

## ST GILES' CHURCH – PERSON PROFILE

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Benefice of St Giles' Cripplegate with St Bartholomew's, Moor Lane, St Alphage, London Wall and St Luke's, Old Street with St Mary Charterhouse and St Paul's, Clerkenwell.

*"We are here to love God and to make Christ known in word and deed.  
We are an inclusive church and welcome all comers"*

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The new Rector of St Giles' and St Luke's will have the unique opportunity to be the parish priest of a diverse community spanning the southernmost part of Islington and northern edge of the City of London, presiding over a church dating back a thousand years, which is set against the futuristic residential and workplace architecture of one of the world's great financial centres

The new Rector will be leading our mission of supporting the resident and working communities as we return to normal – or a new normal – after the pandemic, which has had such a profound effect on working life in the City, although we recognise this as simply part of a thousand year continuum in the service of Christ.

The new Rector will work with the PCC and a congregation which is happy, welcoming, and inclusive, to guide and lead us into the future, bringing Christ's message of hope and love to the whole community. The new Rector will support the ongoing work of the PCC with respect to our engagement with Inclusive Church, including WATCH, and with OneBodyOneFaith.

This demanding and multifaceted role requires an energetic, enthusiastic, and committed person who will possess the required skills and experience to meet the demands of this busy role. The new Rector will be aware, receptive, compassionate, approachable, and open, with an ability to communicate with the disparate community of people living and working in this part of London.

With the congregation, the new Rector will help us deliver our mission by inspiring us to widen our reach and develop new ways of creating inclusiveness, welcoming others to share in our faith and preaching imaginatively to an attentive congregation which has a varied experience of life and a thirst to learn and develop.

The successful candidate will be Chaplain to the Livery Company of the Barber Surgeons and work with other Livery Companies. There is a significant role to play in supporting local City workers including those in the cultural sector, so important around St Giles' where the Barbican Arts Centre and the Guildhall School of Music & Drama are on our doorstep.

The new Rector will oversee the implementation of the Strategic Plan and lead its development to meet the evolving needs of the church. The role will involve maintaining and developing the fabric of a Grade 1 listed building.

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The new Rector will:

- Have a proven record and successful experience in a substantial parish setting.
  - Understand the dynamics of team-building and leading organisational change amongst varied and competing interest groups.
  - Enjoy ministry in a collaborative environment and help others to grow in this context.
  - Be able to work with both lay and clergy colleagues, and to foster diversity among them.
  - Relish the challenge of finding new ways to express and live out the Christian faith in our community.
  - Be at ease with a diverse congregation which reflects the civic aspect of the parish.
  - Be generous of spirit and hospitable.
  - Demonstrate a keen enthusiasm for the musical traditions of St Giles' and support the growth and development of this expression of our faith.
  - Have a strong background in working with ecumenical partners.
  - Be able to demonstrate an ability to meet the major aspirations of the parish, as expressed in this profile.
  - Have an appreciative knowledge and understanding of the Diocese of London, its ambitions and how it works collaboratively across all its communities and the challenges this presents.
  - Understand the role of a City of London church in both a parish and non-parish setting.
  - Find ways to include children and help them learn about the Christian faith and gain confidence in a safe and supportive environment, recognising that many of the children have little opportunity to learn about the Christian faith at school.
  - Maintain and strengthen links between the church and St Luke's Church of England Primary School and as a Governor of the school and an ex-officio Trustee of St Luke's School Trust.
  - Work with ecumenical partners at Wesley's Chapel, the Jewin Welsh Presbyterian Chapel and St Joseph's Catholic Church.
  - Consider new ways of enabling older children and young adults to participate in the life of St Giles'.
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