

Vicar of St Laurence's Long Eaton and Priest-in-Charge at Holy Trinity Ilkeston

We are looking for a Priest for our two parishes which are located some seven miles apart but which are linked by our common commitment to the catholic tradition of the church and are both affiliated to the Society of St Wilfrid and St Hilda.

We are two distinct parishes located in separate towns and we each have our own identity, PCCs and finances. We have been closely associated for many years, and for about the last ten years have shared an Incumbent and this arrangement is set to continue.

There is a strong existing ministry team with equally strong lay support in both parishes. We are all eager to welcome a new Priest to help us on our journey into the future with greater hope and faith.

It is envisaged that the new Incumbent will have his primary focus at St Laurence's but will have involvement and visibility at Holy Trinity as well and will be seen there on a regular basis. He will live in St Laurence's Vicarage which is close to the church.

Our new Priest will be Vicar of St Laurence's Long Eaton and Priest-in-Charge of Holy Trinity Ilkeston.

He will be committed to the Catholic tradition of the Church of England and will be a Priest of the Society and/or a member of the Society of the Holy Cross, or willing to become a member.

We need someone who:

- Recognises the centrality of the Sacraments in our church life and will maintain and value the existing liturgical and spiritual traditions of each parish. We need a willing teacher and preacher able to **nurture and encourage people in the faith.**
- Is a good team player who will work collaboratively and sympathetically with both clergy and the laity so he can **strengthen and empower** them.
- Is a good communicator who is able to relate easily to people of all ages and circumstances – someone who is approachable, open and a good listener and will be diplomatic, tolerant and understanding of the differences he encounters among us so that he can work **to develop and grow the parishes.**
- Will encourage and develop both individuals, and the parishes corporately, helping to **further our vision** and plans for the future especially in the areas of **mission, growth and outreach** so that we can continue to flourish.
- Whilst recognising the place and value of all age groups and be welcoming to everyone, especially newcomers and enquirers, we will need his help particularly to encourage families, **nurture children and young people** and to be able to effectively connect with them. He will also welcome involvement at St Laurence's Church of England Primary School and other schools in both parishes.
- Will be able to commit himself to these two different parishes in separate locations and recognise where strengths and weaknesses lie and be willing to **give support where and when required.**
- Will happily work with and develop relationships with other parishes in our separate towns and within the Deanery and at Diocesan level and be fully on-board with the concept of **mutual flourishing** and work for that end, maintaining and indeed improving on the good relationships we have already established.