



**The Parish of
St Andrew West Street Deal Kent CT14 6DZ**



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County of Kent**

Parish Profile/New Priest Specification - Short Version –August 2026



A new priest for the Parish of St Andrew, Deal

*We are the Parish Church for the people of North Deal and beyond
who love God and love all God's people.*

*We are a welcoming and caring Christian community
that promotes and maintains Catholic teaching and practice
within the Church of England.*

St Andrew's is the parish church of North Deal and under the episcopal care of the Bishop of Richborough and under the ecclesiastical authority of the Archbishop of Canterbury delegated to the Bishop of Dover.

We now seek an interim Anglo-Catholic priest in charge, to continue our growth and mission, whilst offering modern liturgy.

We are very good parish, growing steadily, and now we need a new dynamic individual that can increase momentum and push us forwards those extra miles to make us a great parish !

Our Vision for the future of St Andrew's is that:

- we strive to be a missional Anglo-Catholic church, believing that God is at work in the world and as Christians go out into the world, God has gone before and is already at work through the Holy Spirit
- we remain a community of people with open arms and hearts.
- we seek to maintain and enhance the worshipping life of the parish;
- we endeavor to deepen the spiritual life of the congregation;
- we ensure that our church buildings are used as a positive tool for mission and growth and for the community.
- we will work with other churches and community group, regardless of their faith, within Deal and the diocese to grow our church within the community.

Our new Parish Priest will:

- have a contagious zeal for the spreading of the Gospel and the mission of the Church;
- be a firm but loving and able leader committed to working closely with the PCC, Churchwardens and parish at large;
- be able and willing to delegate where appropriate;
- be focused on the importance of the Mass at the centre of parish life;
- care about worship and ensure that it is meaningfully and thoughtfully presented;
- preach content in an engaging and accessible manner;
- teach the faith to young and old alike in inspirational ways;
- work with other communities in the area and build on the good links
- deepen and further the parish's relationship with the diocese, deanery, ecumenical partners and the secular and civil authorities;
- be sensitive and understanding to those of differing opinions and faiths and welcoming to all.
- work closely with the Parochial and Sandown schools to encourage closer links with the parish
- be working with safeguarding at the core of all that we do.
- have a kind and caring nature towards pastoral care
- attend events within the church and elsewhere in the name of St Andrews to spread Gods love.



As well as reading this short version of our profile, you are encouraged to read the full length version, visit our Facebook page and our website www.dealstandrews.co.uk , to give you a greater insight into the town of Deal, our history, church buildings, worship, social events, community links, general parish life and what we can offer you.

Person specification:

We are looking for a Priest who is:

- sympathetic to the Society aims;
- committed to the Catholic tradition and the centrality of the Mass in our worship;
- willing to maintain our tradition.
- led by the Holy Spirit to help us deepen our discipleship and enrich our spiritual lives;
- sociable and approachable;
- able to reach out to the wider community and specifically young families;
- a leader who will inspire and facilitate others to use their gifts and skills to enable the church to continue to grow;
- involved in pastoral care for the parish and wider community. Visiting members at home or in hospital. We do have a pastoral care team who help with this.
- willing to attend church events, socialising with regular and potential congregation members.
- willing to nurture a close relationship with local schools and in particular Deal Parochial School.
- above all, a holy priest who loves Jesus and will love us too.



Finally, the churchwardens and the PCC wish to assure you that they will fully support you. With the invaluable support of retired clergy and a committed laity, they have run the parish during the recent interregnum, maintaining all activities and seeing a continuing growth of the congregation (we average over 60 attendees for Sunday Mass, over 20 for Wednesday Mass and 150 or more for Christmas and Easter services). They would provide continued support. We would expect the parish priest to focus his attention on leading and developing the liturgy and heading up mission and evangelisation in the parish in order to bring the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ to an increasing number of young and old.

If you possess imagination, energy and the willingness to explore the journey of faithful discipleship with us, then we want you to apply for this post!

Useful links and contacts:

Churchwardens:

Mrs Sharon Ball & Mr Lionel Ball



St Andrew's website:	www.dealstandrews.co.uk
St Andrew's Facebook Page:	https://www.facebook.com/standrewsdeal
The Bishop of Richborough:	http://www.richborough.org.uk/index.php
The Diocese of Canterbury:	canterburydiocese.org
Dover District Council:	https://www.dover.gov.uk
Deal Town Council:	https://www.deal.gov.uk/Home_Page_26776.aspx