Welcome to the Diocese of Oxford

An introduction for new clergy

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A Christ-like Church for the sake of God’s world
Welcome!

As bishops in this Diocese of Oxford, we are delighted to welcome you to your new ministry. We sincerely hope you will soon feel settled and be able to flourish here. Ministry these days is undoubtedly pressurised but there are good resources in the diocese to support and help you, and this leaflet is an introduction to some of them.

Clearly your gifts are - humanly speaking - the most valuable resources we have. We are therefore committed to offering you the best training opportunities, personal support and encouragement that we can. The Church of England is of course a fairly ‘flat’ organisation and this is a large diocese, but the area deans, archdeacons and bishops are all committed to your wellbeing, and welcome your being in touch.

Naturally you will want to take responsibility for your own flourishing as well. You may well have a spiritual director, cell group, long-term friends, and others who accompany you on your journey. You may also have particular interests, both inside and beyond ministry, that sustain you and give you life. All of that is excellent; we just want the best for you.

In these early stages of moving here, your archdeacon is best placed to help you and make any connections you need. Within the first six months you will see your area dean, archdeacon and bishops, all of whom are there to help you ‘land’ safely and well.

I hope this leaflet will help you (and your spouse if you are married) to understand a little more of the diocese and the resources available. Do have a look at our diocesan website, and make sure you find out about our common vision under oxford.anglican.org/our-vision-and-values.

May God richly bless your ministry as you become a blessing to others.

Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford

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What happens next

In addition to your meeting with your area bishop, the following people will be contacting you soon.

Your archdeacon

oversees all matters concerning your move to the Diocese of Oxford.

Your area dean

will provide you with information about the deanery and local amenities and will arrange your licensing or institution service.

Darren Oliver, Diocesan Registrar

will prepare your Licence or Institution papers. You will need to give him your Letters of Orders. Ordinands will need to produce their birth, baptism and confirmation certificates before ordination.

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David Mason, Director of Buildings and Glebe

or a representative of the buildings department will contact you to arrange all matters to do with housing.

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Nicole Hayes, Payroll Officer

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Find contact details for postholders in the diocese

oxford.anglican.org/contact-us

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If you are married, your spouse might like to contact OxonSpice, an independent network of clergy spouses in the Diocese of Oxford: https://oxonspice.wordpress.com
Other key contacts

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Oxford Switchboard
The Cathedral Church of Christ extends a warm welcome to visitors and is usually open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and for our services.

Clergy and lay visitors from parishes within the Diocese of Oxford should make themselves known at the Cathedral entrances (in St Aldates or in Christ Church Meadow) as they are exempt from the entrance fees when visiting the Cathedral.

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Vacancy

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Our 29 deaneries

The Diocese of Oxford:

- covers over 2,200 square miles
- is the family of 55,000 or so regular worshippers
- has 626 parishes
- has a population of approximately 2.4 million
- consists of 29 deaneries (Oxford 2, Buckingham 10, Reading 6 and Dorchester 11)
- has four bishops, four archdeacons and four associate archdeacons
How to find Church House

**Bus:** Stagecoach routes S4 and 7 go from Oxford City centre to Langford Lane.

**Train:** Oxford Parkway Station is in Kidlington (OX2 8HA). See [chilternrailways.co.uk/routes-and-destinations/oxford-parkway-station](http://chiltern‌​railways.co.uk/routes-and-destinations/oxford-parkway-station)
The 7 bus goes from Oxford Parkway to Langford Lane, Kidlington.

**Car:** Our car park is off Langford Locks and accessed via a tunnel through our building. There is a charging point for electric cars.