

## House for Duty

A vacancy exists for a House for Duty priest to work within the newly formed North Coventry Mission Partnership with special responsibility for the congregation at Saint Nicholas, Radford. The priest will work collaboratively as part of the Group, offering pastoral and liturgical care for the St Nicholas congregation, as well as forming one of the team of clergy providing a Sunday service for the churches of Saint James, Anstey and Saint Andrew, Shilton. In addition, he may be asked to fulfil other duties within the Group as may be required. There are regular opportunities for celebrating the occasional offices.

The North Coventry Mission Partnership (formerly the North Coventry Cluster) in addition to the other parishes, includes the parishes of Saint Luke, Holbrooks and Saint Thomas, Longford. All parishes have passed resolutions A & B, and receive alternative episcopal care from the Bishop of Ebbsfleet. Relations with the Diocese of Coventry are warm and cooperative. The chairman of the Group is at present Canon Christopher Dunkley, based at Saint Luke's. It is hoped that another full-time priest will be appointed to be responsible for Saint Thomas'. An assistant curate is also at present completing his initial training based at Saint Luke's.

In March 2011 some of the congregations were severely affected by the departures of clergy and lay people to the Ordinariate. In addition to this, the church of St Nicholas is now no longer used for worship and is due to be demolished. The remaining congregation, numbering about 35, uses the church hall for worship. There is at present one eucharist on Sundays at 10 am. It is planned that the former parish area of St Nicholas will be part of a separate Diocesan mission initiative in the whole Radford area.

The parishes of Ansty and Shilton are small rural parishes just outside Coventry, which alternate a eucharist at 11.15 am on Sundays.

The priest will live in a detached modern four-bedroomed house in North Holbrooks, owned by Saint Luke's. All working expenses will be met in full.

Applicants should be in good health and sympathetic to the traditions of the parishes within the Group. The initial appointment would be for a period of five years, renewable subject to mutual agreement.