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Dear Potential Applicant

House for Duty Priest – The Two Shires Benefice

I am delighted that you wish to know more about the Two Shires Benefice. With this advertisement, there are two documents that put this post in the wider context of the Somerset South Deanery and Bath and Wells Diocese.

This post is being advertised as a House for Duty post. It has previously been full-time, but the parishes are realistically aware that currently they are not in a position to support a full-time post. This is a brave move and we will need to be sure that parishioners do not have unrealistic expectations as they move to having fewer stipendiary hours.

There are committed people here and the parishes benefit from an administrator. There are opportunities and, if financial issues can be addressed, it may be that, in due time, a 0.5 or full-time post may be feasible. The role now is to guide the parishes as they seek to live out their vision and to encourage and support new people in taking on roles and to reach out further into the local villages.

Please be in touch if you would like a conversation.

Yours sincerely



Simon Hill
Archdeacon of Taunton

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