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The Diocese of Hereford – Mission & Evangelism Development Officer

Thank you for your interest in this post.

Hereford Diocese covers a large area that includes the County of Herefordshire, South Shropshire and parishes in the surrounding area. We face all the opportunities and challenges of ministry with a relatively small number of people living in a very rural area. As a church we are seeking to proclaim the love and teaching of Jesus Christ, make disciples and bring life and hope as we share the Good News. As a diocese we are seeking appropriate ways to change and develop so that we meet the needs of the whole community that we serve.

We are looking for a colleague who can build on the work we have been doing to shape our vision and work collaboratively with us to grow the church. We are looking to grow in every benefice by attracting people of all ages and backgrounds. Our aim is a mixed economy of worship in each deanery. We seek to enable people to be disciples and to see lives changed across the diocese and beyond.

Our vision is underpinned by prayer and a desire to note where God is at work. My hope is to 'break new ground' and use the creative energy and generosity of people in the diocese to resource the church and its people.

As we move forward we are aware of the need to have realistic parish, benefice and deanery Mission Action Plans and this work continues to need to be developed. We have responded to the National Church Funding opportunities as we look to share the gospel with each generation. Our Intergenerational Ministers have helped us to remain focused on the task and we recognise the urgency to engage our communities for Christ.

The Mission and Evangelism development officer is a key person in our strategic leadership team. We can offer you a demanding role with immense creative potential. You would be joining a team committed to the life and work of the rural church. I would want you to be able to develop your ministry as you grow and serve the church.

I shall be retiring at the end of the year, but my colleagues very much share my enthusiasm for this appointment.

With all good wishes

