

Note to Platt congregation about the Interregnum

We are now in the period known in the Church of England as the interregnum, which is the time between the previous rector leaving and the new rector being appointed.

We are blessed to be in a well-resourced and well-organised church and for most people things will run as usual.

The teaching and preaching programme and church groups will run as they would normally at this time of the year.

Behind the scenes the PCC has been meeting and discussing the recruitment of a new rector.

In particular there is a meeting known as the pre-vacancy meeting, scheduled for the 18th June, followed by a special meeting - the section 11 meeting – scheduled for the 9th July. At these meetings there will be discussions and decisions relating to the selection of the new rector.

In the Church of England there are 3 parties involved in finding a new rector - the diocese, the church PCC (with 2 reps being elected to represent the PCC) and the church patron (in our case the Church Pastoral Aid Society, or CPAS).

The time frame for appointing a new rector is not precisely set out, but in general terms we hope to interview in September and have a new person in post as soon as possible afterwards.

Some regular dates have been set aside for the church to meet and pray about this time. There are some suggested prayers that can be used for personal or corporate prayer.

We would appreciate your support and prayers through this important time.

The wardens and deputy wardens are more than happy to discuss any concerns or comments you may have either informally in church, or by email, details below

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