



DIOCESE of OXFORD

A Christ-like Church for the sake of God's world



CLERGY WELCOME BOOKLET 2026

Welcome

Welcome to your new ministry in the Diocese of Oxford. The other bishops and I sincerely hope you will soon feel settled and be able to flourish here. Ministry these days is undoubtedly pressurised but there are good resources in the diocese to support and help you, and this leaflet is an introduction to some of them.

Clearly your gifts are – humanly speaking – the most valuable resources we have. We are therefore committed to offering you the best training opportunities, personal support and encouragement that we can. The Church of England is of course a fairly ‘flat’ organisation and this is a large diocese, but the area deans, parish development advisors, archdeacons and bishops are all committed to your wellbeing, and welcome your being in touch.

Naturally you will want to take responsibility for your own flourishing as well. You may well have a spiritual director, cell group, long-term friends, and others who accompany you on your journey. You may also have particular interests, both inside and beyond ministry, that sustain you and give you life.

In these early stages of moving here, your parish development advisor or archdeacon is best placed to help you and make any connections you need. Within the first six months you will see your parish development advisor, archdeacon and bishop, all of whom are there to help you ‘land’ safely and well.

I hope this leaflet will help you to understand a little more of the diocese and the resources available. Do have a look at our diocesan website, and make sure you find out about our common vision under oxford.anglican.org/our-vision-and-values.

May God richly bless your ministry as you become a blessing to others.



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What happens next?

In addition to your bishop and archdeacon you may also be contacted by the following people, or those who form part of their teams.



Darren Oliver, Diocesan Registrar will prepare your Licence or Institution papers. You will need to give him your Letters of Orders. Ordinands will need to produce their birth, baptism and confirmation certificates before ordination.
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Sophie Orme, Director of Property or a representative of the buildings department will contact you to arrange all matters to do with housing.
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Further useful information

- The payroll officer will be in touch about stipend and grants. On instruction from your archdeacon they process payment of removal expenses. They can be contacted at stipends@oxford.anglican.org or on 01865 208204.
- Find contact details for staff and postholders in the diocese: oxford.anglican.org/contact-us
- Subscribe to weekly diocesan eNews: oxford.anglican.org/email-sign-up
- If you need financial or other support, help is available: <https://oxford.anglican.org/ministry/clergy-handbook/clergy-wellbeing/>

Other key contacts

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Our cathedral

Christ Church, St Aldates, Oxford, OX1 1DP

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The Cathedral Church of Christ extends a warm welcome to visitors and is usually open from 9am to 5pm and for our services.

While the college has an entrance fee for visitors, everyone is welcome to pray in the cathedral. You may need to make clear at the St Aldate's entrance (Tom Gate) that you wish to visit the cathedral for prayer.

You are encouraged to apply for the 'parishioner pass' using the form on the website <https://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/cathedral/visiting/parishioner-pass> to facilitate access to the cathedral.

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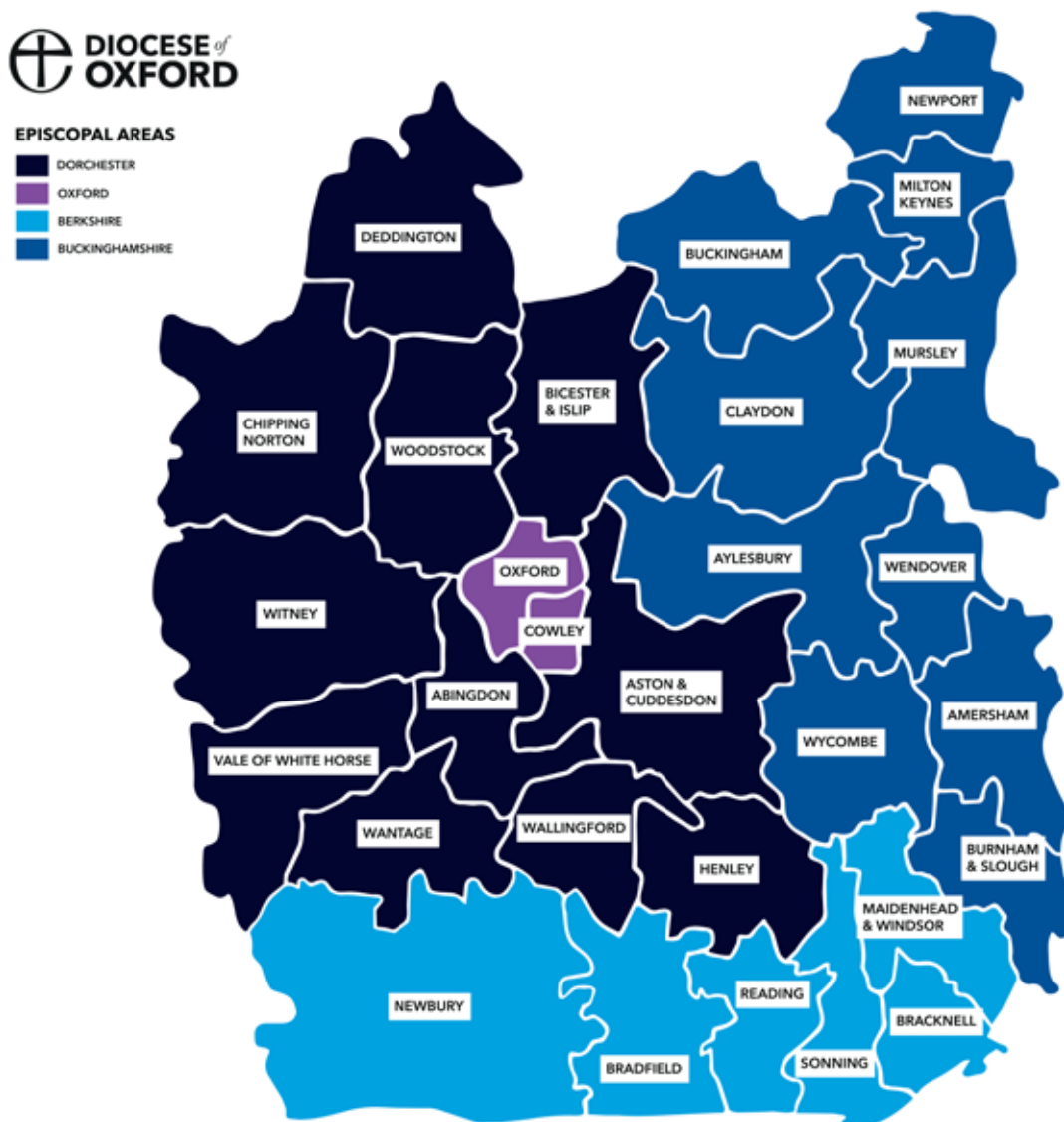
Cathedral Administrator

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You might see a number of other clergy at the cathedral: Revd Charlie Kerr, the Priest Vicar; the Revd Catherine Cleghorn, the Succentor; and the four Canons Professor.



Our 29 deaneries



Did you know that the Diocese of Oxford?

- Covers over 2,200 square miles
- Is a family of 54,000 or so regular worshippers
- Has 609 parishes
- Has a population of approximately 2.5 million
- Consists of 29 deaneries (Oxford 2, Buckingham 10, Reading 6 and Dorchester 11)
- Has four bishops, four archdeacons and four associate archdeacons

Church House details

Address

Church House Oxford, Langford Locks, Kidlington, OX5 1GF. Tel: 01865 208200.

Getting here

Bus: Stagecoach routes S4 and 7 go from Oxford City centre to Langford Lane.

Train: Oxford Parkway Station is on the edge of Kidlington (OX2 8HA).

See chilternrailways.co.uk/routes-and-destinations/oxford-parkway-station.

The 7 bus goes from Oxford Parkway to Langford Lane, Kidlington.

Car: Our car park is off Langford Locks and accessed via a tunnel through our building. There are charging points for electric vehicles.





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