

Penwith Deanery News

May 2023 Update

Interim Rural Dean

As many of you will know, despite attempts over the past year, we have to date been unsuccessful in appointing a Rural Dean for Penwith Deanery. However, Bishop Philip was pleased to announce yesterday that after careful and prayerful consideration, the Rev'd Nick Widdows has agreed to take up this role for a period of six months. Nick will be commissioned as the Interim Rural Dean by Archdeacon Paul during the St. Ives open air 'Wild Church' service on Sunday, June 11th, at St. John's in the fields at 3:00 PM. All from the Deanery are invited to attend this service. Please keep Nick in your prayers as he takes up this new position of leadership.

House for Duty Minister, Land's End, Cornwall

Do please pray for the Land's End House for Duty post which is currently being advertised. This House for Duty post is situated in one of the most spectacular areas in Cornwall in the most southerly part of Penwith Deanery. The newly proposed 'Land's End' Benefice in which the House for Duty Minister will minister encompasses the village communities that frame the surrounding coastline and consists of the parishes of St. Levan, St. Sennen, St. Buryan, St Just, Pendeen and Morvah.

More details can be found at this link:

<https://www.cofepathways.org/members/modules/job/detail.php?record=5643>

We are looking for an experienced priest:

- with a passion for Rural Ministry, a heart for mission and a desire to see the depth of Jesus's love expressed afresh for every generation.
- who will help lead the parishes of 'Land's End' in mission and ministry and to encourage them to grow in faith and confidence.
- who will help the parishes in 'Land's End' explore new ways of communicating the good news of the gospel to local communities, especially schools, young people and families, those in deprived areas and those who need care.

Deanery Implementation Team Sub Groups

Thank you to those that came forward to volunteer to join the various sub-groups of the DIT that will be moving ahead with the implementation of various aspects of the deanery plan. We are pleased to say that the work of these sub-groups has begun, and we hope to share more updates as work progresses.

Please Pray

- Pray for Rev'd Nick Widdows as he takes on the role of Interim Rural Dean for Penwith Deanery. May he be granted wisdom, strength, and guidance in his leadership position.
- Pray for the Land's End House for Duty Minister position currently being advertised. May God guide and lead the selection process, bringing forward an experienced priest who has a heart for rural ministry and a passion for sharing the love of Jesus with every generation.
- Pray for Deanery Implementation Team sub-groups as they work on implementing various aspects of the deanery plan.