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Dear Candidate

House for Duty Rector in the 'Hill and Valley' Benefice of Chedworth, Yanworth and Stowell, Coln Rogers and Coln St Denys

Thank you for making enquiries about this vacancy – I hope you find this letter and the accompanying documents helpful in considering your application.

There is much to celebrate and significant potential in these three rural parishes, set in the heart of the Cotswolds between Cheltenham and Cirencester. The Parishes are part of what is probably our longest established multi-parish benefice, with a good track record of working well together and enjoying the strengths that a united benefice can bring. They are in good heart with some solid foundations to build upon as well as plenty of opportunities to try new approaches to reaching out into the wider community (including the Church School in Chedworth with its associated young families) with the love of Christ.

The Benefice are looking for someone who will enjoy and immerse themselves in village life, supporting the worshipping communities in their mission throughout the week as well as enjoying the collegiality of other leaders, including a Lay Reader and an experienced and long-standing Lay Ministry Team. As a 'House for Duty' post (with a usual commitment expected to be two days a week plus Sundays) there is a need for someone who is good at managing their time and boundaries and who is able to negotiate their commitments in conjunction with others.

Should you be appointed you will find good support in the deanery and wider diocese and will have plenty of opportunity to engage in our common life, centred around our 'LIFE' vision process which itself is focused on Jesus' offer of 'life to the full', rooted in John 10:10. <http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/about-us/our-vision/>. The accompanying document gives a little more detail about how this vision translates into the culture and values we are seeking to see grow amongst all those licensed to minister across the Diocese.

As part of this LIFE vision we are in the process of undertaking some Deanery Strategic Planning with the aim, over a number of years, of reshaping the mission and ministry of each of our 9 deaneries to be more focussed around their shared mission priorities whilst at the same time reducing our dependence on stipendiary ordained ministry to a level that is sustainable for the long term, all set within the wider context of the Church of England's emerging 'Vision for the CofE in the 2020s' which include the virtues of becoming Bolder, Simpler and Humbler.

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. The Bishops and Archdeacons 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 have been a pilot diocese for 'Setting God's People Free' and are committed to developing a culture of confidence in faith in all our people. This includes a particular emphasis on keeping the nurturing of faith in children, families and households always in our sight.

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I very much hope that having seen the profile and read so far, you will feel encouraged to apply and I look forward to receiving an application from you.

If you have any questions or want to know more, please do not hesitate to contact me for an informal conversation on 07498 052045.

With my very best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Andrew', written in a cursive style.

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