

# UK Minority Ethnic (UKME) VOCATIONS CHAMPION

We are actively seeking more people from a UK Minority Ethnic (UKME) background to serve as ministers and lay leaders within the church.

To grow the number of people exploring their vocations in our Diocese, and to encourage and develop the vocations with people from all backgrounds, we have appointed the Revd Kiran Lotay as our UKME Vocations Champion.



We are aiming to foster a culture in which the vocation of each and every member of the Church can be identified, nurtured and celebrated so that the whole Church is enabled to grow into the abundant life we have been promised.



## **Working with and nurturing new candidates from UKME backgrounds as they explore their vocation.**

Offering pastoral support and mentoring to resource candidates in discerning their place in the family of God, helping them to navigate the complexities of serving in the Church of England.



## **Generating awareness by working alongside church communities who want to make vocations accessible to all.**

Supporting those who wish to develop a positive and open vocations culture in their church community, offering help to identify and facilitate the removal of any barriers to UKME heritage Christians pursuing and growing in God's call on their lives.

Stuart Batten, Diocesan Director of Ordinands says "We wish to be welcoming, open and accessible to all, but it is recognised that there can be specific difficulties faced by people of minority ethnicities. I want Suffolk to offer opportunities to everyone, so we can grow the number of people coming forward to train for all our vocation ministries".

If you would like support from either a quick chat on Zoom or over the phone or to have a visit to your PCC meeting or deanery synod please contact:

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Details of all our vocations are available on our website:  
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