**The Rt Revd Libby Lane**

 **Bishop of Derby**

**Vacancy for Team Vicar in the East Scarsdale Team**

Thank you for considering this full-time post.

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 Team Vicar who can lead on identifying and developing new worshipping communities in this post-industrial context, and give missional attention across the Team to working with the Growing Faith agenda. The new Team Vicar will need the vision and skills required to enable sustainable missional growth in a non-book culture.

Along with this lead role, the Team is full of possibility both in what already exists and in what could be. The new Team Vicar will work with the existing church congregation, finding a place in each of them and the communities they serve. There is a need for some simplification of governance (which the Parishes support) with the specific purpose of releasing capacity for mission and ministry. There will be the opportunity to be part of the development of a mixed ecology approach to church life

We are looking to appoint a missional leader and team player, passionate about ministry in such contexts, who can live out our diocesan values with imagination and persistence. It will be hard work yet deeply rewarding.

We hope and pray for someone who has the humility and grace needed both to lead and work alongside 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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