prayerfully working together towards them. This will need to include some helpful pastoral re-organisation to formalise the group, enabling longer term sustainability and bringing potential for fresh growth. The nurturing of disciples in a range of contexts is key along with a willingness to develop a mixed ecology approach to church life.

We are looking to appoint a missional leader, passionate about ministry in a range of contexts, who embodies our diocesan values with imagination and persistence. It will be hard work and deeply rewarding and helping people of all ages (including in the local church school) to respond to God's call on their lives 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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Bishop of Derby



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