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Team Vicar Appointment

We are delighted to announce that Revd Dr Hannah Swithinbank has been appointed as our next Team Vicar based at Christ Church subject to the necessary procedures.

Hannah is completing her curacy in Kew and we are in discussion about a start date potentially in June. We were really impressed by her at the parish visit and interview and so look forward greatly to her arrival among us.

Please keep Hannah in your prayers as she prepares for this new Ministry,



Hannah is currently Associate Curate in the United Benefice of Kew (St Philip and All Saints, with St Luke's), in Southwark. During her curacy she has particularly enjoyed developing seasonal bible studies and reflective material for the churches, and working on pastoral care and with the junior church on events that engage the wider community. She also serves as a vocations adviser in the diocese.

Before ordination Hannah worked for Tearfund, leading their Theology and Networking team and working on the development of the theological thinking that underpins the organisation's aid and development work. She discerned her vocation during her time working on peacebuilding and church involvement in community development with Tearfund. Before turning to theology, Hannah trained as a historian, and has a PhD in ancient history, something that has proved very helpful in studying for ordination and in preaching as it has provided so much background to her understanding of the Bible.

Hannah grew up in Cornwall (near St Ives and Hayle and their beaches), studied in St Andrews, and moved to London for work. She used to live in Tooting and Earlsfield, and is very excited to be moving down the northern line to Colliers Wood. In her free time, Hannah enjoys spending time with friends and family, making the most of London's cultural opportunities (especially cinema and theatre), and has been teaching herself to crochet over the last year. She's also looking forward to trying to rediscover her gardening skills once she moves.