

CHURCHES OF ARDEN – CURRENTLY IN VACANCY

Our last incumbent, Rev Alison Hampton, retired in December 2023, and the Churches of Arden are currently progressing arrangements to find a successor.

As it happens, there are three other groups of nearby parishes also vacant, and so under the steerage of the Coventry Diocese's Archdeacon Missioner, all four positions are being advertised together. This is a unique opportunity to try something new: the plan is to find four appointees who will be responsible for their own parishes as now, but also for them to collaborate in contributing their skills and specialisms to the benefit of the wider Alcester deanery.

The Church Times advertisement – which was first published on 22 March 2024 – is below.

And here is the link to the Churches of Arden parish profile:

<https://d3hgriq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f3ffda5728e0/content/pages/documents/churches-of-arden-pp.pdf>

The next steps are an Open Day for interested potential applicants on 1 May 2024, with closing dates and interviews in June.

Is God calling you to a Creative and Imaginative New Adventure in Mission and Ministry?

Join us in Alcester

Rural ministry in the heart of England

The Deanery of Alcester is at a unique moment in its shared life and purpose. With four benefices vacant we believe that this is a Kairos moment that God is inviting us to think differently about how parish ministry is exercised.

We seek four ordained 'Rural Pioneers', each of whom will lead the parish mission and ministry in their own benefice, as well as contributing missional specialisms to the whole deanery.



4 different benefice posts
A fresh opportunity with real support



OPEN DAY: Wednesday 1 May

Expressions of interest to be received by 19 April
Open day details, parish profiles and deanery prospectus:
<https://coventry.anglican.org/about/vacancies/clergy-hr.php>

Arden Valley seek a Rector

To minister among five village communities just north of Stratford. Desiring to be more inclusive and attractive to newcomers, especially the younger generation, while continuing to support our older parishioners
Closing date: 31 May | Interviews: 18/19 June

Beadesert with Henley-in-Arden & Ullenhall seek a Rector
To minister among a thriving market town and rural village; enthusiastic congregation and lay ministry teams; committed to bring Jesus into the hearts and minds of all in the parish.
Closing date: 31 May | Interviews: 17/18 June

Heart of England Benefice seek a Rector

To minister among six congregations, four church schools, one associate minister, one family link worker and an administrator - all working together towards our shared vision
Closing date: 7 June | Interviews: 24/25 June

Churches of Arden seek a Priest in Charge

To minister among four churches of varying size and traditions, all with the common aim of being welcoming communities, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ to our villages at large.
Closing date: 7 June | Interviews: 25/26 June

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