



**The Bishop of Rochester seeks to appoint a
Priest in Charge for the
Benefice of Speldhurst with Groombridge & Ashurst (0.7 FTE) and the
Benefice of Langton Green (0.3 FTE)**

Our four churches are situated in the beautiful High Weald just a few miles from Tunbridge Wells.

We are looking to share a Priest in Charge who:

- is a missional leader prepared to work across two (currently separate) Benefices.
- has experience of managing and leading effective change
- is a confident and prayerful priest, comfortable across the breadth of Anglican tradition
- will be a visible presence in our communities
- will strengthen links between our churches, within our communities, and our village schools
- will grow, develop and lead a pattern of lay leadership
- has a rich and rooted spiritual life

In return we offer:

- a supportive ministry team including a parish administrator
- well established structures in our churches supporting the smooth running of teams for Sunday worship, homegroups and our children's and youth work.
- Benefices keen to pray for you and work with you in discerning God's vision for our communities
- a beautiful location with excellent facilities, primary and secondary schools and good transport links to London
- Benefices that value your personal well-being, and the need for rest and retreat.

The Rectory is a 6-bedroomed property on a quiet central lane in the village of Speldhurst.

Full details are in the Parish Profile, which can be downloaded from the 'Vacancies' section of the Diocesan website (www.rochester.anglican.org/diocese/vacancies/)

Applications via Pathways using the following link: <https://www.cofepathways.org/>

If you wish for an informal chat with the Archdeacon of Tonbridge, Ven Sharon Copestake, prior to application, please email her EA in the first instance on sal.hamlyn@rochester.anglican.org.

Closing date for applications: 12th September 2024

**Parish visits will be held on 7th October 2024
Interviews will be held on 8th October 2024**