



The Bishop of Rochester seeks to appoint
a **Priest-in-Charge**
for the **Benefices of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Borough Green (0.5)**
and **St Mary the Virgin, Platt (0.5)**

Borough Green and Platt are neighbouring parishes in the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty — a mile apart, with overlapping communities and a shared conviction that God is calling them into a closer future together.

Borough Green is a large, busy village, well connected by rail to London and road to the wider county — and its church reflects that energy, reaching actively into a growing community. Platt, just a mile away, is quieter and more rural in character, and its church is deeply rooted in the close-knit life of a smaller village — with strong lay ministry, deep links to its Church of England primary school. Both villages share a Central tradition.

We are looking for someone who will:

- Lead confidently and collaboratively across two parishes with different characters
- Build trust and find common ground as both communities move towards a shared future
- Nurture and develop strong lay teams in both churches
- Be visible and engaged in village life, schools and the wider community
- Bring energy for mission, particularly among families, children and young people
- Work with both PCCs to help shape what this benefice can become

In return you will find warm and willing congregations, experienced lay teams, a shared part-time administrator, sound finances in both parishes, and a well-appointed four-bedroom vicarage in the centre of Borough Green.

Full details: www.rochester.anglican.org/xdb/vacancies

Applications via Pathways: www.cofepathways.org

Informal enquiries to Associate Archdeacon Serena Willoughby via sal.hamlyn@rochester.anglican.org

Closing date for applications: 5 November 2026

Parish visits & Interviews: 30 November 2026