



The Diocese of
Southwark

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Dear Applicant

Thank you very much for your interest in the post of Associate Vicar, (Pioneer) at St John the Divine, New Malden. Please be assured of my prayers as you consider making an application.

The Diocese of Southwark is a good place to be. The communities it serves are diverse and together make up a large population that is changing and growing. This brings challenges and many opportunities as we work together to pray, serve and witness. The Kingston Episcopal Area, and within it the Archdeaconry of Wandsworth, is a supportive, committed and relatively well resourced part of the diocese. In particular, there is a great group of clergy and churches within the Kingston deanery.

There are 14 parishes in the Kingston Deanery with 18 churches. There are two Team ministries and three parishes each with two churches. There are nine church primary schools, but no church secondary schools, though Tiffin School has a Church of England Foundation. The Deanery is bordered by the River Thames and Richmond Park and has the A3 running through it. It extends from Hook in the south, to Ham in the north, from a vibrant Kingston town to leafy lanes in Malden. The Deanery faces the challenge of outreach to a large, mobile population. New Malden is known for its large percentage of Korean families and numerous Korean churches of every denomination. Regeneration of areas of Kingston and Tolworth are being planned which the Deanery Chapter is watching and planning to engage with at the appropriate time. Over the years the clergy have worked hard at remaining together and communicating with each other despite theological differences.

The Diocese, under the leadership of Bishop Christopher, has been developing new strategies to enable congregations and communities to thrive. I attach with this pack a document, Hearts on Fire: A Vision for Mission. This will give you a flavour of the commitment to mission that is broad based and effective. At the end of the document five goals are summarised; these express our commitment to growth, diversity, and to increasing vocations.

If you would appreciate an informal conversation about the parish, or to discuss anything in the profile, or more generally anything about the Deanery or Diocese, please get in touch with my PA, Romana Nelson - Romana.nelson@southwark.anglican.org - who will seek to arrange a time for us to speak on the phone.

With my thanks, my best wishes and my continuing prayers.

Yours faithfully

THE VENERABLE JOHN KIDDLE
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