

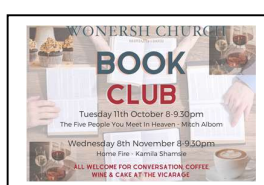


## Parish Profile for Title Curate

The Parish of Wonersh with Blackheath, together with the Diocese of Guildford, is looking for an inspiring and community focussed, pastoral, teaching and evangelistically minded title curate

### Overall Vision

The Parish has a rural context, situated in the Surrey Hills. It consists of two churches, one being informal, the other more traditional. There is a separate church hall, strong links with the local C of E school, to which we have regular engagement, and developing links into the community. 'Community and hospitality' are key to our vision, which is mission focussed and this is promoted through numerous and varied events for all age groups.



### The Parish

- The churches and Hall**

St John's in Wonersh is a Norman building, but worship is predominantly of an informal style with some children and young families present, this being a key area of focus. There is a separate mid-week service for the retired, there are well supported home groups, a pastoral team and the church is very sociable, holding a wide range of events (concerts, holiday at home, English for Ukrainians etc), courses (parenting, marriage, Alpha) and the vicarage is used as a community centre, acting as a threshold space.

St Martin's is more traditional in style, within a beautiful and contemplative building which we are beginning to use for additional open events such as exhibitions and creative mornings. The church is central to the village of Blackheath and has opportunity to develop its reach and influence.



In addition, the parish has its own cemetery (situated in Blackheath) and a church hall, situated on the central Green in Wonersh. The Hall is used by community groups and also hosts the church toddler group, Chatterbox, this being a source of growth and a separate congregation.

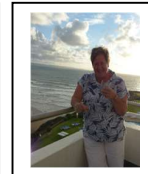
- **The context**

Wonersh is situated just south of the busy town of Guildford which has a wide range of facilities, cathedral, a university, river and great shopping and leisure opportunities. At the same time, both Wonersh and Blackheath form their own communities. There are many young families in the vicinity and the village, with its shop, pub and surgery also attracts the active retired. The villages are places which people call their home; our vision is to create church at the heart of this community.

Blackheath also reaches those that come into the village for the lively cricket club and walks on the beautiful Heath.

- **The staff**

David Peters has been the vicar in the parish for just over a year, having been the Associate Vicar previously. David had a career in industry (a leading property company), and is enjoying the challenge of post-pandemic church, creating community and releasing gifts throughout the congregation.



There is a Parish Administrator and a hospitality/events co-ordinator. Children and Families work is in a state of flux but with huge potential and the 'seniors' are well served by the retired clergy, this being a strong and growing area of ministry. There are positive, pro-active, and encouraging churchwardens who hold the spiritual development and growth of the church and enthusiastic congregations.



- **The vision**

The church has a vision to reach the community in new and fresh ways. We are open to where God is leading and at present, have goals to develop our work with the young families, ideas and events to reach the residents in the community, to expand our resourcing through lay involvement and principally, to pray. We have specific plans for sustainability (we are a silver EcoChurch) and have environmental plans for the churchyard. We are seeking the vision of Christ so that we may follow. Additional clergy support will enable this vision to be put in place and to grow with the gifts that we are given in and through both congregations.

**Details of the Title Curacy:**

The title curacy is for 3 years and 1 month, a stipend will be in line with the diocesan stipend policy, and expenses will be covered.

**How to apply:**

If you would like to be considered for this post, please email:

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