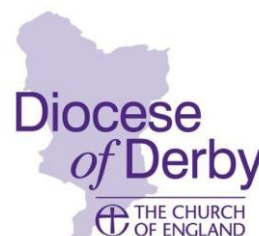


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Bishop of Derby



Vacancy for Priest in Charge of the Benefice of Chellaston

Thank you for considering this post. This is an exciting time to be joining the Diocese of Derby. The outworking of our vision and strategic outcomes and priorities across the life of diocese offers challenge and opportunity for every post holder.

As the Church of England is renewing its calling to be centred on Christ Jesus and shaped by Him, the Diocese of Derby echoes that call with a re-articulated vision to 2030:

Vision: *The Kingdom of God: Good News for All* seen in: *Transformed Lives: Growing Church and Building Community*

Outcomes: Deepening relationships with God, serving our local contexts, challenging injustice, and making new disciples.

Priorities: Contexts of social and economic deprivation, growing younger, growing more diverse, and being greener.

Values: Generous Faith - Courageous Hope – Life-Giving Love

In each deanery, parishes and benefices are engaging in Mission Action Planning towards a more missional and sustainable future that embed our desired outcomes in every context. We are looking to appoint a priest who can work collaboratively in Chellaston and contribute to life of the deanery. The new Priest in Charge will take forward the solid foundations laid by the current ministry team and accelerate the growth of a mixed ecology of worshipping communities in Chellaston.

This benefice has seen significant change over the last 10-15 years as the pace of new housing development drives the need to reconsider the shape of ministry and mission. Much faithful groundwork has already been laid by the existing inherited church community. St Peter's Church has embraced the challenge to respond to their ever-changing community by holding a series of pop-up church events amid the new housing developments. These pop-up events have not only taken church from the established into the still forming part of Chellaston but also instilled in those involved a greater sense of what it is to be a missional church.

For a mission-minded priest, this role presents an opportunity to work with an equally mission-minded church community to innovate in making new disciples and serving the local context. Alongside the growth in housing, the growth in school provision has been another critical mission opportunity.

We very much hope that you will consider applying.

Be assured of my continuing prayers for you as you discern God's call.

Yours, in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Libby Derby". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small cross symbol above the first letter of the first name.

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