

**The Bishop of Rochester seeks to appoint a  
Vicar – St Mary’s Church, Hadlow**  
*Tonbridge Archdeaconry*  
**Including one day a week as Rural Champion for the Diocese**

We are seeking someone who will:

- Bring a **pastoral heart** and desire to serve the whole community
- Be a **collaborative leader**, enabling and empowering the many gifted lay people within the parish
- Offer imaginative and accessible worship while sustaining our valued **Eucharistic and choral tradition**
- Be **visible** in the parish, including schools, Hadlow College, community groups, and village events
- **Champion a deeply inclusive church** affirming and empowering and ensuring every voice is welcomed, valued and called to lead

In addition, one day a week is dedicated to serving as the **Diocese’s Rural Champion** (a new role), supporting and encouraging rural parishes across the Diocese of Rochester in mission and ministry — an exciting opportunity to champion their unique gifts and shape a thriving rural future.

**About Us:**

St Mary’s is a lively single-parish benefice with a committed PCC, excellent administrative support, a strong musical tradition, and a can-do approach. We run activities for all ages, and have strong partnerships with local schools and Hadlow College. Our *Vision 2030* project aims to make our building more flexible, sustainable, and welcoming for future generations.

We offer a welcoming congregation, a supportive leadership team, and a village ready to embrace its next spiritual leader with warmth and gratitude.

If you feel called to rural ministry rooted in community, creativity, and hope — **we would love to hear from you.**

Full details are in the Parish Profile, which can be downloaded here:

<https://www.rochester.anglican.org/xdb/vacancies>

Applications via Pathways: <https://www.cofepathways.org/>

Any queries, or to arrange an informal chat with Associate Archdeacon Serena Willoughby about this vacancy, email EA to the Archdeacon, Sal Hamlyn: [sal.hamlyn@rochester.anglican.org](mailto:sal.hamlyn@rochester.anglican.org)

Closing date for applications: 11 April 2026

Parish tour: 18 May 2026

Interview: 19 May 2026