

You are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

1 Cor 12:27

What does a Chaplain Do?

Theresa has left us to become Chaplain to the Bishop of Winchester, but what does that entail? We all think we know what a chaplain is; it's someone who ministers to the spiritual needs of those involved with some organisation or other – armed forces, prisons, hospitals, schools, colleges, and universities.

This is only part of the picture. Did you know that Anglican clergy looking after parishes abroad are not known as Vicars, but Chaplains. So, is there a common thread to all this?

The dictionary defines a chaplain as a minister of the church attached to a chapel in an institution, or military unit, or a private house.

Our own diocese describes our bishop's chaplain as being responsible for advising clergy on an array of issues on behalf of the bishops. This work includes support for chaplains, and managing pastoral, theological, liturgical, and disciplinary matters.

Another diocese makes the following bullet points:

- To assist and advise the Bishop in their episcopal function
- To provide spiritual support to the Bishop through prayer and encouragement
- To line manage and support the Bishop's support staff and give oversight to their work
- To act as a bridgebuilder from the Bishop's Office to the Diocese.

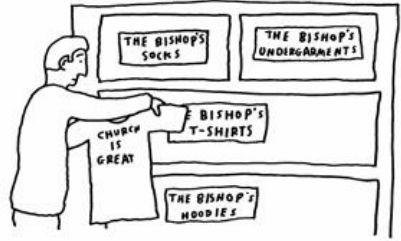
But I like the approach taken by Dave Walker, who regularly contributes cartoons to the Church Times

THE BISHOP'S CHAPLAIN

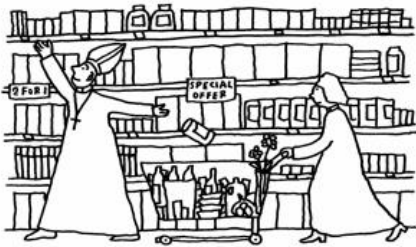
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ORGANISING THINGS FOR THE BISHOP



HELPING THE BISHOP TO GATHER RESOURCES



CARRYING OUT MISCELLANEOUS TASKS AS AND WHEN REQUIRED

CartoonChurch.com

This CartoonChurch.com cartoon by Dave Walker originally appeared in the Church Times.

Regardless of whichever description of Theresa's new post is the most accurate, we wish her well in it and will follow her future with interest.



Vacancy Update

Things have started to move on our part. The PCC has established the Vacancy Management Team and the Parish Profile Team and they're both up and running. Sunday 25th February saw the Vacancy Vision Workshop when Rev Simon Taylor led an afternoon exploring where we think we are and where we would like to be in several years' time. This produced a number of ideas for our Statement of Needs and the subsequent Person Profile for our next Vicar. The PCC were joined by a couple of other members of the congregation and the many responses to our leaflet were also much appreciated.

Don't Forget to Pray!

Maggie led a short time of prayer for the vacancy last month and this prayer is chosen from her leaflet.



God our Father, you have welcomed each one of us in Jesus and called us to be His Body in this place.

Send us your Holy Spirit at this time of uncertainty and change, to fill us with vision and energy and faithfulness in prayer, that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our community.

Give your heavenly wisdom to those who are to choose a new incumbent for this parish, that she or he may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people, ready to serve us with joy, to build us up in faith and to lead us by example in loving obedience to Your Son, Jesus.

Amen.

March Services and Events

Saturday 2	08.30	Men's Breakfast at Horton Golf Park
Sunday 3	08.00	Holy Communion (BCP)
	09.30	Sung Communion and Children's Groups
	18.00	Lent Reflection <i>A Broken World Redeemed</i>
Wednesday 6	10.00	<i>I Am the Bread of Life</i> in church
Sunday 10	09.30	Mothering Sunday Parade Service
	10.30	Homemade Sunday in the Cuddington Hall
	11.15	Holy Communion
Monday 11	19.30	Knit & Natter Group in the Leverton Room
Wednesday 13	10.00	<i>I Am Gentle</i> - in church
Saturday 16	10.00	Women's Group in the Cuddington Hall
Sunday 17	09.30	Sung Communion
Wednesday 20	10.00	<i>I Am the Resurrection & the Life</i> in church
	20.00	PCC Meeting in the Cuddington Hall
Thursday 21	14.30	Afternoon Club Garden Centre Visit
Sunday 24	09.30	Sung Communion with Baptism
Monday 25	20.00	Holy Week Communion Service
Tuesday 26	20.00	Holy Week Communion Service
Wednesday 27	20.00	Holy Week Communion Service
Thursday 28	20.00	Maundy Thursday Communion & Vigil
Friday 29	10.00	Family Service
	12-2pm	Good Friday Reflections
	14.00	Liturgy of Good Friday
Sunday 31	08.00	Holy Communion
	09.30	Easter Sung Communion

Morning Prayer is said in church every weekday morning at 9am

Everyone is very welcome