



The Diocese of  
**Southwark**

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Dear Applicant

Thank you very much for your interest in the post of Rector at St Mary, in the Barnes Team Ministry. 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 Richmond and Barnes deanery.

The deanery covers an area mostly following the flow of the Thames in South West London. The area also benefits from being close to Richmond Park which includes more than 2000 acres of parkland. The Deanery comprises of 16 churches some of which work within teams. The clergy and people of the churches demonstrate a high level of support for Chapter and Synod, contributing to a sense of the churches actively supporting one another and sharing in a mission in and to the whole borough of Richmond. It is a largely prosperous suburban area, but churches work together on issues of shared concern by running night shelters for homeless people, Foodbanks and Street Pastors.

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 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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