

**The Yardley Hastings Benefice**

**(Yardley Hastings, Denton, Grendon, Castle Ashby, Whiston)**

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This is an exciting time to be joining Peterborough Diocese and the Yardley Hastings Benefice. Under the leadership of Bishop Debbie Sellin, the diocese is praying, dreaming, consulting and planning about the way ahead for our mission and ministry. There are plenty of challenges but also many wonderful blessings and opportunities. God is good and we are confident that our future is in his hands.

This well established benefice will provide support, encouragement and opportunities for mission and ministry in beautiful Northamptonshire countryside. We are looking for an incumbent to work alongside the church family in all the variety of church and community life – from local schools to care for the elderly. We are open to change and we recognise that there are opportunities for growth all around us.

We would love to see these qualities in our new Rector:

* A warm, calm, open, compassionate and lively priest with a good sense of humour who is eager to be visible in the communities.
* Able to work with and train others in children’s and young people’s work
* Ability to engage with schools, lead collective worship and consider serving as a governor
* An ability to promote pastoral care for all ages.
* Experience in developing the confidence and gifts and abilities of lay people.
* Able to grow the congregations and re-invigorate the all-age ministry of the parishes.
* IT literate in communication and administration.
* Experienced in leading worship in traditional and modern styles.
* Careful to maintain a wholesome work/life balance.
* Willing to manage change through evolution not revolution.
* Able to help people to experience God’s love, encouraging them to serve God and each other.

We look forward to hearing from you.

For an informal conversation, please contact The Ven Richard Ormston: [archdeacon.northampton@peterborough-diocese.org.uk](mailto:archdeacon.northampton@peterborough-diocese.org.uk)

Closing Date: **Noon 11 April**        Interviews: **19 May**

Enhanced DBS Disclosure required.

View the Benefice Profile and application form via

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