

VACANCY UPDATE



Dear all

In the last UPDATE we told you that there had, disappointingly, been no applications for the post of Vicar of our new Benefice. We also told you that we were due to meet with representatives of the Diocese and with Barry and Sue from St Paul's, in order to plan our next step.

As a result of that very positive meeting we can now tell you that a new timeline has been drawn up and that the advert has been re-worded—and colour has been added to make it stand out.

The 'new' advert has been placed on the Diocesan website (from Friday 17)—and at our request, the New Wine website, (from Monday 20) and will be placed in the Church Times from next Friday (24 November). The adverts will run until 15 January 2018.

Revised dates are now as follows:

- Advert closing date January 15.
- Shortlisting January 22.
- Interviews February 2

If, as we hope, the post is accepted by the successful applicant and they work a 3 month notice period, we can expect to be welcoming our new Vicar towards the end of May 2018.

In the meantime let's keep praying and loving one another.

Thank you all for pulling together as Living Stones.

Blessings in His name
Liz and Maggie,
Churchwardens.
19 November 2017



Things we need to do as a Church in the coming weeks:

- *Praise and thank God for His faithfulness to us as individuals and as a Church—and that He has his hand on the whole process of recruiting our next Vicar.*
- *Thank Him that He is in control and He doesn't make mistakes.*
- *Consider joining the Wednesday Prayer Group (see below).*
- *Several people have shared that during their prayers they had a sense of knowing that God was saying, "Don't panic, continue to love one another, look to Him, trust Him—and He will take care of the rest." Last week Bishop Paul said something similar during our service. Thank God for the boldness of those people who were brave enough to share that word.*

- *Continue to use our prayer, taken from the song 'Oceans':*

Spirit lead us where our trust is without borders

Let us walk upon the waters, wherever You may call us

Take us deeper than our feet would ever wander

And our faith will be made stronger

In the presence of our Saviour Amen

- *Please also continue to pray for and support our churchwardens Liz Pearce and Maggie Smith—and our PCC Secretary, Pat Pearson. All three of them are under enormous pressure in ensuring St Peter's continues to run smoothly during the Vacancy.*

St Peter's Church, Gildersome

POWER HOUR

OF PRAYER

Praying through the
VACANCY PERIOD

and PARISH OFFICE

Wednesday 7.30pm

Everyone Welcome