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Rector of the King's Beck benefice (half-time)

Dear colleague,

Thank you for your interest in this post, as together we seek to discern who God may be calling to serve as Rector of the King's Beck benefice. These notes are intended to supplement the information given in the Benefice Profile, adding a slightly wider perspective and with some further information.

The Diocese is at an important and exciting point, and we would love to hear from you if you feel that God might be calling you to this 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, available on the diocesan website here. This gives details of our structures and the character of the Diocese.

The King's Beck benefice falls 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 (currently vacant until the arrival of The Revd Chris Bunce on 3rd December). The benefice is in the St Benet at Waxham and Tunstead deanery whose Rural Dean is The Revd David Warner, Rector of the North Walsham benefice. There are 7 posts of incumbent status in the Deanery, along with 1 Assistant Curate, 1 Self-Supporting

Clergy, 5 Licensed Lay Ministers (Readers) and a number of PTO clergy and Authorised Worship Assistants.

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.

Housing

The Rectory is on a large plot of land in Felmingham, with unrestrictive views over farmland to the rear from a secluded garden area. It is within easy walking distance from the church.

Patronage

The Joint Patrons of the King's Beck benefice are The Bishop of Norwich, the Dean and Chapter of Norwich Cathedral, the Norwich Diocesan Board of Patronage, Patrick Heron Cooper Barber and Simon Durrant Shaw.

Enquiries, Applications and Interviews

An application can be made through Pathways via the diocesan website [insert link here], by downloading and returning the application form and confidential declaration form.

The form, after we have removed the confidential declarations for safeguarding and other purposes (Section 7 to the end), will be forwarded to the Patrons if appropriate.

The closing date for applications is Monday 11th January 2027 at 11.59pm, with interviews to be held on Wednesday 3rd February 2027.

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,



The Rt Revd Ian Bishop
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