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**Rector, Trunch Group benefice, comprising Gimingham, Knapton, Mundesley, Paston,
Trunch with Bradfield and Swafeld.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your interest in the Trunch Group of Parishes. These notes are intended to supplement the information given in the Parish Profile, adding a slightly wider perspective with some further information.

The Parishes and this job

The Trunch Group of parishes are situated along and a little inland from the glorious North Norfolk coast. The main centre of population is Mundesley. The Group has a good leadership team and is hopeful for the future while being open and honest about the challenges.

The age profile of the county of Norfolk is above the national average and the benefice mirrors that of the county. However there is a great deal of energy and active lay participation and support, making this a good role for a priest who likes to try new ideas. There are schools in the Group and affordable housing has been recently built for younger families. The North Norfolk coast is also very attractive to holidaymakers and therefore mission to this group is to be encouraged.

The parishes work well together and are in the process of doing so further. This is a therefore a role for someone who works collaboratively and encourages others to do so. It will be important to work closely with the Rural Dean and Archdeacon to ensure that future shared governance across the parishes works well and is appropriate but the energy of the Group should not be underestimated here. They really want to work together.

Church buildings are a source of joy to many and there are some outstanding examples in the Group. However, it is appropriate for any benefice to manage financing its buildings with contributing generously to the diocese so that mission and ministry can take place. Managing priorities is almost certainly right here so that ministry can continue into the future.

The group has adopted the national Church of England safeguarding policy, and it is a requirement of this role that the post holder has a satisfactory enhanced DBS disclosure.

Diocese and Deanery

The Diocese of Norwich's vision is to be Transformed by Christ: Prayerful, Pastoral, Prophetic. You can find out more information about this at <https://www.dioceseofnorwich.org/about/vision-and-priorities/>. Work is currently underway on the priority areas that will help us live out and deliver this vision through the projects which are described in the booklet at the bottom of the webpage. The Rector of the Trunch Group will be someone who is excited by this vision and who is able to see ways in which it can be made a lived reality.

The benefice falls within the Archdeaconry of Lynn, and so under the care of the Bishop of Lynn (The Rt Rev'd Dr Jane Steen) and the Archdeacon of Lynn (The Venerable Catherine Dobson). The parish is in the Repps Deanery whose Rural Dean is the Revd Will Warren who is the Rector of Cromer and Assistant Rural Dean, the Revd David Longe, Rector of the Matlaske benefice.

There are 5 benefices in the Repps Deanery with 11 licenced clergy, 32 clergy with PtO, 6 LLMs and 3 AWAs. Attendance at Synod and Chapter is an expectation.

Ministerial Development Review

The MDR scheme has recently been reshaped and now operates on a four-year cycle, of which one year is with the bishop and one with the archdeacon.

Patronage

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- The Bishop of Norwich
- The Archdeacon of Lynn
- The Norwich Diocesan Board of Patronage
- The Masters and Fellows of Peterhouse College in the University of Cambridge

Enquiries, Applications and Interviews

An application can be made through Pathways, via the diocesan website at <https://www.dioceseofnorwich.org/about/vacancies/>.

The closing date for applications is 11th March (9.00am) and interviews will be held on Monday 22nd April.

If you would like to have an informal discussion before deciding whether to apply, please do be in touch by telephone or e-mail the Archdeacon. archdeacon.lynn@dioceseofnorwich.org

You will be in our prayers as you discern further whether to explore a possible call to this benefice and we hope very much to meet you.

With kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jane Steen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a long, sweeping tail.

The Rd Revd Dr Jane Steen, Bishop of Lynn