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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. The new Priest in Charge will be someone who thrives when leading transformational change across rural communities with the skills to enable sustainable missional growth.

These parishes have remained strong through the vacancy and are seeking to grow in their discipleship and ability to engage pastorally and missionally with their communities. A particular focus is helping them develop their existing relationships with schools, children, young people and families. There are significant opportunities to engage with visitors, tourists and pilgrims. The churches are engaging well with their community and have formed many partnerships that can be built upon to explore possibilities and potential for new worshipping communities. These churches are also seeking to lead the way in environmental work and care for creation. Parishes across Peak Deanery are all facing significant missional transition with opportunity to reconsider shaping of ministry and resource that is fruitful and sustainable.

We are looking to appoint a gospel hearted, compassionate and persistent enabling leader to build up ministry across these parishes and support them in the exploration of partnerships and new missional opportunities. This is an ideal post for someone who is passionate about evangelism, outreach and church growth, is experienced in schools work, knowledgeable about creation care and interested in enabling visitors and tourists to become pilgrims.

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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