

Vacancy News

PCC Meeting Monday 7th July

Last Monday evening we held a PCC meeting to consider the information we had gained from our meeting a few days earlier with the Archdeacon, Mike Gilbertson, and Ruth Mock the Rural Dean.

In last weeks Vacancy News sheet, we set out an approximate time scale that we may be able to work towards.

We believe no one wants a long vacancy period. So, the PCC has taken the decision to try and process everything in a time scale that would allow us to interview in November.

This will be challenging, for to do this we will need to have the Parish Profile finished and ready to send to the Archdeacon, for approval, by the end of August.

Once the Parish Profile has been agreed, adverts can be placed. Allowing time for candidates to apply, shortlisting, checks and invitations to attend for interview. This is likely to take some 10 to 12 weeks. Therefore, we need to make a start and commit to this process, straight away.

With the Parish Profile now 'centre stage' as it were, we want to gather your thoughts and views about, what you

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love about our Church, what you may want to change or develop, what personal qualities you would like to see in the new Rector?

In order to meet the time scales we have set ourselves, we need all your thoughts and comments returned to us by the 11th August.

You can now find questionnaire sheets at the back of Church, ready for you and the congregation at St John's, Byley, to help us with this process. We will also send these same sheets out by email if that is helpful. In addition, if you would rather sit with someone, and fill these sheets in over a cup of tea, we are happy to make this happen. Please post your completed sheets into the box provided at the back of Church, or give them to one of the Church Wardens or hand them in at the office.

We hope you will now engage with us, to build the Profile that will attract the leader we are all looking for.

Therefore, as always, please commit this process to prayer in the weeks and months ahead. Trusting in God's guidance and the plan that God holds for the future of our community here in Middlewich.

Keep Smiling Keep Praying Keep pulling together