

Rector

Parish of Milton

St Mary Magdalene, Milton, St Peter's, Ashley and St John the Baptist Bashley



Bordered by the coastline of Barton-on-Sea and the New Forest, the busy, friendly town of New Milton is superbly located – a mixture of rural and urban with a population around 28,000. The main church building and community hall is in the town of New Milton, the smaller church of St Peter's in the nearby village of Ashley and the partially used chapel of St John the Baptist at Bashley.

With committed but ageing congregations, it has been recognised that to grow the church within the area a more creative approach is needed. The congregation recognise this need and, in conjunction with the Diocese, have put together an innovative plan.

The new rector will work closely with the resource church at St Swithun's, Bournemouth, and will spend 6 months working within St Swithun's to raise a team who will eventually relocate back to the benefice of Milton where they will support, grow and develop the existing and valued tradition of the current congregation, whilst planting new initiatives to reach out to a younger demographic, and sharing God's love with all.

The Diocese are providing financial resources to enable this to happen.

We are praying for and seeking someone:

- a. Who demonstrates a deep and growing faith.
- b. Who can balance the pastoral needs of the current congregation and building extra resource.
- c. Who has a passion to see a younger generation come to faith, engaging in the local community at all levels.
- d. Who is a creative team leader, able to work with the existing PCC, and raise up lay and ordained leadership for the future.

For an informal conversation and open day details contact – The Rt Revd Rhiannon King c/o rhiannon.balme@winchester.anglican.org. Applications: www.winchester.anglican.org/vacancies

Closing date: 13 March at noon Dates for interview: 1-2 April 2025

An enhanced DBS is required

