

## **Saltash Team Ministry**

St Stephen by Saltash and SS. Nicholas and Faith

### **Interregnum**

Dear Parishioner,

You will recall that Canon Richard Maynard retired at the end of July, 2008 and we the Churchwardens of both parishes wrote to you informing you of certain procedures that have to take place before his successor is appointed. The final procedure on that letter was that a draft 'Statement of Needs' was to be prepared and this would be discussed by the Diocese of Truro in September 2008. We therefore now inform you of the current position, which is as follows:

- a) Unfortunately owing to the large amount of information that was required from outside sources, together with holidays and other events the draft 'Parish Profile and Statement of Needs' was sent off to the Diocese in early October.
- b) To produce the above document, the Churchwardens and PCC Lay Chairmen met a number of times.
- c) We received a letter from the Diocese of Truro on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2008, thanking us for our work on the document.
- d) The letter also contained a number of general comments together with two significant matters to be addressed, these being.
  1. More details required about the Clergy and Readers.
  2. The Profile of the new Rector which was produced, gave the Diocese some concern as they consider it was not possible to have criteria against which we will measure the candidate, consisting of 17 items, they doubted if there is anyone who could demonstrate all 17.
- e) The Churchwardens, therefore agreed to discuss the Diocese letter at the Presentation of the Document to the joint meeting of the PCC's on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2008.
- f) The joint meeting of the PCC's took place on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2008, where 27 members of the PCC's took part plus the four Churchwardens who presented the document.

- g) The presentation was a ‘power point’ projection of the proposed document together with explanations from the Churchwardens of the various sections and the thinking process behind them. The letter from the Diocese was discussed and it was agreed that the members of the PCC would consider the published Profile and inform the Churchwardens of their comments by the following Sunday.
- h) The Churchwardens and Lay Chairmen met on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2008, to discuss the outcome of the Presentation and amend the draft document.
- i) A number of comments were received on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2008, and the Churchwardens and Lay Chairmen met on the following Monday, to incorporate and amend the draft document to the wishes of the members of the PCC’s and to the requirements of the Diocese.
- j) The document has now been revised and eight copies, together with the completed appointment of Parish representative’s forms for both churches were sent to the Diocese of Truro for their distribution.
- k) We now await direction from the Diocese of Truro and our Patrons regarding interviewing of candidates.

Yours sincerely,

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