

Parish Vacancy - Update Brief

9th June 2021

We anticipated that this brief would have been announcing the joyous news of the appointment of a new incumbent to the parish of Barnston and Pensby, unfortunately this is not the case. The position was offered to a candidate of high calibre, good experience and vision, who, in the opinion of the interview panel would have made an excellent appointment for our Parish. Sadly, for us, after much consideration, prayer and with a heavy heart with regards to our Parish the candidate has decided to accept an appointment with another Parish nearer to where he and his wife currently reside. While we are somewhat disappointed to receive this news, we must recognise there is a calling to do God's work in many places and we fully understand and respect the decision taken and will pray for their success in the chosen appointment.

For information, we received a total of twelve applicants for our vacancy, including one woman, which was above the norm for vacancies advertised, the applicants were from various theological backgrounds but were all evangelical. The original list was whittled down to a group of five candidates who were from a number of different Dioceses across the country and represented differing views and visions. All candidates along with their spouses, received a conducted tour of our Churches, buildings and vicarage.

Following a report back to the PCC the decision was taken to advertise our vacancy again on the Diocesan and Pathway websites with immediate effect.

Please continue to pray for our Parish in the search for a new Vicar that God will guide the right person to us.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. **Proverbs 3:5-6**

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