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Dear Candidate

STROUDWATER TEAM MINISTRY

The Stroudwater Team ministry was formed at the end of 2016 as part of a strategy to re-imagine and re-invigorate ministry in this rural area. It has got off to a great start and the clergy and people of the team are really looking forward to welcoming a priest to this new post to complete the team.

I do hope you enjoy reading the profile which will give you a good flavour of the approach the team is taking and of their style. Even better will be a conversation with the Team Rector Steve Harrison and a visit if you can.

One of the delights of this post and of working in a team is that it enables all its members to practice the gifts best given to them so I would really encourage you to explore how you might fit with this team. None of us have every gift but working together something special can be achieved and I believe this is beginning to happen here.

Stroud Deanery is coming towards the end of a period of significant change with a number of new appointments, but it is growing in confidence and is a place of good mutual support and encouragement. As a Diocese we are committed to the wellbeing of all our clergy. We are small enough to know each other well, to care across our traditions and rejoice in each other's gifts. We are large enough to be well resourced and you will find good support for your ministry from a dedicated team. Bishop Rachel and I seek to know and be known by our clergy and place a high value on engaging with communities across the diocese and building positive networks of relationship. We are a pilot diocese for Setting God's People Free and are committed to developing a culture of confidence in faith in all our people. In short I believe this is a good Diocese to belong to!

You can explore this further by looking at our 'LIFE' vision at <http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/about/vision/> and our Culture and Values for ministry at <https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/about-us/our-vision/cultures-and-values-of-ministry/>. At its heart we want to be well equipped to share 'The transforming Gospel of Jesus Christ', so that people may 'know life in all its fullness.'

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I really hope that you feel encouraged to apply. If you have any questions or want to know more please do not hesitate to contact the Team Rector the Revd Steve Harrison, Tel 07466 858975 Email: rectorstroudwater@gmail.com

Applications should be returned to the Archdeacon of Gloucester's Office either by post to Alison Vlach, PA to the Archdeacon of Gloucester at The Bishop's Office, 2 College Green, Gloucester GL1 2LR or by email to avlach@glosdioc.org.uk by 12 noon Monday 7 January 2019.

With my prayers and good wishes

+ Robert Tewkesbury