

**Ketton and Tinwell**

**VICAR**

This is an exciting time to be joining Peterborough Diocese and the parishes of Ketton and Tinwell. Under the leadership of Bishop Debbie Sellin, the diocese is praying, dreaming, consulting and planning about the way ahead for our mission and ministry. There are plenty of challenges but also many wonderful blessings and opportunities. God is good and we are confident that our future is in his hands.

We offer a truly exciting opportunity to harness our enthusiasm and the demographic opportunities to facilitate growth in both faith and numbers and to lead intentional outreach with a specific focus on young people and families. It is our intention and our prayer that our parishes buck the trend of declining rural churches. We are expanding our offering to the community we serve and with your help and leadership, our combined team will grow the Kingdom of God in this beautiful part of the country. We are proud and thrilled to be looking for a full time vicar increasing this role for a former house for duty post. The benefice comprises of two parishes, St Mary’s, Ketton and All Saints, Tinwell which are neighbouring villages in the picturesque rural county of Rutland, within 4 miles of the historic Georgian town of Stamford. Our combined population is around 3,000 and actively growing with new development.

We are seeking a Vicar to lead us in serving our existing church communities, while helping us achieve our vision for growth and outreach. A person who:

* Has a heart for serving and growing the Kingdom of God in a rural community where each parish church is a focus of village life.
* Is grounded in faith and the word of God and is confident to proclaim the gospel to all, irrespective of age or tradition.
* Is friendly and approachable who can meet people where they are.
* Is a good listener, prayerful and considerate; A good sense of humour wouldn’t go amiss.
* Is sympathetic to, and embraces varying styles of worship, from the traditional to a more relaxed style of family service.
* Is enthusiastic to see growth both in number but also in faith, to pursue outreach opportunities particularly with families and young people.
* Has a heart for engaging with our village C of E School and the many opportunities for outreach that provides.
* Is keen to work collaboratively to build on the strong relationships we have via our “churches together” links to serve our communities.
* Is an enabler who is able to lead by example and encourage others to use their gifts and grow in faith.
* Has the gift of preaching and communicating the gospel to people at different stages of their faith journey.
* Comes with experience of developing ministries and growing congregations.
* Has experience working with children’s and youth groups

For an informal conversation please contact The Ven Alison Booker

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View the Benefice Profile and application form via

[www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/vacancies2/](http://www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/vacancies2/)

*Enhance DBS Disclosure required.*

Closing Date: **Noon 25 April** Interviews: **22 May**