

# Open Meeting for everyone to talk about what we would like in our next Vicar

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2.30-4pm

St Simon & St Jude Church, Milton-under-Wychwood

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July, we said goodbye to Geoffery Clement who has moved to East Anglia after five years as our vicar. It is now time to begin to look to the future and a wide consultation process is starting with an

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The process is being led for us by the Reverend Canon Charles Chadwick, Parish Development Adviser for the Dorchester Archdeaconry and Mission Department Lead for the Rural Church.

He writes, ‘Over recent years it has been found productive and beneficial for people across a benefice - both church attendees, other parishioners, those who represent schools, businesses and other institution such as parish councils - to come together and acknowledge what is going well and what we want to thank God for, to consider what might be the key areas to consider over the next few years that the churches may develop their work, and in the light of this to think about what gifts and skills we should be seeking in our next vicar. These occasions, which are informal and always positive, go particularly well when there is a broad range of people present.’

The churchwardens would really like everyone’s thoughts and views in all of this that across the three parishes in each church we may worship and serve God and help people in a range of ways to catch a glimpse of the joy of the Christian faith that, in the words of our Benefice vision, “We may build God’s kingdom here on earth as in heaven”.

It would be useful to have an idea of who is attending. Please contact Clare Harper in the Benefice Office [office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk](mailto:office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk)  
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