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Vacancy in South Beddington & Roundshaw, Vicar

Statement in relation to the post, the needs of the diocese and the wider interests of the Church. In considering whether to offer this post to any applicant, the Diocesan Bishop will wish to satisfy himself that the applicant is able and willing to work positively and purposefully with the [Diocesan Vision](#).

The Benefice

South Beddington & Roundshaw is part of Sutton Deanery, but is adjacent to Central Croydon Deanery and shares many of the characteristics of that deanery. The area around St Michaels Church was mainly developed in the early to mid 20th century, mainly owner occupied, while the Roundshaw Estate was built in the 1960s and 70s on the site of the former Croydon Aerodrome and is predominantly social housing. This gives the parish two distinct areas which are each served by their own church. The church on the Roundshaw estate, St Pauls was originally a Local Ecumenical Partnership, but as other denominations had challenges recruiting clergy it has become purely Church of England, but still seeks to be the church for this area of Wallington.

The churches are in good heart, having had a stable period over the last 15 years with a much regarded incumbent, who ended her time as Area Dean. While confidently in the catholic tradition of the Church of England they seek to serve all who live in the parish. In the last couple of years the partnership with Springfield Church has grown. This is a 25 year old church plant from Holy Trinity and St Patricks Churches in Wallington, offering more an informal evangelical style of worship, and until the pandemic met on Sundays in a local school. During the pandemic, when schools were not yet letting their premises to outside groups again, the church started to worship on Sundays in St Paul's Roundshaw, having been working with the parish midweek to serve the local estate. It is expected that this relationship will deepen over the coming years.

The Deanery

The parish is part of the Sutton Deanery. The Area Dean, the Revd Kevin Lewis, writes:

There are 14 parishes and 18 worshipping communities in the deanery of Sutton, reflecting the breadth of theology across evangelical and catholic strands, and the breadth of church style from contemporary to traditional worship. As a Chapter we celebrate that which unites us, and meet regularly to eat and share our experiences together because it is only in building relationships that we can learn from each other and work together.

The deanery consists of the entire London Borough of Sutton (plus a tiny bit of Merton), containing within it not only Sutton town centre, but also at least 6 small town centres across its largely suburban area. There is great socio-economic diversity, with not all areas reflecting the perception of Sutton as a leafy middle-class commuter-belt borough. There is increasing diversity in population, which is slowly being reflected across some of the church congregations.

We look forward to welcoming new colleagues who seek to work together across and within this theological and geographical spread, helping our parishes to adapt to a changing world as we seek to proclaim the Gospel and serve the people of Sutton.

The needs of the Diocese & the wider church

All appointments in the Southwark Diocese take place within the context of the diocesan [Hearts on Fire vision](#). As this unfolds, it is providing a challenge to all parishes and worshipping communities to ensure that their lives and activities are all shaped around the call of the gospel, and our participation in God's mission in the world. The other strategic document affecting the whole diocese is the [Strategy for Ministry](#). Under this banner the diocese is emphasising the call to growth, both numerical and spiritual, to a renewed partnership between all members of the church in ministry, and to increased collaborative working beyond parish borders, and particularly in deaneries. As the [Strategy for Ministry document](#) will inform diocesan and Area policy over the next few years, it is important that all clergy in the diocese have a good understanding of its aims and objectives.

Finance

As of 2016, a new system of financial contributions towards the parish share was introduced across the Diocese, called the Parish Support Fund (PSF). All parishes and churches are invited to contribute with generosity, and to aim at least to meet their own ministerial costs. South Beddington and Roundshaw made a pledge of £62,700 for 2023, once again offering a generous increase. However, this was below their indicative costs. With the ministry provision of a vicar with a full stipend, this parish's indicative costs for 2023 will be £83,500. Whilst the last two years have been challenging for parish and diocesan finances and we are living in political and economic uncertainty, we encourage all parishes to give both generous and realistic pledges, in proportion to their means, and each year to aim to take a step towards become self-financing. We would expect the new incumbent to work with the team clergy and lay leaders to encourage and maintain their pattern of generous giving.

Collaborative Ministry

I am looking to appoint clergy in this Area who can articulate their vision for the mission of the church in the places to which they are called, and who have a vision for the church's growth. In whatever tradition or location, I look to hear from the clergy how they will work together with lay members of the church and with their neighbouring parishes and colleagues. I am looking for people with active and developing spiritual lives who can be an example of discipleship to the people of God. I take very seriously my own responsibilities as pastor to the clergy and will always endeavour to make myself available to support them in their ministry.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Rosemarie Mallett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Rosemarie" is written in a slightly larger, more prominent script than the surname "Mallett". The final letter of the surname is a large, sweeping loop.

The Rt Revd Dr Rosemarie Mallett
Bishop of Croydon