

VACANCY UPDATE



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This is the **TENTH** vacancy update sheet we have produced since Felicity left us last June and it is the **FIRST** since the closing date for applications at the **THIRD** time of advertising the post of Vicar of the United Benefice.

On the previous two occasions we have had to give you the disappointing news that there had been no applications.

BUT...we are pleased to tell you that there has been some interest in the post this time and that the short listing meeting will take place here at St Peter's **TOMORROW** (Monday February 26th).

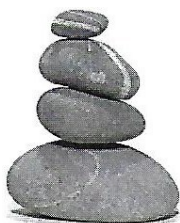
At that meeting which will be attended by Maggie and Richard, on behalf of St Peter's, two representatives from St Paul's, the Vicar of Batley (our patron), the Archdeacon and the Bishop, a decision will be made whether to interview any applicant.

If the decision is to interview, then that will be on Monday March 12th.

We want to thank all of our visiting clergy for giving their time to ensure our services can go ahead as planned **AND** to say a special thank you to PCC Secretary, Pat Pearson, for organising the very complicated rota.

We hope all of you who are following the **40acts** Lent Course are enjoying the sessions and that those of you not in a group will register on the **40acts** website to receive the daily challenge. If you don't 'do' the internet you could always ask someone who is receiving the challenges to ring you each day and keep you informed.

Blessings in His name
Liz and Maggie,
Churchwardens.
25 February 2018



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

- *Pray for TOMORROW'S short listing meeting which will take place at St Peter's at 2pm. Pray for the gift of wisdom and discernment for all the people on the 'selection panel'. Pray that God would lead and guide their discussions and decisions.*
- *Continue to pray that God would identify HIS choice for our new vicar through the process and for the interviews to be held on March 12th, which is just 2 weeks away.*
- *Love and serve each other and work towards unity as HIS Church. Share HIS peace with each other and watch out for those who are missing from Church and contact them to see if they are alright and whether they need anything.*
- *Pray throughout LENT that we would become a more generous Church. More generous with our time, talents and our treasure.*
- *Pray for Holy Week, which comes up at the end of March. Pray for all the activities and services we will be holding during that week. Pray also for the Rev'd Roger Quick, Chaplain of St George's Crypt in Leeds, who will be leading our services, prayers and reflections on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week.*
- *Continue to hold Liz, Maggie and Pat in your prayers as they lead us through the Vacancy. Pray particularly for God's protection on them.*

St Peter's Church, Gildersome

POWER HOUR OF PRAYER

Praying through the
VACANCY PERIOD

and PARISH OFFICE

Wednesday 7.30pm

Everyone Welcome