

Priest in Charge of the Wiske Benefice – Diocese of Leeds

The Wiske is a benefice of four parishes and five churches, in beautiful North Yorkshire close to Northallerton. We have small congregations and deep roots into our communities, including into our village schools. We are looking for a priest to enable us to develop an outward looking community of worshippers, to grow in commitment, discipleship and prayer, to develop the confidence to reach out to others and bring them to faith in Christ. We want to work together using our gifts, skills and experience to make this happen, and work with our priest to make Christ relevant in today's world. You will be supported by retired clergy living within the Benefice and a Reader, as well as by Lay Worship Leaders and churchwardens.

We are looking for a Priest who will:

- have regard to the calling and responsibilities of the clergy as described in the Canons, the Ordinal, the Code of Professional Conduct for the Clergy and other relevant legislation including current safeguarding legislation.
- collaborate within the deanery in mission and ministry and to seek opportunities for sharing resources with other local benefices
- develop the ministry of the laity, through training, delegation, encouragement and support so that they have greater involvement in the mission and ministry of the parish.
- ensure that a high standard of worship, preaching and pastoral care is provided so that people are more able to live and grow as disciples of Christ.
- be a visible presence in the community and in schools, having a heart for mission and outreach, as well as a real understanding of the place of the church in the community
- develop encourage and grow gifts for ministry from within the congregations
- have a passion for bringing people into faith, especially bringing in a new generation of younger people and for helping all with their own personal faith journey

We are wanting a Priest who can:

- have confidence in offering a broad mix of worship styles and developing the worshipping and spiritual life of the congregation through good quality preaching and teaching
- use the pastoral offices as an opportunity for outreach and mission
- work with schools and young families
- develop and encourage the gifts and skills of the congregation for ministry
- work collaboratively to develop a sustainable vision

The closing date is Monday 24th February 2020

The shortlisting meeting will be held on Monday 2nd March 2020

Interviews will be held on Tuesday 10th March 2020

The preferred candidate will meet with the Rt. Revd. Dr Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley on Tuesday 17th March, 10.00 a.m., at Redwood, Sharow, Ripon, HG4 5BS

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the Rt. Revd. Dr Helen-Ann Hartley, Bishop of Ripon, Tel: 01765 601094 or email her PA, Mrs Judith Richardson, judith.richardson@leeds.anglican.org