**Greetings in Christ’s name!**

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|  https://dioceseofyork.org.uk/assets/fullsize/block_1_10796.jpg | Thank you for prayerfully discerning God’s calling to St. Mary’s with Holy Apostles and also to the East Riding Archdeaconry in the Diocese of York. We trust this profile will begin to give you an understanding of the churches and parishes, but above all, we welcome you to come and meet us here!This post has become available at a very significant time in the life of the Diocese.We have committed together in *Living*  |

*Christ’s Story* to being people who tell the story of Jesus’ life death and resurrection and who also tell the continuing story of what Jesus has done through his church, which includes what Jesus has done and continues to do through each of our own lives. These are times that require us to be simple, humble and bold.

To make the vision of *Living Christ’s Story* a reality, our diocesan goals are:

* Becoming more like Christ
* Reaching people we currently don’t
* Growing churches of missionary disciples
* Transforming our finances and structures

You can explore this vision and our commitment to this journey on our Diocesan website.

This role is full of opportunities for someone who enjoys ministering in a seaside town, leading diverse worship styles and traditions, engaging in civic responsibilities and will bring enabling and strategic gifts to this role. As is clear from this Parish Profile, there are many opportunities for mission and ministry. The congregation, though, are honest about the challenges they face. They have suffered recent loss and bereavement of key church members and clergy and have faced significant changes since the pandemic, one of which was merging Holy Apostles with St. Mary’s trying to maintain unity. There are financial challenges that come with a beautiful twelfth century church building. So they seek a vicar who can help them engage creatively with these challenges as well as someone who will share rich biblical teaching and preaching, be an engaging communicator who can connect with people of all backgrounds, has a heart for outreach to those most in need through the Rainbow Centre, be an encouraging and nurturing person who will work across the congregations as well reaching out into the community that is socially and culturally diverse.

They are ready to welcome a new Minister who can lead them and prepare them for the next Chapter of their life together. You will not be alone – there are existing ministerial colleagues, lay and ordained, plus supportive churchwardens and congregations.

As a Diocese we pray together the prayer of Teresa of Avila, “Lord, what do you want from me?” This is our prayer for *Living Christ’s Story*. We pray this prayer particularly for you in this time of discernment. We hope that you will hear Christ’s call clearly and we look forward to prayerfully sharing this discernment with you.

Please do contact acting Archdeacon Samantha Taylor by phone (01482 881659) or email (ader@yorkdiocese.org) if you have any questions or would like a fuller picture than the Profile offers. We want to do all we can to support you as you explore and discern this call.

With our prayers,

+Eleanor (Bishop of Hull)