Shirley Parish



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Dear Friend

You are invited ...

So that our vacancy for a Vicar can be advertised our PCC need to draw up a Parish Profile – a document which gives information about the Parish, the Churches, something of our story and our hopes and dreams of where a new Vicar might lead us. This is an opportunity for you to contribute to the future shape of our Parish and your opinions and thoughts are important.

Therefore, we are inviting everyone in the Parish to contribute to this Profile at a meeting on **Saturday August 23rd, refreshments available from 9.45 am for a prompt 10am until 12:30pm, in St James Church**. This meeting will be facilitated by Archdeacon Gordon Steele who is working on this process with us.

To enable you to start thinking about what you might contribute in advance of the meeting, the discussions will be structured under the following headings –

- The past in the last 3 years what has been good and what has been challenging?
- The present what do you value most about the life of our Parish?
- The future what are the ways in which we would like to see the Parish develop?
- What we as a Parish can offer and what we would like the new Vicar to offer us?

If you are hoping to come to the meeting, please sign up on the sheet which is at the back of church, or let one of us know, so that we can have an idea of the number of chairs etc. that we will need.

If you would like to contribute but you are not able to attend the meeting, please send an email or note to the Parish Office with any comments you have regarding the points above or alternatively put them in the boxes provided in the three churches. Responses will be collated by a member of the PCC and treated with confidentiality.

The box can also be used for any questions that you have about the process of appointing a new Vicar or about what will happen during the time between Reverend Paul retiring and the new appointment being made.

We look forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely

Reverend Richard Haynes, Gill Hanton, Sarah Penfold, Linda Pitt – the Parish Profile team