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Rector of the Redenhall with Scole benefice

Dear colleague,

Thank you for your interest in this post, as together we seek to discern who God may be calling to serve as Rector of the Redenhall with Scole benefice. These notes are intended to supplement the information given in the Benefice Profile, adding a slightly wider perspective and with some further information.

The Parishes and this job

The Diocese is at an important and exciting point with a new vision emerging under the diocesan bishop, and work is currently underway that will see the development of strategies for the outworking of the vision across the diocese.

We would love to hear from you if you feel that God might be calling you to this role in this beautiful part of the county, or if you have questions about this role.

Diocese and Deanery

Under the leadership of the Bishop of Norwich, the Rt Revd Graham Usher, a vision is emerging for the Diocese – *Transformed by Christ: Prayerfully, Pastorally and Prophetically*. Work is currently underway on the strategies that will help us live out and deliver this vision.

Bishop Graham has written an Ethos and Culture Statement, available on the diocesan website - <https://www.dioceseofnorwich.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Our-Life-Together-2023-Updated-v2.pdf> - which gives details of our structures and the character of the Diocese.

The benefice falls within the Archdeaconry of Norfolk, and so under the care of the Bishop of Thetford (The Rt Revd Ian Bishop) and the Archdeacon of Norfolk (The Venerable Steven Betts). The benefice is in the Redenhall Deanery whose Rural Dean is The Revd Chris Hutton, Rector of the Earsham

Group. There are 4 incumbents, 1 Team Vicar, 2 OLM Curates and 6 Licensed Lay Ministers (Readers) in the Deanery, together with a number of PTO clergy and Authorised Worship Assistants.

Colleagues will be very supportive and attendance at Deanery Synod and Chapter is an expectation, and all diocesan clergy are encouraged to give some part of their time and energies to the wider life of the Diocese.

Housing

A replacement Rectory is being actively sought, and further details of this will follow.

Patronage

The Patrons of the benefice are (jointly) The Bishop of Norwich; The Archdeacon of Norfolk; Exeter College, Oxford; The Martyrs Memorial and Church of England Trust; Sir Rupert Mann.

Enquiries, Applications and Interviews

Applications can be made through Pathways at [Diocese of Norwich Vacancies | Church of England](#) and the Diocese of Norwich website at [Vacancies - Diocese of Norwich](#).

The forms, after we have removed the confidential declarations for safeguarding and other purposes, will be forwarded to the presenting Patron if appropriate.

The closing date for applications is 7th July at 11.59pm, with interviews to be held on 28th July.

Any priest wanting an informal discussion before deciding whether to apply is welcome to be in touch by telephone or e-mail with me (01953 528010 or bishop.thetford@dioceseofnorwich.org)

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "+ Ian Thetford".

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