

The Diocese of Coventry invites applications for the role of

RECTOR / RURAL PIONEER Heart of England Benefice

Is God calling YOU to make a change?

The Heart of England Benefice is a group of six parishes in a beautiful part of South Warwickshire, near Stratford-upon-Avon and just north of the Cotswolds. This post is one of four re-imagined roles for clergy colleagues as incumbents with a creative missional flair. We have appointed to two and are praying in anticipation for the two still to be appointed.

We seek a Rector/Rural Pioneer who is excited by the opportunity to work with a large team of lay and licensed individuals, who serve and lead in all our churches and will:

- Engage with our four church schools who are key connectors to our communities.
- Promote mission in our new housing developments, building on and creating new forms of outreach across generations.
- Collaborate with our associate minister (a house-for-duty role), our part-time family link worker, and our part-time administrator.
- Live in a modern rectory set in lovely gardens in the largest of our villages with a full range of amenities and local transport links.

We are looking for someone who will:

- Teach the Bible in a relevant way, inspiring application to everyday life and share our faith.
- Communicate and engage well with children, young people and schools.
- Identify, encourage, and release the unique gifts of individuals, inspiring dynamic team working.
- Serve across the deanery working with colleagues, contributing missional specialisms and expertise in support of one another.

This is an exciting moment as we look to rethink how our rural mission and ministry is exercised across the whole deanery, working towards the common vision of 'growing welcoming communities and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ to our villages'.

Informal conversations very welcome with the Ven Barry Dugmore, on 07487 578311, (<u>Barry Dugmore@Coventry Anglican.org</u>)

Closing Date for Applications: **Noon 7 March** Interviews: 31 March & 1 April <u>https://coventry.anglican.org/clergy-hr.php</u>