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**Priest in Charge, and House for Duty Assistant Priest in the Blofield and Broadside benefices
(two posts)**

Dear colleague,

Thank you for showing interest in the parishes of the Blofield and Broadside benefices. There is so much to commend these villages as an excellent place to minister. They all feature glorious picture postcard scenery, stunning historic buildings, warm hearted communities, great schools and friendly congregations. There is a strong team here who need a great incumbent and assistant priest to aid their development and offer them encouragement.

They take mission seriously and reach out to the local communities in a variety of ways, and they also reach out to the tourists who gravitate to the Broads in the summer. The forthcoming challenge is mission in the new housing areas being built in the parishes. The dualling of the A47 makes this area excellent for commuting into Norwich and there is planned significant expansion of the population in the next five years.

In addition, the Diocese of Norwich is a wonderful place to live and work and would be a great place to thrive in ministry. You will find a supportive team who will be there for you and your family. The Diocese is at an interesting and exciting point with a new vision emerging under a still relatively new diocesan bishop, and two new suffragan Bishops. It's a great time to come and join us and shape an exciting future.

We would love to hear from you if you feel that God might be calling you to this new role in this beautiful part of the county, or if you have questions about this role.

Diocese and Deanery

Under the leadership of the Bishop of Norwich, the Rt Revd Graham Usher, a vision is emerging for the Diocese – *Transformed by Christ: Prayerfully, Pastorally and Prophetically*. Work is currently underway on the strategies that will help us live out and deliver this vision.

Bishop Graham has written an Ethos and Culture Statement which gives details of our structures and the character of the Diocese. This accompanies this advert.

The Blofield and Broadside benefices fall within the Archdeaconry of Norfolk, and so under the care of the Bishop of Thetford (The Rt Revd Ian Bishop) and the Archdeacon of Norfolk (The Venerable Steven Betts). The benefice is in the Blofield deanery, with a Rural Dean, the Revd Martin Greenland. There are 5 posts of incumbent status in the Deanery.


Attendance at Deanery Synod and Chapter is an expectation, and all diocesan clergy are encouraged to give some part of their time and energies to the wider life of the Diocese. A detached, 4-bedroomed rectory is provided in Blofield for the Rector and in South Walsham for the assistant priest and these are described more fully in the Benefice Profile.

Enquiries, Applications and Interviews

An application form can be downloaded either from Pathways ([Diocese of Norwich Jobs | Pathways \(churchofengland.org\)](https://www.churchofengland.org/pathways)) or from our Diocesan website at [Vacancies - Diocese of Norwich](https://www.dioceseofnorwich.org/vacancies).

The form, after we have removed the confidential declarations for safeguarding and other purposes will be forwarded to the Patron(s) if appropriate. The closing date for applications is Sunday 16th February 2025, with interviews to be held on 10th March 2025. Any priest wanting an informal discussion before deciding whether to apply is welcome to be in touch by telephone or e-mail with me.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Ian Thetford." The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

The Rt Revd Ian Bishop

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