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To: All members of the West Dartmoor Mission Community

Dear Members of the Mission Community

We are delighted to be able to let you know that there have been two applications for the vacancy post of Rector of our Mission Community. We cannot tell you much more that about them because the Church of England keeps the identity of applications confidential until the selection process. But we can tell you a little about the next steps.

The interview will be on 27 November at St Mark's in Plymouth – the offices of the Archdeacon. The panel will chaired by Nick McKinnel the Bishop of Plymouth and will have on it the Archdeacon of Plymouth, Nick Shutt, Charlotte Manley representing the Deana and Chapter of Windsor and our three representatives from the Mission community: Belinda Gardiner, Hilary Monk and Keith Ebdon.

On the day before the interviews, 26 November, there will be an "orientation day" when the candidates have been invited to visit us. Kathy Howard is planning a visit schedule which will allow each candidate separately to visit: all six churches, the two rectories, the two church schools and meet the Rural dean, Nick Law, and the lay chair of the Deanery Synod Annie Jeffries. The day will end with a tea party at St Pauls with both candidates able to meet the Ministerial team, the Mission Community Council, and anyone else who wants to come.

The visits to each church are intended to be an opportunity for the candidates to meet us and ask questions. The time will be short, about 20 minutes for each church and the time is for them to find out about us rather than us question them. They are NOT quasi interview sessions nor sessions on the heritage of the buildings.

Detailed timings for the visits will be circulated as soon as agreed.

Please pray for the candidates, the interview panel and for a successful appointment.

Mission Community Council