

PARISH BRIEFING 17/03/21

We are pleased to provide an update as to the progress we have made with the Parish Vacancy. Two important documents have been forwarded to the Diocese which will form part of the information pack. These will be issued to applicants interested in our vacancy.

They are:

- 1 The Parish fact sheet which sets out key aspects of our church finances, services and the makeup of our Church Family.
- 2 The Parish Profile which sets out our values, ambitions and hopes together with the characteristics and gifts that a new incumbent would bring to our parish.

With regards to the profile we have adopted an innovative approach hopefully showing the parish as being dynamic in its beliefs and keen to embrace new opportunities in the furtherance of the Lord's work in Barnston and Pensby. Also that we are looking for a strong spiritual leader with vision to take us forward in the continual development of the parish.

The Profile will be displayed on our website once the vacancy has been formally advertised. We are deeply appreciative to those members of the P.C.C. who put in a tremendous amount of time and effort to produce the document and also to a non- church member for the work put in to the layout and presentation. We would also like to thank church family members who contributed suggestions for the profile.

To take the process forward a panel of five has been formed, comprising both male and female. Three nominations from the Diocese together with the Church Wardens, who are the elected parish representatives.

The panel will meet shortly to agree the time frame for all the necessary documentation to be published, advertising the vacancy on the Diocesan and Pathway (Church of England) website, the closing date for applications and dates for shortlisting and interviews.

For reasons of confidentiality the target dates and names of candidates will not be published.

We thank you for your patience and pray that God will lead and guide us in our search for a new incumbent.

We close with a verse

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future

Jeremiah 29 verse 11

Rob Moots and Bob Fiddaman | Wardens