



The Bishop of Norwich
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Bishop of Norwich's Letter – Vicar of St Stephen's, Norwich

Thank for your interest in this post, as together we seek to discern who God may be calling to serve as Vicar of St Stephen's, Norwich. The church community has a warm and caring heart, a vision for outreach, a creative approach and they play a distinctive, important role in the City and Diocese of Norwich.

The previous Vicar was much appreciated for the growth in mission, hospitality and the transformation in the church building which took place during her time. Pastoral ministry is valued here and an ability to build trusting relationships within a diverse church, with a range of theological convictions.

This has been a training parish for stipendiary and self-supporting curacies and has rich experience in growing vocations. We are therefore, looking for someone with the skills, experience and aptitude to enable the ministry of others.

St Stephen's is in the Deanery of Norwich East - one of three deaneries in the Norwich Archdeaconry, under the direct oversight of the Bishop of Norwich, which is closely shared with the Archdeacon of Norwich. It has a supportive Deanery Chapter and Synod, and the new Vicar will be expected to play a full part in its life, work collaboratively with colleagues and give some part of their time to the wider ministry of the Diocese.

The Diocese of Norwich shares a common vision to be Transformed by Christ: Prayerful, Pastoral, Prophetic. This vision is worked out in different ways in different places and more detail can be found on our diocesan website.

The Diocese is committed to flourishing and fullness of life for all its clergy. We have formally adopted the CofE Clergy Wellbeing Covenant and are committed to building on its recommendations – for example, as well as a weekly day off, clergy are encouraged to take an additional day off each month ensuring a regular pattern of two consecutive days off, and in offering generous holiday grants for couples and families with a low income.

If you sense God may be calling you to be the next Vicar of St Stephen's, we would love to hear from you.

+ Graham Usher