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Team Vicar of Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale and Priest-in-Charge of the Parishes of Chelmorton, Earl Sterndale and Taddington

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

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 these churches with the support and supervision of the Team Rector. The new Team Vicar will be someone who is passionate about mission amongst schools, children, young people and families and who thrives when leading transformational change in rural villages because they have the skills to enable sustainable missional growth.

The three parishes of Chelmorton, Earl Sterndale and Taddington are wanting to move from a larger benefice into the Buxton Team and are enthusiastic about the new opportunities that will open up for them. They need help and support to grow their confidence and find new ways of connecting to their communities with the good news of the kingdom of God. Parishes across Peak Deanery are all facing significant missional transition with opportunity to reconsider shaping of ministry and resource that is fruitful and sustainable.

The expectation is that two days a week will be spent leading the Team's work amongst children, young people schools and families in all the communities comprising and joining the Buxton Team. Excellent work has been piloted and is bringing about growth in the neighbouring benefice of Fairfield with Peak Forest and Dove Holes. Trinity Church has formed solid relationships with the primary schools in Buxton and there are good links with the church schools in the villages. There is a willingness and desire to work together, build on these foundations, learn from one other and put children and young people at the heart of our mission. Helping these churches embed the principles of Growing Faith will enable them to reach out to younger generations and grow younger.

We are looking to appoint a gospel hearted, compassionate and persistent enabling leader. This is an ideal post for someone who is passionate about growing younger in the context of rural mission and ministry, who thrives when working as part of a team and enjoys second chair leadership.

We are praying for someone who will work generously within and beyond these parishes, 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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