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Benefice of Porlock and Porlock Weir with Stoke Pero, Selworthy and Luccombe

Patron: The Lord Chancellor

Situated in the beautiful Vale of Porlock in Exmoor National Park, the Benefice includes an active and thriving community with many social groups, community events and good community facilities. Employment is mainly in agriculture, outdoor pursuits, and tourism. However, West Somerset has the lowest social mobility in England and unemployment and rural poverty are two of our biggest challenges.

We are searching and praying for a Rector who strives to be:

- A dynamic, Christ-focused leader, who is visible, engaging and inspiring.
- Someone who will feel an affinity for rural life and participate with pleasure and enthusiasm in the things that matter to us.
- Someone who looks outside the church to serve the complex needs of our community, identifying and establishing new, and encouraging existing, ventures and opportunities.
- Someone who can deepen our faith through a variety of worship, the study of scripture, prayer, and teaching, helping us learn and share that faith with our community, and more widely, in a gentle and respectful way.
- Someone who will develop people in the use of their spiritual and practical gifts, to help us grow in prayer and discipleship.
- Someone who will enable and develop relationships between our school, the church, and the community.
- Someone who is capable of creating a unified benefice, comprising three different parishes.

We can offer:

- A supportive and enthusiastic benefice team including a lay reader and administrator with additional support from local retired clergy.
- A spacious 4-bedroom Rectory.
- The opportunity for a varied ministry in an area of great beauty, with many social challenges and complexities.

Closing date: 10th April 2021

Interviews: 23rd April 2021

**For more details and an application pack, please contact
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