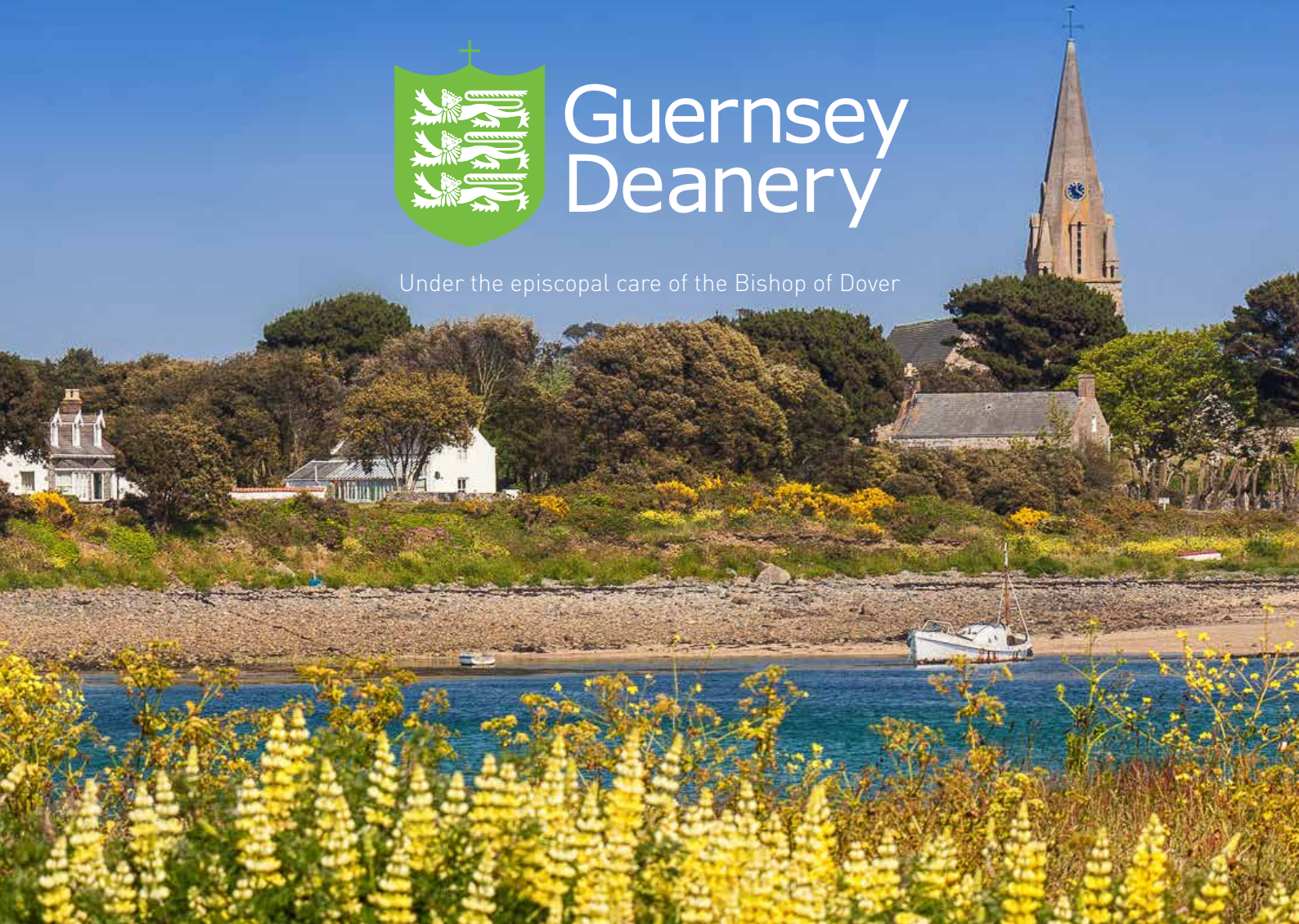




Guernsey Deanery

Under the episcopal care of the Bishop of Dover



The parish of the Vale

The parish church of St Michel du Valle

Appointment of Rector to lead the mission and ministry of this significant single church benefice in the north of Guernsey



INTRODUCTION

The Dean of Guernsey, the Very Reverend Tim Barker

Guernsey is a fascinating and rewarding place in which to minister, as I have discovered since arriving here as Dean in November 2015. I hope that this document will help you to understand the opportunities for mission and ministry in the parish of the Vale – one of the larger parishes in the island, with a population of just over 9500 people. The parish is in good heart, but is ready for wise and sensitive leadership to lead the congregation into the next stage of committed discipleship and growth. The churchmanship has recently been distinctly Catholic, but that does not necessarily define the future direction of the parish. One of the challenges for the new Rector will be helping the parish to understand how to connect their giving with their faith, seeing their giving as a response to the giving of a generous God, and to understand that their giving enables mission and ministry. If you would like to discuss the post informally and in confidence, I would be delighted to talk to you.

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OUR VISION

It is our vision that, out of the resources of our Anglican faith and heritage as part of the Church of England, we will strive to present Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord through worship, praise, education, fellowship, pastoral care, evangelism and outreach. The Eucharist is central to our worshipping life together.

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Although we have a dedicated and supportive congregation with a wide variety of skills and passions, in order to progress and grow we need a leader who will inspire and continue to motivate us to spread the word of God - someone who will keep us spiritually focused with a balance of humour, humanity and formal, sacramental worship.

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The Parish

The parish of the Vale is one of the ten ancient parishes of Guernsey. It is the second largest in size (3.4 sq. miles) and is situated in the north of the island.

The parish has a population of just over 9,500 people and is second in population size to St Peter Port (the main town or capital of Guernsey, which is divided into four ecclesiastical parishes). The Vale is the largest ecclesiastical parish in Guernsey.

Within the parish of the Vale are two Methodist churches, the Vale Mission and Shiloh Baptist Church. Just over the border with St Sampson is the only Salvation Army Citadel remaining on the island.

There is one state school for infants and juniors in the Vale. This has a three form entry and at the present time there are around 500 pupils. Once

the students have reached 11 they will either go to one of the three colleges (Elizabeth College, the Ladies' College and Blanchelande College), the Grammar School or St Sampson's High. Although in the neighbouring parish of St Sampson, the school holds its Christmas carol service at the Vale.

There are a several residential and care homes within the parish.

The church of St Michel du Valle (the Vale Church) stands on a low hill rising above L'Ancressé Common, formerly at the edge of the tidal inlet (the Braye du Valle) which divided the Clos du Valle from the rest of Guernsey, and which could be crossed at low tide by stepping-stones.

In the time of Duke Robert I of Normandy (1027- 35), the clergy of this parish (as indeed all Guernsey clergy)

were appointed by the Duke, who later granted this right to the Abbey at Mont St Michel. At any rate, the church belonged to Mont St Michel by 1156, when it was mentioned in a Bull of Adrian IV.

The present church dates from about 1140 and, as in many other parishes, the church was doubled in size during the 13th century by the addition of aisle and chapel. In the late 15th century the fine east window with its original tracery in the north chapel was added.

The present church is listed as an 'Ancient Monument' and is maintained in excellent condition mainly by means of funds provided by the ratepayers of the parish.

There is access for disabled people and pushchairs via a recently installed lift at the north door.

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OUR JOURNEY SO FAR

St Michel du Valle, known simply as 'Vale Church', has served the people of the Vale for 1000 years. Our worship is Eucharist based with a strong musical tradition. We are proud of our fully inclusive outlook, both for leaders and congregation, welcoming everyone, irrespective of age, and encouraging lay participation. It is our belief that everyone is loved and valued by God.

Currently we have two Holy Communion services on Sunday mornings, and a mid-week Communion followed by Bible study. Until the current vacancy, Sunday evenings have had various services, including Taizé, healing and evening prayer as well as a monthly tea service aimed at young families. Our services are traditional in style, but the atmosphere is relaxed and welcoming. Vestments and choir robes are worn.

The newly refurbished coffee area in the church has better enabled us to socialise with each other, and also to offer hospitality to our many visitors. Special occasions such as festivals or significant birthdays are sometimes celebrated with the serving of wine and cake instead of the usual coffee and biscuits.

The Vale church community has a large mix of ages and backgrounds. We are keen to

maintain our appeal to all, but particularly to encourage young families. The result of this is that our Sunday School has grown steadily over the last few years and now has a healthy membership. To further involve the children in the services, we show the congregation, during the notices, what they have done during their classes and also encourage them to read the lessons and lead the intercessions during the monthly Family Eucharist. To support and encourage social inclusion, events such as lunches, hog roasts, pancake parties and themed dinners have been well attended and have proved to be an excellent way for parishioners to get together informally, for friendship and fellowship as well as to raise money for church funds.

We encourage friendship and companionship with other denominations by holding regular joint services with the Salvation Army and Methodist churches within the parish, as well as joining with other parish churches for confirmation and other major services.

There is an annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham (now organised by the Vicar of St Stephen's Church in St Peter Port) and we also have a parish link with St Paul the Apostle in Choppington, Northumberland.

We would like to develop relationships to interact with, and further support, the wider parish community. To this end, a lay Pastoral Group has been formed recently (see below). Our clergy have had close links with the schools and care homes in the parish, visiting and leading school assemblies and all involved are keen for this to continue.

We have been very blessed over the past few years to welcome and support a variety of men and women who have come to train with us as Readers, deacons and priests. We

have appreciated their fresh ideas, energy and the time they have invested in us.

As well as supporting major charities like Christian Aid and The Leprosy Mission and smaller overseas charities such as Tariro (supporting orphans in Zimbabwe), we also like to help local charities such as Headway Guernsey, a local brain injury charity, and the Guernsey Cheshire Home. The charities regularly feedback specific examples of the life changing effects of our charitable donations.

Our mission statement

IT IS OUR MISSION THAT, AS A COMMUNITY OF GOD'S PEOPLE, CALLED TO SERVE THE PARISH OF THE VALE, WE SEEK TO GLORIFY GOD IN WORSHIP, TO REACH OUT TO MANY AND TO LIVE AS CHRISTIANS IN TODAY'S WORLD.

WHY THE VALE IS NO LONGER AN ISLAND

Until 1806 the parish occupied territory on the mainland of Guernsey (the Vingtaine de l'Epine), as well as the whole of Le Clos du Valle, an island separated from the mainland by a tidal channel known as La Braye du Valle. Sir John Doyle, having been appointed Governor and Commander-in-Chief, came to Guernsey at the beginning of the 19th century and his first task was to improve the Island defences (as England was then at war with France). He claimed that if the French did invade the Clos du Valle he would not know whether to fight them as an Admiral or General, as it would depend on the state of the tide; so he decided that the Braye had to be reclaimed.

This has led to the parish now being geographically split in two with the parish church being situated on the Clos du Valle and the Vingtaine de l'Epine – separated by part of the parish of St Sampson. This separation means the church appears to be more focused on the Clos du Valle rather than l'Epine.



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We pray that our Rector will be:

- A person of holiness, rooted in prayer with an ability to offer sound sacramental teaching
- Able to provide spiritual and moral leadership
- An inspirational leader capable of continuing to build up and lead church teams, with a view to drawing in younger members
- Willing and able to encourage lay ministry
- A warm, approachable person with a sense of humour
- Willing to continue and develop existing

ecumenical relations with churches and other denominations in the parish

- Interested and enthusiastic about fundraising activities and events

We believe that the priorities of the new Rector will be to:

- Get to know the parishioners
- Maintain and develop the existing high standard of worship
- Support and further develop the work of the Treasure Seekers (Sunday School), Mothers Union and other organisations within the church
- Reach out to the whole community of the Vale by involvement in church and non-church activities.

In return, the Vale congregation offers friendship, support and loyalty and will continue to work with our new Rector to share with him or her in the work of the church and parish.

PARISH PROPERTY

RECTORY

The present rectory was built adjacent to the parish church in 1970 after the site

of the previous rectory was purchased by the States of Guernsey for the building of a residential home. In addition part of the glebe close to the old rectory was purchased by the Vale Douzaine (Parish Council) for the purpose of the building of the Douzaine Room. With this background, the Vale rectory is unusual in that it is owned by the Rector and Churchwardens rather than the parish. However the ratepayers (ie, in English terms, 'the civil parish') are responsible for its external upkeep and insurance of the building.

The rectory has the following accommodation:

Ground floor

Entrance hall, study and toilet. These are separate from the rest of the downstairs accommodation, so anyone visiting the Rector does not have to disturb the rest of the household.

Dining room, lounge, kitchen with oil-fired Aga and utility room.

First floor

Four bedrooms. None of the bedrooms has ensuite facilities; however there is an ample bathroom, which has recently been refurbished to include a shower.

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There is room in the loft for storage.

The central heating is oil fired with some additional electric storage heaters. The rectory has the advantage of being on the main drain (which is not as common in Guernsey as people coming from the UK might expect).

There is a single garage to the side of the house

There is ample parking to the west of the building.

There are secluded gardens to the north and east of the property, with a door leading from the north garden to the churchyard.

Next to the rectory, there is also a substantial grassed area known as the Rectory Paddock, on which various church events are staged.

BILLIE AND LESLIE NORMAN ROOMS

These rooms were built on the site of what was affectionately known as the Priory Shed. The Treasure Seekers meet in these rooms. They are used for meeting of the various church committees and are available for rent.

Within the kitchen area, the old causeway which was uncovered during the building works is visible - indicating how close the church was to the beach. The old wall which is believed to be part of the original priory which stood on the site remains as a feature.

VALE CHURCH HALL

This was built on land given to the Rector of the Vale to provide a hall for the use of the church. It is over a mile from the church but when it was built would have been close to the original rectory.

It is in the sole ownership of the Rector and is managed by a Committee. Its main source of income is from Guernsey Electricity, which uses it as a disaster recovery suite. In addition it is rented out to non-church organisations and is also used for church fund raising events.

CHURCH ORGANISATIONS CHURCH ADVISORY COUNCIL

An elected Church Advisory Council was set up in 1995 (PCCs do not operate in the Channel Islands) and is comprised of a mix of ex-officio and elected members. The council

meets three to four times a year, and whilst not having any statutory power, is a useful forum for discussion around various aspects of church life.

CHOIR

The choir has at present six adult members. They support the liturgical music each week at the 10.30 am service, and are happy to embrace all musical styles in the pursuit of enhancing worship. On special feast the Vale Festival Choir performs. This is open to any parishioner to sing in without the need for the weekly commitment of the main choir.

Our Organist is in his second period of service with us, having taken a few years gap while he was Principal of Blanchelande College. He is now retired and fills his time with playing for funerals and weddings!

MUSIC GROUP

The Music Group has about twenty five enthusiastic members, whose ages range from 10 to 80+. They sing a variety of music at the monthly Family Eucharist and are sometimes asked to sing at weddings. Over the years they have staged musicals and have performed at many concerts and other church services. They have also been immortalised on a CD recorded to raise funds a couple of years ago.

BELLRINGERS

The church possesses a ring of six bells with the tenor weighing just over 6 cwt. There is a loyal band of ringers who ring for the Sunday services in addition to mid-week services and weddings. All of the band are members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers.

SERVERS

The Vale church servers are a small but dedicated group of men, women and young people who pride themselves on performing server duties for all main Sunday services. Servers are also provided for special weekday services and other occasions.

TREASURE SEEKERS

Treasure Seekers meet every Sunday from 10.15 am before joining the congregation around 11.00 am for the remainder of the service. We currently have sixteen children on our register, with ages ranging from 2 years up to 16 years old. Children of any age are welcome, with children under school age

usually being accompanied by either a parent or grandparent.

It is such a joy to watch our children grow and develop in both knowledge and stature. More recently, under the guidance of our recently departed curate, we have introduced a children's tea service once a month on a Sunday afternoon. It was hoped that this would be a way to introduce new children to the school and their families to church. This is something that we very much hope to be able to continue and develop.

We also involve the children in the monthly family services by encouraging them to do the reading and the prayers. Some of the younger children have recently read prayers for the first time, which was challenging in itself, as some were as young as 5. We are a happy group, and the children love nothing more than being able to show the congregation a completed art project that they have been working on. We also put on a small 'play' near Christmas.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

This group meets on a Wednesday morning for one hour in the Billie and Leslie Norman Rooms after the Eucharist. We began meeting during Lent and Advent using one of the York Courses; this has extended to a year round weekly Bible study group during which we discuss the Gospel reading for the coming Sunday. We mostly stay on the topic but sometimes go off at a tangent! There are normally around twelve of us from a group of twenty members.

PASTORAL GROUP

We decided recently to see if there would be support from members of the congregation for a loosely organised group that would seek to look after and befriend those within the congregation who might need comfort and support whilst they were ill or suffering a bereavement. After discussion fifteen people immediately volunteered to help.

We had always known that much sick visiting and other forms of care went on all the time among our congregation but in an informal way; we seek to provide a team of volunteers who can work to make everyone certain of support in any way when needed.

We have now formed smaller groups to concentrate on the sick, the bereaved, those who come to us looking to be married. Two Mothers' Union members will make contact



with families seeking baptism.

We have members already working with Meals on Wheels and at a day centre. They will try to be supportive when they see a need to demonstrate that the church is within the community for everyone.

WALSINGHAM

There is a cell of the Walsingham shrine at the church. Annual pilgrimages to Walsingham, which have been open to members of other churches, have taken place over the last ten years.

MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union branch at the Vale church has been in existence for over 125 years and currently has twenty six members. They meet twice a month, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. The branch meetings consist of Communion services, invited speakers and social events.

The branch also organises fund raising events such as a Strawberry Tea. The funds raised go towards branch projects – which includes the purchase of books and baptism cards for the newly baptised. We also support the monthly 'Tea Services' by supplying and serving refreshments.

During the year members also support the five Deanery events. These include a Wave of Prayer service, festival service and Lady Day service. A Deanery tea is held where funds are raised to support Deanery projects. A Deanery overseas afternoon is also held; the proceeds of this go towards the work of Mothers' Union Overseas.

VALE WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP

The Vale Women's Social Group is a group of around fifteen ladies (open to anyone who wishes to come along) who meet once or twice each month on Tuesday evenings, usually in the Church Hall. Most of us are members of the Vale congregation.

The content of our meeting programme is varied – we may have a speaker (talking about some aspect of island life, their travels or their work), arrange to go out for walks,

other gentle sporting activities or visits, go for meals or simply have a coffee and a chat. We also undertake to raise money for charity, with the emphasis on local deserving causes, by holding various events like coffee mornings, quizzes, raffles and so on. This is a social group and our intention is to relax, enjoy friendships and have fun!

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND FUNDRAISING

We have had a number of fundraising activities over the years which have included the a summer fete, harvest lunch, summer jazz lunch, Italian night and quiz evenings.

We hope that the new incumbent will be able to help us to think up new and innovative ways for us to raise funds whilst reaching out to the wider community and having fun in fellowship together.

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES

Sunday morning

8.00 am: Said Eucharist (CW Order 1 in traditional language)

10.30 am: Parish Sung Eucharist (CW Order 1; Family Sung Eucharist monthly – usually the third Sunday)

Sunday evening services have been suspended during the current vacancy.

Wednesday

9.30 am: Eucharist followed by Bible study

Before the current vacancy, there were also Eucharists on a Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30 am.

Major Saints' Days and Holy Days: Sung Eucharist at 7.30 pm

OCCASIONAL OFFICES

During 2016 there were

- 27 baptisms

- 9 marriages or blessing after a civil marriage (12 weddings are already booked in 2017)
- 42 funerals

ELECTORAL ROLL

There are currently 198 people on the Electoral Roll.

ATTENDANCE

Sunday

8.00 am: average attendance of 15

10.30 am: average attendance of 80

Weekday

Wednesday morning, average attendance of 12

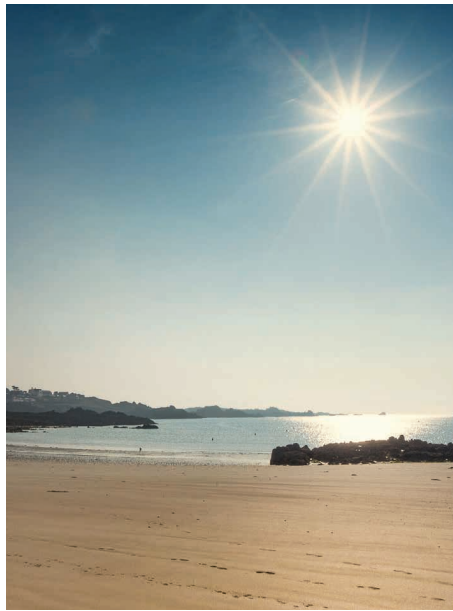
Saints' days and others, average attendance of 20

FINANCES

For many years, the Vale church has been able to pay its Parish Share in full. However, for the last three years, we have only been able to do this by drawing on reserves. The Finance Committee recommended that we should not draw on reserves in 2016, should income not be sufficient to meet the Parish Share in full. It is likely that this will be the position for 2017.

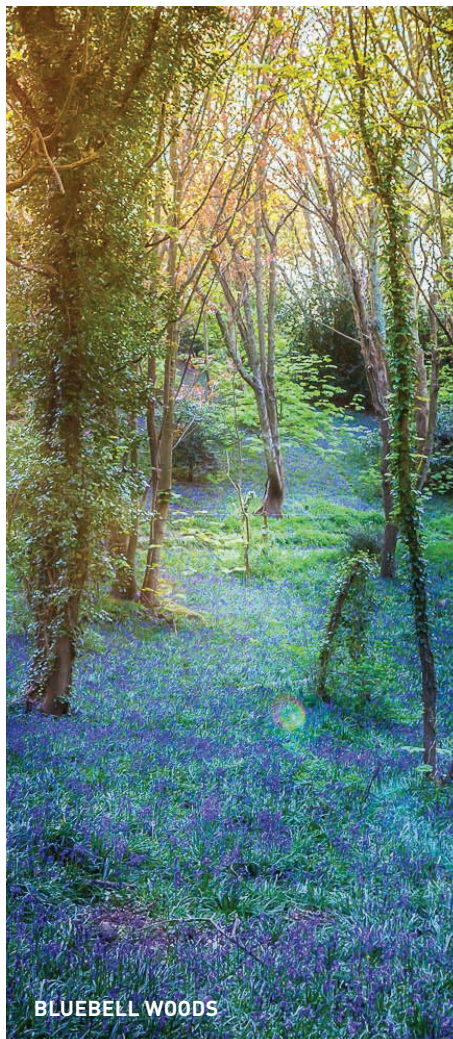
We have healthy reserves in excess of £70,000. The challenge to grow our income is certainly achievable. We have a generous community and we pray that our new Rector will inspire the concept of Christian stewardship amongst the congregation and provide leadership for fund raising events to improve our income.

A copy of the 2016 accounts will be available for any candidates.



THE DEANERY OF GUERNSEY

Since the time of Queen Elizabeth I, the deaneries of Guernsey and Jersey have been annexed to the Diocese of Winchester. More recently, under an agreement with the Archbishop of Canterbury, episcopal care has been provided by the Right Reverend Trevor Willmott, the Bishop of Dover. Parish share is paid to Canterbury Diocesan Board of Finance, and Guernsey representatives attend the Canterbury Diocesan Synod; the Diocese of Canterbury, in turn, supports the mission and ministry of the Church of England in Guernsey and Jersey through its advisers in safeguarding, mission and ministry. As Guernsey is not part of the UK, the Church of England's Canons and Measures do not automatically apply here. There are, for example, no parochial church councils and incumbents hold their office under freehold (rather than Common Tenure). Guernsey's Ecclesiastical Court (over which the Dean presides) issues faculties for work in church buildings and marriage licences. The rectors of the ten ancient parishes still have a significant role in Guernsey life. There are fourteen ecclesiastical parishes in Guernsey; these, along with the parishes in Alderney and Sark, comprise the Deanery of Guernsey.



BLUEBELL WOODS



Guernsey

The Bailiwick of Guernsey is a group of islands within the Channel Islands. Guernsey is a beautiful, vibrant and safe place to live, a thriving and entirely modern community that maintains a healthy respect for its culture and traditional values. Situated in the Bay of St Malo, Guernsey is geographically close to France, being only 27 miles from the Normandy coast, and 70 miles from mainland Britain. Guernsey's loyalty, however, is to the British Crown, although the island is a self-governing jurisdiction.

Part of the Duchy of Normandy from before the Norman Conquest of England, the Channel Islands were retained by the Kings of England when Normandy was lost in 1204. Guernsey and Jersey have remained as two separate crown dependencies, each with their own laws and customs based originally on Norman practice. Effectively independent, yet coming under the protective wing of the British Government, Guernsey is a part of the British Isles but not the United Kingdom. The UK Government is responsible only for the Bailiwick's international representation and defence.

The island is approximately 9 miles by 6 miles (just over 25 sq miles) with a population of

over 62,000. The capital, St Peter Port, is unique with its cobbled streets and a mixture of small boutiques and other main stream shops and banks. In addition there are many restaurants, bistros and cafes offering a wide range of cuisine with many featuring fresh local seafood. Some 18,500 people live in St Peter Port.

Guernsey offers a completely different way of life. The island has stunning views from the cliff paths, beautiful walks, sandy beaches and cycle routes. Sport is an important part of life in Guernsey, as well as the arts. There is a vibrant voluntary sector. The churches play an important part in Guernsey's life; attendance is still proportionately higher than in England.

The economy was primarily based on agriculture and tourism in the last century, but Guernsey is now a major international finance centre.

Communications between Guernsey and the UK are excellent – whether through high speed internet or through air links to England. It is also possible to reach Guernsey by sea. The Deanery pays an annual grant towards the cost of off-island travel.

On-island health care is very good, and

residents have access to specialist services in the UK when this is necessary. The Deanery of Guernsey pays for health insurance cover for clergy and their resident dependents. Guernsey is not part of the UK's National Health Service.

The educational provision, at primary and secondary level, is also of a high standard; young people from Guernsey are able to attend UK universities. As Guernsey students are not eligible to apply for funding from the UK Student Loans Company, Guernsey's Education Department supports students choosing to study at university through a means-tested grant scheme. The amount of funding received (towards the cost of tuition fees, living costs in the form of a maintenance grant and travel costs) depends on a number of factors, including an assessment of parental income.

Channel Island clergy are paid an additional sum to the diocesan stipend (currently a 22% uplift), to take account of the higher cost of living in the islands.

More information about living in Guernsey can be found later in this document.

Living and working in Guernsey

LIVING IN GUERNSEY

The information in this appendix is believed to be correct at the time of writing (March 2016). However, candidates are advised to consult the States of Guernsey website (www.gov.gg) and make enquiries as necessary. Having recently moved to Guernsey, the Dean will be happy to answer any general questions from his experience.

External transport

Getting to Guernsey is easy, whether this be from the UK, international locations, or just between the Channel Islands.

By air

Guernsey has regular flights to a range of UK and other European destinations. Guernsey flights from London Gatwick take as little as 45 minutes, with those from regional airports taking upwards of 30 minutes. Regular flights operate from major UK airports all year round, as well as some additional seasonal services further afield.

The following airlines provide regular flights from Guernsey to a number of destinations (which can be checked on their websites):

- Aurigny
- Flybe
- Blue Islands

The website visitguernsey.com provides a useful route finder which gives details of the airlines and the locations they serve.

By sea

There are regular ferries to Portsmouth and Poole, as well as Jersey and France. Ferries to Guernsey from the UK take as little as three hours. A traditional ferry operates in all weathers, and all-year-round, from Portsmouth.

There are also regular ferries from Guernsey to Sark and Herm.

Immigration and Nationality

There are no restrictions on British Citizens, persons who otherwise have the right of abode in the United Kingdom and Islands under the provisions of the Immigration Act 1971 or nationals of European Union or European Economic Area member states taking up residence or conducting business in the Island (subject to the Housing Control regulations).

HOUSING CONTROL LAWS

Due to the size of the Island and the density of the population, there are strict controls on who may occupy dwellings in Guernsey. There are two categories of dwellings: 'open market' which are freely available for

occupation and 'local market' which may be occupied only by persons with residential qualifications or by licence holders.

The Deanery of Guernsey will ensure, as part of the appointment process, that a priest appointed to a post in Guernsey (together with his or her spouse and any dependent children accompanying them) will have the appropriate permission to occupy the house provided for them. However they will only gain permanent residential qualifications if the priest remains in post for 15 years. Any children will only qualify in their own right for continuing residence in Guernsey if they are first resident in Guernsey with their parents, as minors, and have 15 years residence in a 25 year period.

RIGHT TO WORK LAW

There is a 'Right to Work' law in Guernsey. This means that if a person wants to take up employment or self-employment in Guernsey or wishes to change jobs in Guernsey he or she must have a valid Right to Work document (issued by the Housing Department) confirming that he or she is lawfully housed. The Deanery of Guernsey will assist with the provision of this as part of the appointment process.

PRICES

Prices of commodities are generally competitive to those in the United Kingdom, but value added tax and other forms of sales taxes are not payable in Guernsey. However, the prices of certain commodities, particularly food and fuel, may be higher than in the United Kingdom.



INCOME TAX

The standard rate of Income Tax is 20 pence in the pound. There is no capital gains tax, capital transfer tax, estate duty, inheritance tax, purchase tax, turnover tax, value added tax or wealth tax in Guernsey.

www.gov.gg/tax

SOCIAL SECURITY

All residents of Guernsey and Alderney are required to register with the Social Security Department. Contributions for employed persons are collected through their employer's payroll system (by the Church Commissioners for Anglican clergy). Benefits paid include those related to sickness, old age pension, healthcare, long term care, maternity, bereavement and unemployment.

www.gov.gg/article/119722/Social-security-contribution-rates-and-payments

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

www.gov.gg/article/119655/Imports-Exports-Immigration-and-Emigration

HEALTH

General: The average life expectancy at birth is 80 years, slightly higher than that of the UK.

The States of Guernsey spend more on health and social care than on any other area of government, reflecting the high standard of these services within the Island and the value placed on ensuring healthy living.

The healthcare system in Guernsey is different to that of the National Health Service (NHS) in the UK. All primary care is provided on a private basis whilst some secondary care and specialist services are free. Specialist (secondary care) services are only accessed via a referral from a GP. There is no reciprocal health agreement between Guernsey and the UK so it is advised that prospective residents consider taking out health insurance (for clergy and their families, this is arranged and paid by the Deanery of Guernsey).

GP visits, A&E visits, ambulance use and physiotherapy requested by the GP incur a charge – but this charge is covered by the health insurance scheme.

Everyone who normally lives in Guernsey and is registered for the payment of Social Security contributions is covered by the 'Specialist Health Insurance Scheme' and so may receive specialist care and treatment free of charge.

The Medical Specialist Group consultants provide the emergency and elective specialist medical services for the Bailiwick



of Guernsey. These consultants provide the majority of medical services, including surgery, undertaken at the Island's hospital.

Children's health: There are a number of services available to help if you want to raise a family in Guernsey:

- Health visiting is a universal service offered to all families with pre-school children
- The School Health Service is committed to promoting and maintaining the health of school age children
- The Children's Dental Service provides a

dedicated dental service for pre-school and school age children with particular needs, and dental health screening of children at their 3 year developmental check and also at 5, 10 and 12 years of age in school, together with a programme of oral health promotion.

EDUCATION

General information

Guernsey offers an excellent education system with free schooling for all students up to the age of 18. There are also three grant-aided private colleges on the Island.

www.education.gg

CARS AND DRIVING IN GUERNSEY

Registering a car: Any car brought into the island, that has previously been registered in another jurisdiction, must be re-registered in Guernsey within 14 days of arrival.

Driving licence: New residents to the Island, who already have a driving licence issued in another jurisdiction, will need to apply to exchange their foreign licence for a Guernsey licence within one year of arriving.

www.gov.gg/article/120228/Driving-and-vehicles



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