

## Interregnum update No 2 – 7<sup>th</sup> August 2016

**Interregnum Update No 2:** The Churchwardens and Operations Manager met with Bishop Andrew and Catharine Morris (the Parish Development Advisor for Berkshire) on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the timetable for the process to appoint our new vicar. However, it was also an opportunity for Bishop Andrew to gain some insights into our Benefice and LEP and to offer some thoughts for us to consider as we set about preparing our Parish Profile.

The timetable for the process will be as follows:

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Formal meeting of both PCCs with the Bishop and others to consider the Parish Profile, which will, by then, have been prepared. (In the legal language of the Church of England, this is referred to as the “Section 12” meeting.)
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> January & Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Advertisement appears in the Church Times.
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Closing date for applications.
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Interview panel meet to shortlist the applicants.
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Interviews take place.

Assuming a suitable candidate emerges from the selection process, it is likely that he or she will need to give up to 3 months’ notice in his/her present role. This means that the earliest date for the arrival of our new vicar is likely to be late May/early June next year.

Bishop Andrew has expressed a wish to come and visit us during the interregnum. The planned date for this is Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March and he intends to spend some time in each of the main services in all three of our churches on that day. More details to follow in due course, but book the date now!