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**Bishop of Derby**

**Team Rector of Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale**

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 Team Rector will be someone who thrives when leading transformational change across rural and market town communities with the skills to enable sustainable missional growth.

These parishes have remained strong through the vacancy supported by a part-time Priest-in-Charge who has worked with them to develop their governance and the working of the PCC to ensure compliance with charity and ecclesiastical law in accordance with Christian values and ways of being with one another. They now have robust practices and terms of reference in place which the Team Rector can build upon and secure.

We are in the process of bringing three new village communities and churches into the Team and will be recruiting a Team Vicar to hold delegated oversight of them alongside leading on work amongst children, young people and families across the whole Team.

A particular focus for the Team Rector is helping the churches reflect upon their identity, value each other’s distinctiveness and grow authentically. The next step for the Team is to turn outwards and discern together how they might partner across boundaries to reach out into the community. We want to form and develop partnerships and worshipping communities while engaging innovatively and creatively with all aspects of life in and around Buxton. 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. This is an ideal post for someone who enjoys a diversity of worship styles, is passionate about evangelism, outreach and church growth, who thrives when leading a ministry team, is interested in engaging with visitors and tourists and passionate about creative and performing arts.

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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