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WINCHESTER

Priest in Charge

Common Tenure Interim Post (3-year post)

St Mark's Church (Highcliffe Benefice)

St Mark's church is situated close to the centre of Highcliffe on Sea, bordering the New Forest to the east and north, with the historic town of Christchurch and the resort of Bournemouth to the west.

St Mark's offers a variety of styles of worship and throughout the fellowship there is a prayerful sense of care and support for one another. St Mark's is keen to nurture its existing congregation alongside the need to grow our connections with our local schools and develop our work with families, creating a worshipping community that spans the generations.

As the body of Christ at St Mark's - ***Serving God, each other and the Community*** - we seek to use the gifts and skills which God has given us.

We are looking for a Vicar who will:

- Bring a heart for local mission, enabling us to build and develop our links with the local community.
- Understand the importance of working with our local schools and developing our children and families work.
- Bring imagination and creativity discerning God's kingdom here in Highcliffe.
- Encourage faith, spiritual development and growth in discipleship.
- Celebrate the variety in our Church services and bring increasing unity in our diversity.

Our aim at St Mark's is to make church accessible, enjoyable and open to all. We seek to be a church which partners with Jesus in sharing the Good News; being sent out into the world, both locally and globally – is God calling you to partner with us too?

For an informal conversation contact:

The Venerable Jean Burgess, Archdeacon of Bournemouth: 01962 710962

Closing date: 25 September at noon

Interviews: 15-16 October 2025

Application pack available at [Clergy Roles - Diocese of Winchester](#)

An enhanced DBS check is required