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Vacancy for Vicar of Winshill & Bretby, and Priest in Charge of Immanuel Stapenhill

It is an exciting time to join the Diocese of Derby: the living out of our vision, strategic outcomes, and priorities across all our contexts offers challenges and opportunities.

The Diocese of Derby resonates the call of the Church of England to be centred on Christ Jesus and shaped by Him, through a re-articulated vision for 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 to foster healthy church in every context. We are seeking to appoint a priest who can lead collaboratively in Winshill, Bretby, and Immanuel Stapenhill and contribute positively to the life of the Mercia deanery.

These communities are rooted in their contexts and varied traditions yet united in their desire to share God's love. St Mark's, with its vibrant outreach and creative use of space, stands as a beacon of hospitality and mission in Winshill; St Wystan's offers a faithful presence in its rural setting, cherishing its heritage and nurturing fellowship; Immanuel, born from a vision to serve a growing estate, continues to provide a spiritual heart for its neighbourhood, embracing opportunities for connection and growth. Across the benefice there is a clear sense of hope and readiness to explore new ways of being church together. There is a shared longing to deepen links with schools, to grow younger, and to strengthen discipleship for all ages.

Please hold these churches in your prayers as they seek a leader who will walk with them in faith, hope and love, proclaiming the Good News of Christ. And be assured of my continuing prayers for you as you discern God's call.

Yours, in Christ,

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