

## A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

### Priest-in-charge - with some responsibility for assistance to the Tonbridge Deanery

### in the Benefices of St Mary`s Chiddingstone and St Luke`s Chiddingstone Causeway

The Chiddingstones are two parishes with two churches but only one congregation and a combined PCC. We have a thriving village community including a 200-strong Church of England Primary School and a 4-bedroom Rectory, both situated in the heart of our National Trust village. This is an opportunity to link the role of a traditional parish priest (4-5 days per week) with help to the Tonbridge Deanery (1-2 days per week) in their forward planning and re-organisation of surrounding rural parishes.

A very warm welcome awaits our next priest who we hope will:-

- Understand the opportunities and challenges of rural ministry.
- Embrace the pastoral needs of a wide-spread parish and our traditional style of worship.
- Relate well to people of all ages and build the involvement of the Primary School and local families in our services and worship.
- Lead us into further growth and help to guide us through a time of transition.
- Have a warm personality and an infectious sense of humour.
- Have a lively and engaging faith.
- Welcome and support the many young couples who wish to marry in Chiddingstone.
- Assist the Deanery strategically in their plans for re-organisation.

*The Parish Profile can be found at  
<http://www.rochester.anglican.org/diocese/vacancies/archdeaconry-of-tonbridge-vacancies/>*

*Interested candidates are invited to register their interest by email to  
[archdeacon.tonbridge@rochester.anglican.org](mailto:archdeacon.tonbridge@rochester.anglican.org)  
and submit applications by **Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2018**  
to [archdeacon.tonbridge@rochester.anglican.org](mailto:archdeacon.tonbridge@rochester.anglican.org)*

Interviews will take place on Wednesday, 13th June 2018)

*Enhanced DBS check required*