

Axe Valley Mission Community

Appointment of Team Vicar (Designate)

An Update from the Rector

We are extremely pleased and excited to be progressing with the appointment of a Team Vicar (Designate) to work with our Team of eight churches. This post was created when we joined together as a new Mission Community by the amalgamation of the vacancies being carried in the two previous Mission Community groups; it is for a full-time Team Vicar to work across all of our parishes, churches and communities.

The documentation provided to interested candidates makes very clear that we are seeking to appoint a priest who will be committed to working as a collaborative member of the Ministry Team across the Mission Community with a particular brief to:

- inspire, develop and co-ordinate work with youth, children and families across the Axe Valley Mission Community, including work with schools, line-managing a youth worker and developing outreach projects with families;
- be liturgically creative and work with the whole team to develop different styles of service and worship;
- have a pastoral and evangelistic heart.

Until the formal position of the new team is legally ratified he or she will technically be titled 'Priest-in-Charge of Axmouth and Uplyme & Assistant Curate of the Axe Valley Mission Community', but be referred to locally as Team Vicar.

This terminology is required until legal matters regarding the formal establishment of the new Mission Community are concluded (this will take some time). It will be made clear to candidates that the appointment is made across all of our churches and the 'Team Vicar' role is the essential aspect of the appointment. The new Team Vicar will be based in the existing Rectory at Uplyme.

We are very grateful to the churchwardens and the group who have worked prayerfully and creatively with Senior Diocesan Staff and officers to progress this appointment.

The advert appeared nationally on Friday and will run for 4 weeks in the Church Times and on local and national websites. We understand that there has already been significant interest.

The interviews will take place on Tuesday 11th February with representatives from each of our churches working with the Bishop of Crediton and Archdeacon of Exeter.

Further information about the appointment will be shared as soon as possible after the interviews.

We would very much value and ask for your prayers for the potential candidates and all those involved in the selection process.

With thoughts and prayers

Clive Sedgewick (Team Rector)

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Combpayne**

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