The Rt Revd Libby Lane Bishop of Derby



Vacancy for Rector of St Paul's Hasland, Vicar of St James' Temple Normanton & Priest in Charge of St Peter's Calow.

Thank you for considering this post.

This is an exciting and challenging 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 5 years:

Vision: The Kingdom of God: Good News for All.

Outcomes: Deepening relationship with God; Making new disciples; Serving local communities,

Challenging injustice.

Priorities: Contexts of social and economic deprivation, growing younger and more diverse, being greener

Values: Generous Faith - Courageous Hope – Life-Giving Love.

Each parish and benefice, across all deaneries, is being reshaped towards a more sustainable future. We are looking to appoint a priest here who can develop our commitment to contextual, local ministry, which is aligned to the Diocesan vision and alert to the wider issues and concerns of the County/City, our nation and the world.

The parishes of Calow, Hasland, and Temple Normanton are facing the particular opportunity of deepening school partnerships, engaging young families, and developing collaborative mission across distinct yet connected communities, and the challenge of ageing congregations, financial pressures, and significant building repair needs. We are looking, therefore, to appoint a missional leader, passionate about ministry in a semi-rural, Anglo-Catholic context, who embodies 'generous faith, courageous hope and life-giving love'. We hope to appoint someone who will nurture sacramental life, grow discipleship, and work collaboratively within and beyond the parish, to equip, shape and resource growing church and building community that God's Kingdom may come.

We very much hope that you will consider applying.

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

Yours, in Christ,

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