

All Saints, Turvey

Newsletter

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Update on Team Ministry: Deanery West Re-organisation:

You will no doubt be aware that the team ministry has been agreed. This will mean a Team Rector and a Team Vicar presiding over eight parishes: Wymington, Podington, Odell, Harrold, Carlton, Turvey, Harrold URC and Stevington. Final details of how the eight will be split, if at all, are not decided however it is certain that the Rector / Priest will not be based in Turvey Rectory. The next Steps were to agree a joint job description and person profile and, recognising this challenge, a facilitated meeting was held on Saturday 23rd January at the Fellowship Centre, St Thomas' Church, Clapham where two people (Church Wardens) from each church attended - Turvey representatives were Rod Petty and David Nightingale, plus myself Heather Whelbourn. The feedback from the meeting is not expected to be available until next month however we wanted to give you a flavour of the process so far...

Each parish submitted a Parish profile which was shared prior to the meeting - and was asked to think about what they wanted for their church going forward and from a new incumbent. Much of this work had already been done in meetings with Stevington last year so at Turvey we asked the congregation for their views and this information was collated into the key feedback points which were captured on the day. It was interesting to note the commonality across all churches of certain themes such as family and youth; growing the congregation; outreach and visibility of a priest.

As a 'team ministry' it was recognised how important it is that we work together across churches to determine what the future might look like and how we will continue to work together to grow our church congregations. Those of you who heard Jo Spray's sermon on Sunday - which recognised that congregations have reached an all-time low, and that the church must adapt and change - can appreciate that the same themes came out of the group meeting. Important to note, however, was the willingness to make this work and a positive outlook in terms of sharing what each church does well (e.g. Turvey and music) and the huge possibilities in sharing ideas and resources (for instance a youth event, breakfast meets, study groups). We split into varying groups to discuss and then share:

- I. What we like about our own churches.
- II. What we want for our churches going forward.
- III. A vision of what the team ministry might look like in five years' time (full church, shared activities and skills, prayer meets, youth clubs, shared admin resource....)
- IV. The process to find a Rector and Priest:
 - who we are and what we are looking for – an honest view
 - what qualities and skills we are looking for in the incumbent e.g. to empower, an enabler, inspirer, communicator, flexible / ecumenically minded, collaborator, visionary... we took each word in small groups and expanded on what that might mean e.g. flexible – in terms of different traditions, services, sermons, clubs, vestments...
- V. What we can offer them e.g. support, a team already empowered and willing to take things forward, to take the load and allow them to get out and do God's ministry.
- VI. How we might use prayer in this process.

The notes from the meeting will be shared with anyone who wants more detail when notes from the day are forwarded to us. We also agreed to meet once a month to keep things moving and build the 'team'.

The day was very positive and we arrived at common goals and a plan of action:

Write up the work for the day.

Draft copies to be ready for our first 'team' meeting/ prayer meet on 8th February.

Develop a *finalised* profile from the work we did at the meet on 23rd.

Write the Rector person specification

Plan March meet and agree final profile.

Continued West Deanery update....

Plan a co-ordinated advert for the position – something more dynamic that reflects the role.
Timescales – dates for interviews etc. The aim is to be ready to interview around Easter.
Interview planning – questions and who from the team will be part of the interview process.

There will be a follow up in the March Newsletter - following our meeting on 8th February.
Heather Whelbourn

Church Notices for February:

Coffee Mornings

We started the new round of coffee mornings for the year with a very enjoyable January coffee morning which raised £147.50 towards church funds. A big thank you to Jo Francis and Kevin who stepped in to hold their first coffee morning at very short notice and to those who attended and supported it.

February Coffee Morning will take place on Saturday 13th February.

Heather and James Whelbourn invite you to join them at 17 Bridge Street, Turvey.

As it is Valentine's weekend there will be a **Valentine theme** – however it's not just for the romantics amongst us! There will be cakes, special coffees, treats and sweet gifts plus Raffle and Bring and Buy. Any contributions, especially of cakes, will be most welcome. Please join them for what promises to be a fun event.

Lunch Club

February Lunch Club will take place on Friday 5th February at 12.30pm in the Village Hall.

All ages are welcome. Come along and enjoy great food and excellent company!

March Lunch Club will be on Friday 4th March.

Church Bazaar

A huge thank you to everyone who had a stall, gave items to sell and who came on the day to buy – the final profit total is £2131.26. Well done everyone – an increase on last year! A special thank you to Jacqui Darrington who manages our biggest fundraiser with such skill!

Church Flowers at Christmas

Thank you to everyone who donated towards the flowers for Christmas and to everyone who came and helped decorate the church – it looked fantastic – as always, and there have been a number of very complimentary statements by both local residents and visitors about the standard of the decoration which should be shared amongst you all.

Mothering Sunday

Sunday 6th March 11am – Come and join us for an **interactive family service** with well-known songs and hymns and celebrate all that our mothers and carers provide.

Easter Lilies

It feels very strange to be talking about Easter and Christmas in the same newsletter! Easter is early this year and the church will be decorated for Easter on Sat 26th March. Donations for Lilies in memory of a loved one may be given to Jacqui Darrington or placed in an envelope and given to a church warden. If you would like to help decorate the church contact Jacqui – 881566

Children's Easter Workshop – *Come and join us – all ages welcome and lots to do.*

When: **Friday 25th March, 10am – 11.30am**

Where: All Saints Church

Cost: £4 per family towards cost of craft materials.

Under-fives to be accompanied by an adult.

Little lights

Little Lights for preschool children, toddlers and babies will be meeting in church at 9.15am on the following Mondays

15thFeb, 11th April, 9th May, 13th June, 11th July – Come and join us for a story, activity and craft plus refreshments.

There will not be a meeting in March as there will be a children's workshop instead.

BeCHaR

Thank you for your continued support for BeCHaR. We continue to donate food collected in the box at the back of the church. Please see the poster board above the box which has post its for you to **suggest our next charity for the coming year which will commence around March 2016.**

You may nominate the same charity (BeCHaR) again however - whichever charity you nominate - we would prefer a local charity as opposed to a national one where our contribution will make a real difference.

Church Services for February

Sunday 7th February	11am Morning Prayer	6pm Evensong
Wednesday 10th February	(Ash Wednesday) TBC	
Sunday 14th February	11am Parish Eucharist	(Celebrant: Revd. David Powell) No Evening Service
Sunday 21st February	11am Family Service TBA	6pm Evensong
Sunday 28th February	11am Parish Eucharist (Celebrant: Canon Peter Mackenzie) No Evening Service	

All services are correct at time of going to press. Please see the church notice board for updates

Where no Priest is available a Morning Prayer Service will be held.

Please check the All Saints Church website www.allsaintsturvey.org.uk and notice board for updates.

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The deadline for the March Newsletter is 20th February. All entries email to

heather.whelbourn@virgin.net

Do you have a prayer or Bible passage / verse you would like to share? We welcome input from you.

If you would like members of the congregation to pray for someone you know, or a loved one, please let Heather Whelbourn know

New Website

Our new website is up and running. Visit us at: www.allsaintsturvey.org.uk