

Interregnum update No 1 – 24th July 2016

Interregnum update: Last Monday (18th), both PCCs (Ruscombe & Twyford and Hurst) together with the URC Elders met with Catharine Morris, who is the Parish Development Advisor for the Berkshire Archdeaconry. Catharine explained how the process will work from the moment of Simon's resignation through to the appointment of our new Vicar. She will be helping us through the process and, in particular, with the preparation of our Benefice Profile and a Role Description and Person Specification. These are important documents since they set out our hopes and expectations for our churches and for the sort of person we would like to be our new Vicar. They will be used in the process of advertising the post and selecting suitable candidates for interview.

At the meeting, it was agreed that our existing Benefice Staffing Group would be asked to consider who might form the team to draft the Benefice Profile. The Staffing Group, led by Pauline Humphreys, has members from all the churches of the Benefice and LEP, and will ensure that this spread of membership is reflected in the team who prepare the Profile. Although the appointment process will follow an essentially Anglican route, the parish of Ruscombe & Twyford is, of course, part of a Local Ecumenical Partnership with Twyford URC and hence the URC Elders were present at Monday's meeting and will continue to be represented throughout the process.