Welcome!

Thank you for your interest in the post of Rector the Upper Kennet: part of the See of Ramsbury in the Diocese of Salisbury. This is a super opportunity for creative ministry in churches within one of the most attractive parts of Wiltshire. Within the parish is situated the Avebury World Heritage Site, which draws thousands of pilgrims and tourists throughout the year and offers the new incumbent unique opportunities for pioneering outreach.

The ancient see of Ramsbury, covering much of that county, is rich in spiritual heritage, from the cathedral city of Salisbury and the valleys of its five rivers, up to the Marlborough Downs. God is in this place – even though many know it not – and it offers an enriching context for ministry and mission today.

I am looking for devoted and visionary clergy, who can inspire and guide our communities in Making Jesus known. While this can appear a timeless landscape, our parishes are constantly changing and face all the challenges and opportunities of life in the 2020s. Because of this, the church must also change in order to grow, renewing its traditions for the contemporary situation.

These are, then, times of transition for the market town and village churches of Wiltshire. I sometimes liken these to the oak trees of the Savernake Forest near my home, which gradually join their root systems to survive individually. Churches must likewise learn how to be collaborate ‘beneath the soil’ in order to flourish above ground in their own particular setting.

In the Diocese of Salisbury, we place a high value on the encouragement and pastoral support of our parish clergy and, should God guide you to serve here, you will become part of a committed and collaborative team.

Please contact the Ramsbury office if you need any assistance with your enquiry and be assured of my prayers as you seek the Lord’s will for your future.

*Sincerely in Christ,*

