

Relaxation Afternoon: Celtic Christianity is the theme for the next Relaxation Afternoon. At the heart of Celtic Christianity is the simple faith that God is with us in everyday activities. Come and reflect on this concept in a comfortable, informal environment on Saturday 16. September at St. Michael's, beginning at 1.30 pm. There is a charge of £3. Please sign the list at the back of church or contact Joan on 01472 873851.

Confirmation service at the Minster. Our thoughts and prayers will be with the several members of the parish who will be confirmed at 5.30 pm on Saturday, 23. September.

Companions Bereavement Support Group: The new parish Bereavement Group starts a new course on Monday 11. September, from 10.30 am to 11.45 am. Please call 01472 313093 to book a place

Heritage Open Churches Weekend - Saturday and Sunday, 9th/10th September

St. Nicolas' will be open from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, serving light refreshments. On show will be the roof works and medieval graffiti and brasses.

A service of Songs of Praise will be held at 4.00 pm.

St. George's will be open from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm

The PCC's discernment of what we are looking for in a new Rector...

A leader who is foremost collaborative in style, who will minister alongside our lay ministry and volunteers. A person who enables others with gifts in training, mentoring and spiritual guidance. Someone who will bring out the best in us and allow their ministry to be shaped in a team environment.

An individual with strengths in administration (and oversight of three churches).

A person with a deep personal faith rooted in scripture and sacrament. An individual who will enhance our understanding of our own faith and worship. Someone who is versatile in their approach to worship and can help us develop our fresh expressions of worship.

A leader who will inspire us in our service to God. Developing our team by evolving the work we are already undertaking and bringing new insight.

A priest who is adept in pastoral care and a good listener. A compassionate individual who would be accepting of our open policy regarding occasional offices. A leader who promotes equality and diversity.

A representative for our churches who will actively engage with the needs of our parish and community (around 19 000 people.) A person who will further our community involvement ensuring equal weight and attention are given to our community service and to the needs of our worshipping congregations

An individual who will attend to their own personal and professional development as a way of enhancing their own growth and strengths.

Amid the challenges of ministry, **a priest who can still maintain a sense of humour** and look for the positives.

Looking ahead: Monday, 2. October, 6.00 pm, Harvest Supper in St. Michael's, with Auction of Produce and entertainment by HELEN. Full details next month