



An update on the Teignhead Parishes (Stokenteignhead, Combeinteignhead and Hacombe) and my oversight of them.

As many of you are aware (but also many may not be) I have been looking after the Teignhead Parishes as Rural Dean since I took on the role of Rural Dean 2 years ago. This has involved offering their churchwardens and PCC's regular guidance and support. On the ground ministry in these parishes has been provided by clergy with Permission to Officiate and Licensed Lay Ministers local to these parishes as well as others.

For some time discussions have been had considering whether to formalise this arrangement (my oversight of these parishes) for a time to allow these parishes to get on a firm footing rather than being held in limbo - which they have now been for 4 years since their last incumbent left.

Now has come the time for this to happen which basically means me becoming Priest In Charge of the Teignhead parishes alongside my other roles. Importantly with a Priest in Charge it will allow the Teignhead Parishes to seek and advertise for a House for duty priest to live in the parishes who will work with me and provide the day to day on the ground ministry for these three parishes.

Next steps:

Over the summer to this end, I will be meeting with the PCC's of the Teignhead Parishes, the Bishop Of Plymouth and the Archdeacon Of Totnes in order to set out a way forward and discuss the process of appointing a house for duty priest to live in the Rectory at Stokeninteignhead.

The churchwardens of the Beacon Parishes have been kept fully informed as things have developed and with the formal next steps now planned to take place over the summer months, the churchwardens and I felt it was time to share this more widely.

Please feel free to approach me or the churchwardens for clarification or with any questions you may have in relation to this.

Peace and good wishes

Andrew