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**The Parish of Collingham with Harewood
and
the Parish of Spofforth with Kirk Deighton**

seek to appoint

a Priest-in-Charge

A priest is sought to take a lead in these 2 parishes serving 6 villages, each with its own church. While the 6 communities are distinct, they share many common attributes, values and needs. The parishes lie almost adjacent in the beautiful countryside of Lower Wharfedale and the farmland surrounding the market town of Wetherby. Harrogate lies to the north and Leeds and York are within easy commuting distance. The Yorkshire Dales and Moors are within an hour's drive and there is good access to the newly upgraded A1. The 2 PCCs are committed to working together to the mutual benefit of the parishes, furthering our collective Mission and outreach amongst our communities. It is anticipated that the person appointed will enable the 2 parishes to explore whether future ministry will best be served by the creation of a united benefice or a team ministry to include also Wetherby parish which has a newly appointed priest-in-charge. There is enthusiasm for the challenges that lie ahead and we are looking for the appropriate person to guide us in our journey.

The parishes comprise St Oswald's, Collingham (Grade II*), All Saints' Church (now in the care of the Churches' Conservation Trust) and a small chapel on the Harewood Estate, All Saints Spofforth (Grade II), All Saints Kirk Deighton (Grade I), St Joseph & St James Follifoot and St Helen's Chapel of Ease, Little Ribston. The buildings range from medieval on an Anglo-Saxon site to 19th century and some have development projects in progress or just completed. ER 195 for Collingham with Harewood and 130 for Spofforth, Kirk Deighton, Follifoot and Little Ribston. The traditions of the parishes are liberal catholic with reserved sacrament (St Oswald's, Collingham) and middle to low in the Spofforth group. Services range from BCP and CW to more informal family services, with a number of very effective special services such as the annual candlelit carol service at All Saints Harewood and 5th Sunday services in the private chapel at Ridding Park catering for local people as well as for some tourists staying at the hotel and caravan site. There is a house-for-duty priest who leads worship and occasional offices and offers pastoral care in Spofforth, Kirk Deighton, Follifoot and Little Ribston, living at Spofforth, and 1 Reader. Parish magazines are delivered to 2,450 households across the 2 parishes monthly.

We seek a priest who will be spiritually and pastorally motivated, guided by the needs of the congregations and parishes, and who will provide clear vision. We seek someone who will articulate a gospel message that is relevant to believers and non-believers in our communities and who will encourage small group learning. We need a priest who will develop relationships with the schools and with families, and enable pastoral care of the elderly. We therefore seek a person who:

- Is confident, with strong leadership and organisational skills
- Is an effective communicator and educator, able to engage with with intelligent, self-assured congregations and PCCs
- Has a concern for young people of all backgrounds and ages
- Is experienced in engaging people of all backgrounds and ages through worship
- Has the skills of good collaboration, time-management and problem-solving
- Is I.T. literate.

There is a pleasant 4-bedroomed vicarage in Collingham.

For further information and application forms, or if you would like an informal conversation please contact Janet Henderson, Archdeacon of Richmond, on 01765 601 316 or email janet.henderson@riponleeds-diocese.org.uk.

Closing date for applications: Monday, 8th August 2011

Interviews: Thursday, 29th September 2011