

NEW VICAR FOR CHRIST CHURCH HILDERSTONE

Background

History of both the Church and the Village can be found on the village web site www.hilderstonevillage.org.uk

Hilderstone village has changed in recent times with many of the older properties changing hands and now young couples/families occupy these properties.

The village is of a 'linear configuration' with the older part of the village centred near the B5066 Junction with Cresswell Road, Sandon road & Hilderstone Road. Many of these properties date from the late 1700's and 15 are listed as Grade 2.

Towards Sandon and past the Roebuck Pub we come to the other end of the village known as Eastholm. Approximately 20 years ago the Methodist Chapel was used for services but this has now been converted into a residence.

At the present time, the village has three Assets namely Christ Church, the Village Hall and the Roebuck Pub. Unfortunately the Roebuck is now closed and currently seeking a new tenancy.

Reference should be made to the *Consultation Meetings* held in 2013/14 when the Parish Council met with many members of the village to explore how Hilderstone village might move forward and improve its communication and activities.

At that time the Roebuck was closed and Christ Church was faced with a heavy burden of the Parish Share. The Village Hall was seen to be very viable with many activities taking place including Parties, Film Nights, Dancing and activities with the Stone & District U3A.

As you will know the Rev Preb Peter Dakin has retired due to ill health and this has now placed Christ Church into an Interregnum i.e. a period of seeking a new Vicar for our parish and Fulford.

In the meantime church Services continue as normal with local vicars taking the services until a new vicar is installed.

The question is ***'What qualities are we, as a village, looking for in a new vicar?'***

The Parochial Church Council Members at Christ Church would like **YOU** to tell us what you think we should be looking for in seeking a new vicar.

It is suggested that you drop your suggestions - in a sealed envelope marked for the attention of MRS AUDREY STRINGER - in the wooden box attached to the Parish Council Notice Board situated in front of the Village Hall.

We would like your suggestions please before the 5 December 2016.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Roy Clark: PCC Vice Chairman, Christ Church, Hilderstone. 9th Nov2016
