

Welcome!

Thank you for your interest in the post of Team Vicar in the Chalke Valley, part of the Ramsbury area of the Diocese of Salisbury. This post is a super opportunity within one of the most beautiful parts of Wiltshire.

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 - our new diocesan vision. 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 village churches of Wiltshire, which I sometimes liken 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 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 in this role you will be part of a committed and collaborative team.

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

Sincerely in Christ,

Andrew Lamburn