

Priest-in-Charge
St. Clement's, Rancho Cordova

About us: St Clement's is a dynamic church located at the crossroads of two major thoroughfares in Rancho Cordova, California. We are ideally situated to be involved in the larger community. We are a church that seeks to throw open its doors in welcome to everyone, while also going out those same doors to serve others. We share Bishop Curry's vision of inclusion and equality for all people. We are from many different cultural backgrounds and educational levels, and our lay vocations cover a broad spectrum. Our mission statement is "Knowing God, Loving God, Making God Known." More information about us can be found at <http://www.saint-clements.com>.

Rancho Cordova has come into its own in recent years. It was incorporated in 2003, and since that time has flourished and grown into a vibrant suburban center. It is one of the most diverse communities in California. Housing prices are very affordable compared, for example, to the Bay Area. The schools are ranked in the top 90% in California. The natural beauty of the area can best be enjoyed along the American River Bike Trail. Our city has two large parks along this trail. We are close to Sacramento, the capitol of our state, and a cultural epicenter for our region. Cultural assets in Sacramento include the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center with its varied venues for the performing arts, the Crocker Art Museum, Old Town Sacramento and the California Rail Museum, and the Golden One Center, where the Sacramento Kings play. The Sacramento Philharmonic and Opera, the Sacramento Ballet, and the Music Circus are all cultural treasures, along with many theatre groups. We are less than a half-day drive from California beaches or the beautiful Sierras. San Francisco is also within driving distance.

Preface: The priest in an Episcopal Church occupies a unique position being, at one and the same time, an employee, the chair of the vestry, a colleague in ministry with all the baptized, and the pastor with responsibility for the spiritual well-being of all the members of the parish. St. Clement's is seeking a priest who will partner with a self-motivated and hard-working congregation. The strengths we most need from our priest include a talent for meaningful preaching, administrative skills, and the ability to guide us in evangelistic activities.

Duties

The priest will have primary responsibility for worship according to the Book of Common Prayer. Included in this responsibility is worship for Sundays and Holy Days, including coordination with the Music Director.

Worship:

- Offer sermons each Sunday, usually based on the lectionary readings for the day. Invite other preachers, either clergy or lay, as appropriate.
- Coordinate and supervise the work of other participants in worship, including readers, lay eucharistic ministers, choirs, musicians, and all others.
- Develop other worship opportunities and services as appropriate.
- Offer baptism, marriage, burial, confirmation, reaffirmation, including any educational preparation for these sacraments.
- Spend regular time in prayer and in study of the Bible.

Christian Formation and Education

- Teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ by word and example.
- Oversee Christian Education in the parish, including education for young people and adults.
- Participate in continuing education programs for personal own growth and development as appropriate.

Lead and support evangelism in the community

- Help us to reach out and welcome members of the larger community into the church. Help us identify ways to do so.
- Model the hospitality of Christ by welcoming all sorts and conditions of persons into the church.
- Equip the laity to proclaim, by word and example, the good news of God in Christ.

Serve as pastor of the parish

- Oversee the care of individuals and families in joy and sorrow, including spiritual counseling as needed.
- Offer pastoral care in relation to birth, marriage, death, and moral injury.
- When appropriate, make referrals for counseling and other services.
- Equip the laity for extending pastoral care to one another.
- Supervision of volunteer staff persons and, when appropriate, making staff contracts, in consultation with the vestry.
- Oversight of the administration of the life of the church, in consultation with the vestry.
- Prepare for and chair vestry meetings, with assistance from vestry leaders

Devote time to Self-Care

- Model good self-care by managing times of work and rest.
- Tend to the quality of personal spiritual life through retreats, days of refreshment, spiritual direction, and other appropriate means.

Encourage the Church to serve the world outside of the local community

- Model concern and care for the needs of the world.
- Support and encourage our outreach ministries to the wider community.
- Open the church facilities for use by the larger community.
- Participate in the life and ministry of the Diocese of Northern California.

This is a 3/4-time position. Salary begins at \$52,000, plus full medical and dental benefits (clergy +1). Additional benefits include four weeks paid time off and two weeks continuing education.

To apply, please send resume, cover letter and Office of Transitional Ministry (OTM) profile to The Rev. Cn. Julie Wakelee, Interim Canon to the Ordinary, Diocese of Northern California, julie@norcalepiscopal.org