



The Bishop of Norwich
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Bishop of Norwich's Letter – Vicar of St Mark's Lakenham

Thank for your interest in this post, as together we seek to discern who God may be calling to serve as Vicar of St Mark's Lakenham.

The church community has a warm and caring heart, a faithful life of worship, and a desire to grow the church and serve the parish – they are a valued part of the church ecology in the Diocese of Norwich.

Pastoral ministry is valued here and an ability to build trusting relationships within the church and among the wider community. We are therefore, looking for someone with the skills, experience and aptitude to work in a collaborative way and enable the ministry of others – so that people grow in confidence in being part of the Body of Christ.

The new Vicar will need to develop and grow mission and outreach in the community, that is one of considerable need and opportunity. In this task they should work collaboratively as part of the deanery – especially with neighbouring colleagues, Rev Matt Luscombe, in Old Lakenham & Tuckswood and Fr Richard Stanton at Timberhill and St Julian's.

St Mark'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 and to give some part of their time to the wider life 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 Mark's, we would love to hear from you.

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