

Priest-in-charge

A meeting with Bishop Ian, the Bishop of Thetford, was held in Hingham Church last Monday. In attendance were five representatives from our Benefice and four from the Hingham group. After introductions from each of the representatives, the Bishop discussed the present situation with regards to filling the post of Priest-in-charge of a newly combined benefice of 12 churches.

There currently appears to be a lack of clergy willing to move and only a small pool of clergy seeking a post. This is likely to continue for a few years but should ease as numbers for candidates training for priesthood are increasing.

There was further discussion on whether the proposed merger is appropriate and whether Shellrock should, perhaps, merge with Attleborough. The possibilities of a curate or part-time priest affiliated with Attleborough (or Hingham) working with our ministry team and a potential role for the Rectory in Great Ellingham were considered.

The Bishop regretted the lack of progress towards resolving this issue but felt it would be quicker to proceed with present proposals than to begin to negotiate any alternatives. He promised to review and amend, as necessary, the existing Profile and offer our parishes access for feedback before posting it for any prospective candidates to consider.

The Bishop will now arrange to meet with the Ministry Team members of both benefices.

Events this week

Sunday 28th January, Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

*Readings: Deuteronomy 18 v 15-20 Psalm 111
Revelation 12 v 1-5a Mark 1 v 21-28*

10.30am St Peter, Little Ellingham Benefice Holy Communion

Tuesday 30th January

10.00am Fellowship Group meet

Sunday 4th February, Second Sunday before Lent

*Readings: Proverbs 8 v 1, 22-31 Psalm 104 v 26-end
Colossians 1 v 15-20 John 1 v 1-14*

Readings for Candlemas: Malachi 3 v 1-5 Psalm 24 Hebrews 2 v 14-end Luke 2 v 22-40

10.30am St James, Great Ellingham Holy Communion

10.30am Rockland All Saints Candlemas

Looking forward.....

15 February Lent Course

26 February Benefice Team meeting

If you have an event planned and wish it to be advertised, please let me know.

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