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### **IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE OUR NEW VICAR?**

*We are looking for a Vicar who will be a good pastor to our churches, and who will nurture and develop the spiritual gifts within our congregations. Can you help us to reach out in new and relevant ways to our village communities in service, neighbourly care and witness? Can you lead us in inspiring and thoughtful worship, and deepen our discipleship?*

### **THE BENEFICE OF HEADCORN AND THE SUTTONS**

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We are a group of four villages in the beautiful Weald of Kent. The Benefice was formed in 2007 and we have had two incumbents since then. We have grown closer together over the years through co-operation and friendship. **The total population of our Benefice is approximately 10,000, and there is a good social and age mix. There are two larger villages (Headcorn and Sutton Valence) and two smaller ones (Chart Sutton and East Sutton). There are three schools in the Benefice – Headcorn Primary School, Sutton Valence Primary School and Sutton Valence School, an all-age public school with its own chaplain.**

### **ADMINISTRATOR**

We have an Administrator who works for 12 hours per week for the Benefice, mainly from home, but also from an office in Headcorn Church Vestry. The Benefice Ministry Rota is coordinated by the Incumbent with one of our churchwardens. Each rota covers a period of four months. **A typical Benefice Ministry Rota is included as an Appendix.**

### **MINISTRY SUPPORT**

There is a good group of active retired clergy in the Deanery, who are very willing to lead worship in our Benefice when asked. There is also a Lay Ministry Group, all eight of whom are involved with non-eucharistic worship leading. We have one member of our congregation in his first year of training as a Licensed Lay Minister.

### **BENEFICE SERVICES**

Every fifth Sunday we come together for a Benefice Service at one of our churches in rotation.

### **CHURCHWARDENS**

The six churchwardens are in frequent touch with each other and have regular meetings to discuss Benefice matters.

### **THE VICARAGE**

The Vicarage is situated in Oak Lane, Headcorn, towards the eastern end of the village. It was purchased and converted for use as a vicarage about twenty years ago, and is a pleasant, modern four-bedroom detached house, with a reasonable sized garden and good parking facilities.

Person description-

**We realise that none of us is perfect, but if you can lead us as well as walk alongside us, we will welcome you!**

**We are seeking a vicar who:**

- **Will 'shepherd our flock' with wisdom and discernment.**
- **A godly leader who will seek to identify, nurture and develop gifts within the worshipping community.**
- **Someone who will reach out to all the communities in our Benefice.**
- **A leader who will offer inspiring and thoughtful worship.**
- **Guide is in the way of deepening discipleship**

**We can offer:**

- **Churches that are each unique and distinct, but who come together in support of one another**
- **A committed group of people keen to explore faith and discipleship**
- **A busy benefice serving our local communities with a variety of mid-week activities**
- **Buildings and finances in good order**
- **A well-proportioned vicarage**