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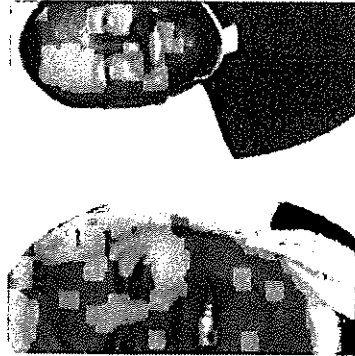
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Paula Jeffrey-Powell shared a link.

2 November at 16:22

The petition is still on here, if people can encourage others to continue signing that would be fab! Thanks to the fabulous person who began this petition. It is very much appreciated by all x

We need this cause to succeed. Will you join me?



Petition Help save Father Johnathan and Vicar Karina Green the priests of St Francis, St Claires and St Albans Church

This is petition for Join the movement! Sign now!
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Karen Davidson and 2 others

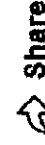
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Paula Jeffrey-Powell Charlotte Parker Thank you for all you have done with this petition x

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Charlotte Parker Your very welcome, just doing my part to help father Johnathan. I know he has helped me many times and my family so it's the least I could do xx

Love · Reply · 3w



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we call them pioneers before we didnt know they'd gone. Anyway we think we'll have them again at the expense of the current experienced, well loved people. But don't worry we'll consult you before rest of decisions we want are made.

Marilyn Jeffrey, Bettina Brown and 8 others 1 Comment 1 share

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Moe Horswell Not at all what you should expect from the Diocese!! I've been a casualty in Social Care, even when Senior Management were told it wasn't a good idea, they carried on regardless. They lost their experienced and dedicated staff and eventually everything fell over!! If anyone from the Diocese is looking at our posts, please consider carefully what you are doing. You can't replace the dedication of Jonathan and Karina and the goodwill of those who care about them, and the Community!!!

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Write a comment...

Chris Elmes

4 November at 14:41

Is it just me being a blind old bat - but has anyone seen the minutes of the meeting which were going to be published last week. I am becoming increasingly suspicious of the reason for the delay!

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Marilyn Jeffrey Nothing yet 2

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Paul Mcleod

1 November at 18:09

Been thinking some people in The Church of England, Diocese have decided to use business models re changes to diocese. Shame I see churches to be like public services, should not be thought of in terms of a business. Supposedly the church centrally has millions of pounds in money. Well..... Does anyone know a business where they say OK for a few years we've under invested in our buildings. To release some money you have to give money yourself from your budget. We'll make some suggestions, we'll then consult you after we've already made some decisions.

These decisions will alienate many of your customers. They've told us but we'll carry on regardless. It may mean closing branches but probably not. But we do like idea of not having a manager in each site. We prefer one covering three sites. We won't do this out in the countryside as villages in leafy areas won't tolerate it and they give us more donations. We'll follow through with our ideas because they make business sense to suit our beliefs. We'll replace managers

With lesser ranked staff as its cheaper but they don't have the experience to satisfy customers with routine needs. It will take these new people awhile to get to know area, customers.

We might be lucky in getting new customers who might like our services but we may well lose existing customers we've been told the branches had shall we call them pioneers before we didn't know they'd gone. Anyway we think we'll have them again at the expense of the current experienced, well loved people. But don't worry we'll consult you before rest of decisions we want are made.

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Gary Pressman
6 November at 17:40

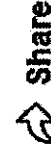
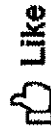
A long time ago in South Africa I was studying for my Diploma in Evangelical Studies with the All Africa school of Theology whilst my mother ran a deliverance ministry for alcoholics and drug addicts on our farm which she called Renewal. I duly passed and her success rate was phenomenal. Every charismatic church we went to to try and get them behind us turned their back on us and one even refused to come out to the farm because we had goats! [A symbol of Satan apparently though surely the goat is unaware of this!]. I have been to many born again clappy churches and walked out in disgust at the hypnotic mind control techniques and mass hysteria manifested that is both dangerous and disturbing..Both here and worldwide. The proposed unified church is a direct end time prophecy and will only dilute the inspired word of God, the aim being to divest the church of its real power and spiritual purpose. If you believe in God you have to believe in a opposite and very real force that is busy in these days to sow despair, destruction and remove what many of us feel is the only thing worth pursuing, which is a next level of consciousness after death as promised by Jesus Christ.. We are at spiritual war here people as we fight not against flesh and blood but against principalities and powers at a much higher electromagnetic level.. Be discerning and aware....

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Darren Mckenna, Karen Davidson and 6 others

1 Comment



Beautiful made point my friend, the systems and buzz words and fads divide us, Jesus is lord and we need not be led away from the path he illuminates for us. ThanQ for reminding us of the spiritual conflict at play.

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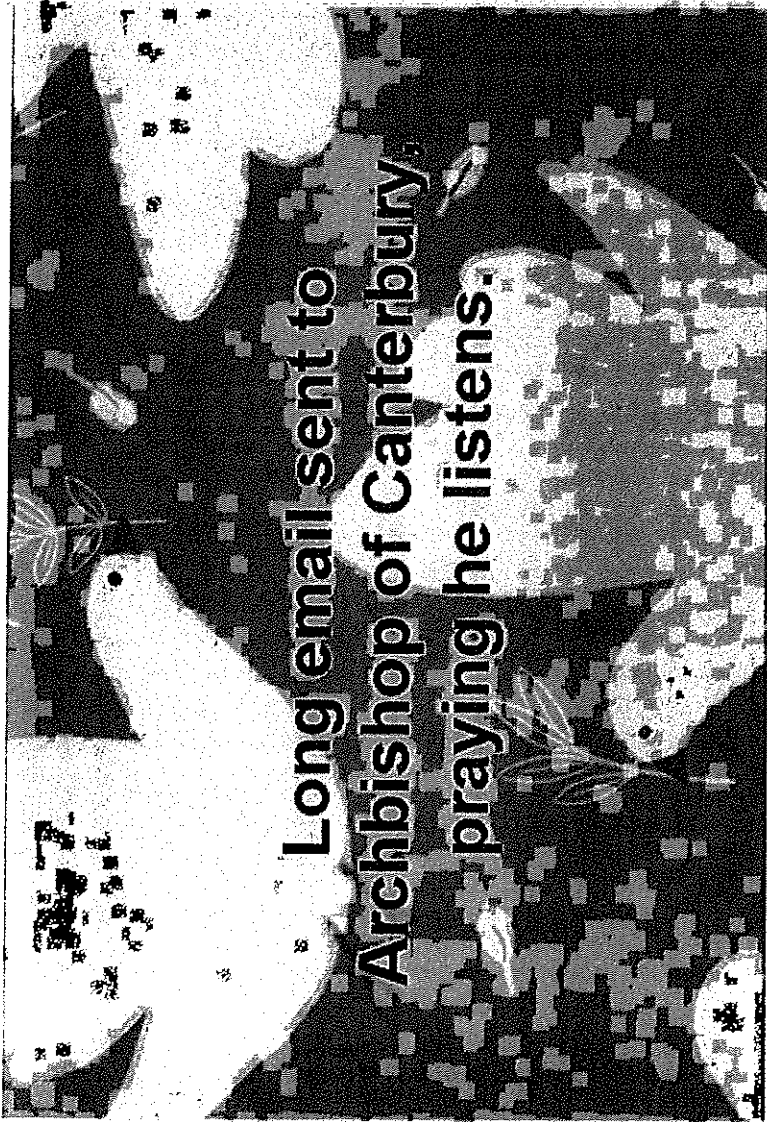
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5 November at 08:24



You, Marilyn Jeffrey, Chris Elmes and 12 others 3 Comments

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Chris Elmes Excellent!

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Elizabeth Wylie I hope the Archbishop reads these postings and some serious thinking. The nature of our country is getting destroyed piece by piece. I wonder if will start to register our feelings if it goes?

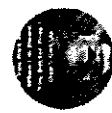
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Moe Horswell I've sent or too x

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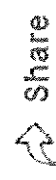
Marilyn Jeffrey

30 November 2019

55 years ago today in 1963 our building of St Francis Church, Leigh Park was consecrated. So it is very poignant that as the Public Consultation closed today, a very big folder containing letters, comments, petitions, thoughts and prayers from our community to save our Vicar Jonathan Jeffrey was handed in to Portsmouth Diocese. As our foundation stone says 'Build Up My Church'. And the Leigh Park Community have certainly done that with love. X ❤️

You, Darren Mckenna, Julie Adams and 4 others

9 comments



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Our Parish Response to Portsmouth Diocese's plans for Parish Reorganisation in our area has been delivered to Portsmouth Diocesan Office today!!... The rather large and 'full' A4 leaver file consists of petitions, letters, comments, statistics, book and more!
The lady receiving it looked shocked!
Handed in today to the Diocesan office by Alison Watson and myself!
Thank you to everyone who helped us to achieve this
... You truly are an amazing community!!



Paula Jeffrey-Powell

30 November 2018



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Paula Jeffrey-Powell
30 November 2015

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Chris Eimes, Stuart Holmes and 12 others 9 comments

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Marilyn Parker Well done..I expect they did not expect such a fight back ..let's hope all the hard work by the people have an impact.

Love Reply 24w Edited



Darren Mckenna Well done guys. Proud of you and very grateful xx

Love Reply 24w



Carolyn Shannon Well done all, if things are not taken in to consideration then they had no intention in the first place and it would have all been a lie . Xxx

Love Reply 24w



Darren Mckenna Carolyn Shannon I pray that's not the case but that has been the feeling all along xx

Like Reply 24w



Paula Jeffrey-Powell If they ignore all of this and go ahead any way Carolyn , I for one will seriously consider leaving the Church - And that's not something people expect me to say! I always said I would never leave the church due to other people but on this occasion I h... See more

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Love Reply 24h

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Alison Watson Paula Jeffrey-Powell if it doesn't work I will join you xx




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Michelle Pressman Paula, thank you and well done for everything you and everyone has done behind the scenes to fight for our priests and helping our voices be heard. We have done everything we can now. I personally cannot see a congregation at St Francis without Father Jonathan or Carolyn either. Lets hope the Diocese finally do what is right xx



Love Reply 24h

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Jennifer Hurry Paula, I sent a letter to Jenny Hollingsworth by recorded delivery earlier this week. Received a reply today it reads. Dear Jennifer, thank you very much for sending through your thoughts and views on the current proposals. These are most helpful as we work to discern the way forward. They will be shared with the Bishops Council before any further decisions are taken. Thank you for taking the time to contribute. Best wishes. Yours



Love Reply 24%

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Love Reply 24%



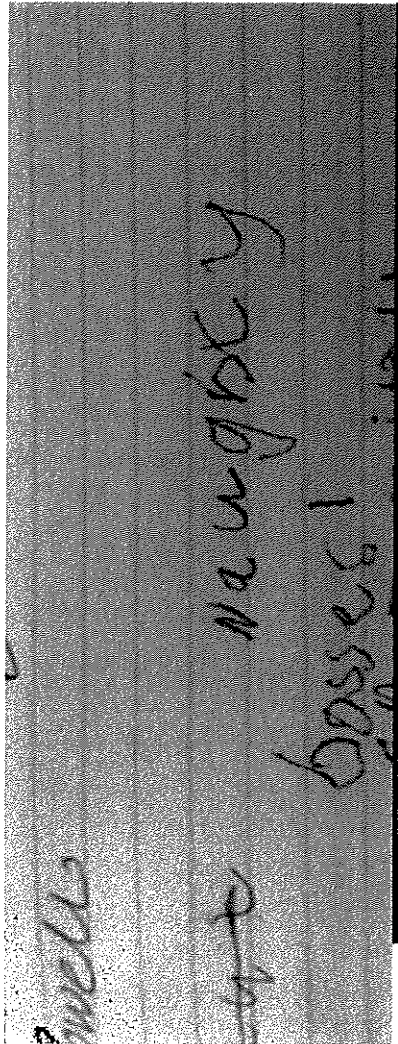
Paula Jeffrey-Powell

26 November 2019

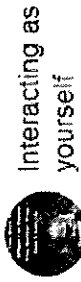
There's a saying that when a child hands you a toy phone... YOU MUST ANSWER THAT PHONE!!....

Well... today my 6 year old daughter wrote in the book of messages compiled for Jonathan & Karina.. (at her request - and I quote) "Naughty bosses!.."

Now Portsmouth Diocese are OFFICIALLY told off!!! LOL :-)



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Paula Jeffrey-Powell

5 December 2018

Well... Today, Wednesday 5th December the Bishop's Council meet to begin the 'Formal' process of consultation to discuss the Parish Re-Organisation where they will look through correspondances and make a decision over the coming weeks to either continue with their original plans or change them to accomodate the communities who they want to draw into the 'Church'!... And to whom the community are responding from their heart to be listened to!... Although our priests have not become involved with our campaign and voiced their thoughts on Social Media they very much remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Now we just sit and wait for the next outcome. Fingers crossed they will listen to us...We can but hope! x

Stuart Holmes, Michelle Pressman and 3 others · 5 comments

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Marilyn Parker Does any one really think that all the objections to the planned changes will be presented in a fair and balanced way...I think not

Like Reply 24w



Helen Young Are you allowed to attend this meeting, Paula Jeffrey-Powell or Jonathan or Karina?

Like Reply 24w



Paula Jeffrey-Powell Helen Young sadly no. We've done our part for now. They and the bishop are the decision makers x

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Paul Mcleod
6 December 2018

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"What they decide to do will depend on what the community wants.... Let's hope they are still listening at the end of this all" . It would be an awful lot easier and kinder to give people what they want above all else now. A statement stating Father Jonathon and Karina are reinstated. Regardless of further talks, consultation this has been the mass views from the congregations, what difference will delay in process make. Far kinder, especially at this time of year to act on the feedback they've been given.

You, Diane biane, Carolyn Shannon and 2 others 2 comments

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Marilyn Parker Doing all of this in the run up to christmas.....
Like Reply 20w

Paula Jeffrey-Powell Paul Mcleod Couldn't agree more!
Like Reply 20w

Chris Eimes
6 December 2018

Who listened to Jonathon on Radio Solent this morning - about 11.30ish? So admire him!

Stuart Holmes, Norma Hunt and 1 other 8 comments

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4 December 2018

Question for you all....
How many have sent correspondence to the bishop please?
Have you received replies back?
If no would everyone be OK for me to contact him and speak on your behalf? x

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James Bremridge, Michelle Pressman and 1 other
8 comments

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Diane Marie You go girl x fine by me xc

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Lucy Maidens Fine by me x

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Chris Elmes Fine by me!

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Melissa Louise Yes love, do it xxx

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Darren Mckenna Yeah please do. Use any of the points I raised if that'd help xx

Like Reply 24w

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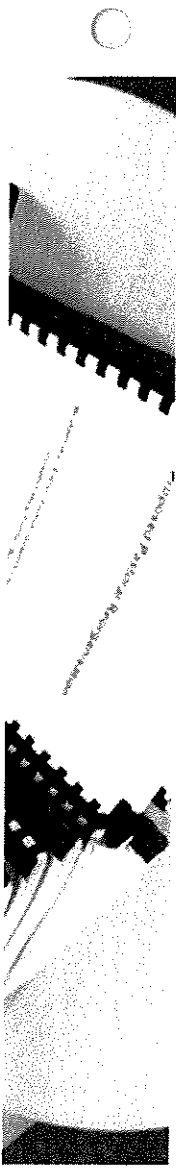
Moe Horswell Yes please Paula. I sent an email directly to the Bishop, and copied in Jenny. The Bishop did not respond! Jenny came back and said my email 'will be included in the papers for the Bishop's Council as one of your statements of view'. I have sent other emails, and copied in the Bishop too.

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Marilyn Jeffrey Great news.
Love Reply 23w

Paula Jeffrey-Powell Mary Close Norma Hunt Alison Watson Darren Mckenna Chris Elmes Stuart Holmes and everyone else!
Like Reply 23w Edited

Carolyn Shannon Well done everyone, at least we know it's being looked at
Love Reply 23w

Paula Jeffrey-Powell We're the pink folders (From what I can read on the front of them...) plus our blue one at the back!
Like Reply 23w Edited

Carolyn Shannon Who are the blue ones
Like Reply 23w

Paula Jeffrey-Powell IOW and Gosport are the smaller pile from what I can read
Like Reply 23w

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Like Reply 23w



Carolyn Shannon So were not the only ones then to be fighting this then, another lie!

Like Reply 23w

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Marilyn Jeffrey Article says that hundreds of emails and many letters have also been received as well as petitions. Every single response has been sent to every member of Bishop's Council to consider That is a lot of reading!!! 😊 😊

Like Reply 23w



Carolyn Shannon Marilyn Jeffrey good, then if they have been ignored up to now they may ask why

Like Reply 23w



Paula Jeffrey-Powell The power of voice hey! 😊 So very proud of everyone!

Like Reply 23w



Mandy Ferdinando Wow I'm almost speechless!!! I pray hard that we are listened too. Thank you all so much and let's not give up. Father Jonathan and family deserve this. 😊 😊

Love Reply 23w



Darren Mickenna I worry that they are still determined to allocate this funding to new church plants and pioneers, I don't take umbrage to that in and of itself but fearful it will be at the expense of our vicars.

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George Hurry Despite my letter not being recieved I have emailed the diocese as follows

Dear Jenny,

Reference my previous emails regarding my letter concerning the reorganisation plans for the parish of Havant. Thank you for confirming that my letter was never received despite it being sent in November.

I fully appreciate that due to circumstances beyond both our control that it never arrived before the cut off date for public consultation. I do however note that the timetable for the Bishops council has now been extended.

What I am graciously asking is that I be given the same courtesy and ask you to accept my letter for consideration.

Regards

George Hurry

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Marilyn Parker What did it say in your letter?

Like Reply 23w

Carolyn Shannon Diocese of Portsmouth thank you, I am not opposed to the changes as such, I have been a long standing member of the church for many years and appreciate there has to be changes. I am more opposed to the way it has been dealt with and the way we as a church have been described (meeting minutes). Our parish is different to others and it is vital that Jonathan remains or the plans will never work. Many in Leigh Park are very untrusting and he needs to be there to show others that it is okay. Thank you again for your reply, many feel they are being ignored or fobbed off, even lied to. Carolyn Shannon

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Carolyn Shannon I got this a minute ago

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Paula Jeffrey.Powell
10 December 2016

Hi

Just a short note from me to say I sent an email letter to the bishop at the end of last month and attached letters from those of you who had asked me to. So please be assured they were sent to him. Assuming he has had a chance to read them due to the sheer volume he seems to have received... Lets hope he has.

Note to self though... When writing to the bishop, very quickly due to approaching deadline. I must ensure I check the grammar more thoroughly before sending! I realised when I read it again last night I had written 'delegated' instead of 'designated'. There were other issues which I missed out too that I wish I had included... I just hope he realises what I was trying to say!

I don't envy the Bishop's Council one bit having to read all that correspondence at this time of the year... Especially priests as it is one of the most busiest times for them! Lets hope they make the 'right' decision.... if they are truly making their decision based on community needs....(I truly hope so!)

All we can do is sit and wait for their next decision now. Fingers crossed...

Coris Eames, Stuart Holmes and 6 others

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Paul McLeod Contents not to important as they can't ignore overwhelming sentiment. X

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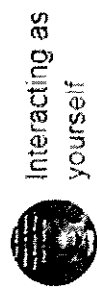
Marilyn Parker Attachment unavailable..
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Paula Jeffrey-Powell Marilyn Parker It says "The vocation of pastor has been replaced by the strategies of religious entrepreneurs with business plans" - Eugene Peterson (@PetersonDaily)
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Marilyn Parker Oh No surprise there then.
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Marilyn Parker I would ask how many people in the community supported their business plan as clearly there must have been more than people who were against it and therefore it shows that the discourse that their word have indeed listened to the community in

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Paula Jeffrey-Powell

14 January

Hi all just wanted to share this thought... (Apologies it's a bit long)

Today as I was looking online for Church stationary I came across a copy of the Church Canons book - Which is a book on Church Law.

I'm an odd person who loves reading this sort of thing and often browse through it.

At the time of it appearing on my screen I was thinking about the Bishop's Council and the proposed Parish Reorganisation. I hasten to add I did not go out of my way to look anything up in relation to it all at that time!

As the book description was very brief I looked up the Canons online to have another look before I considered purchasing a copy and I came across one which says this...

"A 8 Of schisms

"Forasmuch as the Church of Christ has for a long time past been distressed by separations and schisms among Christian men, so that the unity for which our Lord prayed is impaired and the witness to his gospel is grievously hindered. it is the duty of clergy and people to do their utmost not only to avoid occasions of strife but also to seek in penitence and brotherly charity to heal such divisions."

I may have got the 'wrong end of the stick' on this wording but this began me thinking....

So far the proposal for reorganisation of parishes and the removal of their priests has caused a lot of upset amongst not just the churches affected but those in the communities of which they serve too.

Instead of 'uniting' the 'Church' as a whole with communities it has divided it in many places.

Instead of bringing the relationship of our Diocese closer to our communities it has pushed the relationship apart.

People who regularly attend the parish church are angry and talking of leaving their spiritual home if the vicar is unfairly removed. even those who have been there for years... Unfairly being they are removed from post through no choice of their own. Unfairly being that their families are being



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The 'Church' (Diocese) who are trying to unite with the people they are trying to reach are instead pushing them away and loosing their trust because the 'Church Diocese' proposals intend to remove the vicar's they have grown to know, love and trust and the community want them to remain.

I know in my community of Leigh Park and Warren Park that it has taken absolutely years to build up the high standard of trust between the church and the community which is now in place, due to the community always being let down by others who say they will be here for them and listen to them and then do not.

I have grown up in St Francis Church and I personally feel I was brought up in a Church which 'unites' not divides...

I know the public part of the consultation has now ended and that the Bishop's Council will meet to discuss this situation of the proposals.

I know they have been asked by the Bishop to read all the correspondence received before making their decision.

I only hope that as they have read the correspondences' that they will realise those who have written have done so with compassion from the heart.

I hope that those who read it realise that those who would know what is in the best interest of these communities are those of the people who live and serve in them already... the people of these communities who walk

alongside one another with their vicars who have grown to know them

because they have walked with them on their journey... Isn't that what we're all called to do? Isn't this 'Build Up My Church' to which St Francis was

called to do and we do too... The people of these communities are God's people too... These are the very people our Churches, vicars and one another engage with on a daily basis, through God.

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Just to end with this...

The Bishop's Council are due to meet on Monday 28th January. The evening before the meeting - Sunday 27th January - St Francis Church will have their normal monthly 'Silent Prayer' evening. This usually takes place the last Sunday of every month for an hour 6pm - 7pm when the Church is open for anyone who would like to spend some time in private prayer by candle light with reflective music in the background. There is no spoken word or singing, just private prayer between you and God. On this occasion the evening will be focussed on the Bishop's Council meeting and all those involved in the proposals - Especially in our community for Fr Jonathan and Reverend Karina.

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This invitation is open to all regardless of whether you attend Church regularly or not at all, and other churches are welcome too. We continue to keep those involved in this situation in our thoughts and prayers. Let's hope and pray that the voices of the communities are listened to and changes that occur will be in accordance to what the 'people' ask for so as to bring the relationship between the 'Church', Diocese and communities closer together not further apart..

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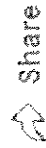
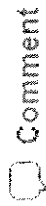
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James Bremridge, Michelle Pressman and 13 others 3 comments



Michelle Pressman Shame they can't read this Paula x

Like Reply 18w



Moe Horswell Thank you for sharing this Paula. I too hope everyone at the Bishop's Council has thoroughly read the comments from the Community, and that Fr Jonathan and Rev Karina are allowed to continue their wonderful works. God bless you x

Like Reply 18w



Beryl Jones thankyou paula for sharing allyourworking thoughts with us beryl

Like Reply 18w



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Paula Jeffrey-Powell

16 January

I have a question for you all...

If you could shout out one last final plea to the Bishop and his Council on here in the hope of being heard regarding their proposed plans for removing our priests from our communities before they make their final decision at their meeting on the 28th, what would that plea be?

This question is open to anyone in our communities as well as anyone connected to this page and beyond!

I need as many people to answer this question as possible please. It could be your last chance at this stage...
Thanks x



Helen Young Michelle Pressman and 5 others

13 comments



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Heleen Young Our community will be devastated if we lose either of our trusted and cherished vicars. Please listen to us all and work with them and the parishioners to help the congregations thrive. If you ignore the will of our community you will lose the majority of the existing congregations who will feel utterly betrayed. Don't make them sacrificial lambs in this ruthless business plan. God placed them here for a purpose and they constantly fulfill His will in all their good works.

Love Reply 18w



Paul McLeod Jonathon and Katrina mean an awful lot to people. most- all? Of the local congregations and too many local people whom they've also helped. From the start of this process people want to keep Jonathon and Karina above all else.

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Chris Mills What would Jesus do?

Love Reply 18w

Moe Horswell The Community love and respect Jonathan and Karina, and the Church need people like them who lead by example. Don't throw the baby out with the bath water - adjust the temperature of the water but keep these two wonderful people.

Love Reply 18w



Jennifer Hurry Please listen to the communities of West Leigh and Leigh Park. It was said that you will do what the people want. What we want and need is for Father Jonathon and Rev Karina to stay in this community. They understand the people and they carry out God's work as I believe God wants them too. Please talk to our vicars and listen to them, they know their communities and congregations. Dont cast them aside as if they don't matter I have seen a side to the Church of England that I don't like, perhaps it was naive of me. Please let's have a good outcome from this?

Love Reply 18w



Michelle Pressman For the love of God (I mean that sincerely) keep Father Jonathon doing his job where he belongs with us xx

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Love Reply 15w



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Love Reply 18w Edited



David Arkwell Father Jonathon is not just our priest he is a member of our community that we are able to turn to as if we were talking to an older brother or uncle when we need advise

Love Reply 18w



Alison Watson I know that there are a lot more people involved in this reorganisation than just Fr. Jonathan and Revd. Karina, and to them and their communities I send my prayers. The church communities of Leigh Park and West Leigh need investment and support from the Diocese they do not need to lose their incumbents in order for this investment to happen. Please listen to all of the people who have spoken, written or posted during the informal consultation they are begging you to help them keep their churches so they can be an investment in our communities future.

Love Reply 17w



Bettina Brown Although the extra funding would be of great benefit to our communities, this would be at the loss of our clergy who have worked tirelessly in building up the trust on the estate. Please find an alternative plan which would be of benefit to all.

Love Reply 17w



Norma Hunt We need the funding but we need to keep 'Our Two

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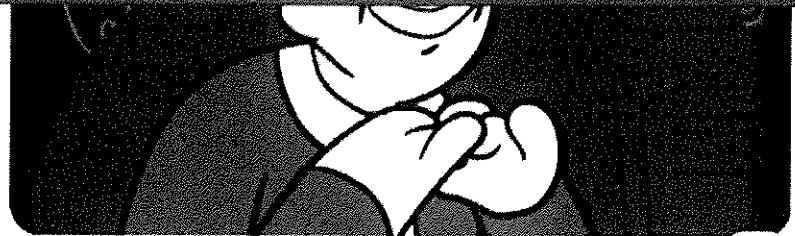
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Stuart Holmes The current clergy know their communities well and are known and loved in those communities - build around them and not instead of them - learn from them, listen to them, resource them with teams of community workers/pioneers. If they are removed, then those who follow will have a tough job starting from scratch

Love Reply 17w



Rachel Zoe Reese So many time I have reached out to Jonathan and Carolyn. They have helped me with my mental health. I feel safe reaching out to them as I know it will go no further. I know they have helped a lot of other people in the community and it will be devastating if they go please please please don't let them go as we need them

Love Reply 17w



Paula Jeffrey-Powell

14 January

Hi all just wanted to share this thought... (Apologies it's a bit long)
Today as I was looking online for Church stationary I came across a cc the Church Canons book - Which is a book on Church Law.
I'm an odd person who loves reading this sort of thing and often browse through it.
At the time of it appearing on my screen I was thinking about the Bisho Council and the proposed Parish Reorganisation. I hasten to add I did out of my way to look anything up in re...

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Hi Everyone!

Thought it would be a good idea to bring everyone up-to-date with what is happening regarding the proposals for reorganising the Parish Churches in the communities of Leigh Park, Warren Park and West Leigh.

The Bishop's Council should have by now read all the correspondence they received from the public. Their rescheduled meeting is due to take place THIS Monday 28th January 2019. We should then know shortly after what their decisions would be for the next stage.

For those who have seen this page and do not understand what is going on, please let me explain... Although it is quite long...sorry.

To my understanding...

Back in October 2018 it was announced that Fr Jonathan Jeffery and Reverend Karina Green were called to a meeting to discuss the future of work within the parishes of the churches St Francis Leigh Park, St Clare Warren Park, and St Alban West Leigh and how they serve the communities in which they are placed.

Fr Jonathan and Reverend Karina were told of the plans the diocese (their boss) would like to join all three churches into 'one' parish and that staffing would change. This will mean three churches under one vicar - THERE IS

NO SUGGESTION OF CHURCHES CLOSING!

Both Fr Jonathan and Reverend Karina were given the option to either reapply for one of the new posts which will be created or to accept a redundancy offer as their present posts will cease to exist.

The diocese have proposed there to be 'one' vacancy for Vicar to serve all three parish Churches and with other people to form the new team including administration.

The diocese then organised a public meeting to explain to people their decision.

Since this was announced there has been a very loud public outcry for our priests to remain within our community.

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priests to remain within our community. The meeting was not organised at a venue in a community relating to these three churches - in fact it was in Waterlooville. So many who wanted to attend could not due to lack of travel and disabilities issues... although due to managing to request transport from the diocese some others were able to go. The public meeting was packed with many people who both attend church and those who do not, but who do have a very strong relationship with the church through their priests. Many people turned up to support Fr Jonathan and spoke of how he had affected their lives and they did not want him to leave. People very upset and spoke with immense passion from their hearts to try and have their voices heard. At the end of this meeting Fr Jonathan opposed the proposed resolution and received a standing ovation from those who had attended the meeting to show their support for him. Fr Jonathan did not know so many would attend the meeting but appreciated their overwhelming love and support.

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From my understanding there are ten priests in total in this position of losing their posts if this present proposal is accepted. Some are said to have accepted the proposals others have not.

Following this meeting, many people wrote to the diocese with their concerns and complaints.

Letters were written to the diocesan office, to the Bishop of Portsmouth and some to the Archbishop himself. Others replied to newspaper articles responding to the Bishop's articles but said their replies were not acknowledged and printed.

Meetings also took place between the PCC and the Bishop's Council to discuss the various issues.

On the last day of public consultation members from St Francis and St Clare handed in a file with various information which was researched and collated including petitions with signatures from the community and beyond - in fact there were signatures from various other countries too as well as our ecumenical partners from our friends at out local Roman Catholic Church. Members of the local community also set up this page on which I write and we thank them so much for this. This was all presented in the hope the information and correspondence would be read and taken into consideration and taken seriously by the Bishop's Council as people feared they would not

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With such a huge response from the public from us, the Isle of Wight and Gosport the Bishop of Portsmouth (Jonathan & Karina's bosses) requested the bishop council extended their allotted time so as to read the correspondence received. This was unanimously agreed by the council. So now the Bishop's council (who are making the decisions) will meet on Monday 28th January to discuss the outcome of what they have read and make a decision as to whether to continue with their original plan - which will involve removing Fr Jonathan and Reverend Karina from their posts to make way for their new plans - or to rethink and decide on a new proposal. We will find out by the end of the week the outcome of that meeting.

Fr Jonathan and Reverend Karina have not been involved with this public campaign to keep them within our community neither were they responsible for inviting people to the public meeting. It was the community's decision to attend the meeting. Neither of them have had any input in what we within the community have undertaken or said but they have been very much in our thoughts and prayers through out- as have all the other priests who are affected.

. It is the communities who are speaking out both those who use Social Media and those who do not.
We hope and pray the Bishop's Council will listen to the people of the communities in which these priest's serve and allow them to stay serving in our communities and be a part of the new plans whatever they may be.
I hope this goes some way to explain to people how this all began through to where we are at present.
We will keep you all posted when we know more.

... I think that about covers it... If I've missed anything out please do add it below...

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David Arkwell Many thanks for bringing us up to date Paula Jeffrey-Powell Like Reply 16w

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Donna Armstrong Very well explained paula x Like Reply 16w




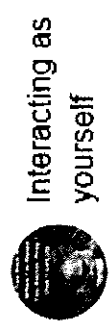
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**They that sow the wind shall
reap the whirlwind. (Hosea 8/7)**

**Let's hope the Archdeacon and
Bishop's Council realise what
they have done and we now see
there was no truth in the
Bishop's promise that 'what we
offer would be what the
community wants'. This just
shows how determined certain
people were to push this
through.**

 Paula Jeffrey-Powell

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Paula Jeffrey-Powell · So no different from before then Diocese of Portsmouth for our area! Not happy with that at all! You clearly have not listened to the public AT ALL as you still intend to remove the Vicar's from their posts! What planet are you on! · Like Reply 15w Edited

Julie Adams · Paula Jeffrey-Powell I think it should go on tv median all the news papper I would because people are not a were whats happenig in leigh park only people who goes to church nos if u do in public more people might do some thing only got to try xxxcccc only a thought lol · Like Reply 15w

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Jill Dunham It's such a shame and so short sighted.

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Marilyn Parker Makes me proud to be an atheist...

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Mandy Ferdinando Angry and defeated

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Sue Gover Guess they have already decided

Like Reply 15w



Darren Mckenna Absolutely disgusting behaviour from an elitist few wielding power of the masses- this is what makes people turn away from the church- the decision makers pockets are lined, they don't have to walk in our estates amongst us uneducated and uncultured fools and they can pat each other's egos in their ivory towers when they continue to fudge the numbers to paint fictional successes! Disgusting and completely predictable!

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Marilyn Parker It was a done deal from the beginning.

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 Andrew Stevens What the people of God need are priests, not managers- they need the Sacraments of the Church!

Like Reply 15w

 Karen Davidson Discussing , they knew what the outcome was going to be. They we're just going through the motions. Our community will suffer due to these selfish idiots not listening to the people of the community. We must stick together xx

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 Paula Jeffrey-Powell Barry Dominic Fenton - It would seem we made no difference to their decision as it remains the same. This is so unfair to our community and especially our vicar. I absolutely hate the C of E and diocese right now...I've never felt this negative about the Church since I first began. Heartless... Completely heartless!

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I think at this point we all need to gather around Jonathan and his family and give them the support they need. We then need to formulate a plan to name and shame the diocese for all what they have done. I feel the media needs to be involved but not the local, national coverage is needed. Lets not go down without a fight. Please all be mindfull this is about Jonathan so lets see what he wants to do first. We must be level headed and in control of what we do. God bless you all.

You Marilyn Jeffrey Bettina Brown and 14 others
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Julie Adams Yea i agree how many more agree
Like Reply 15w



Karen Davidson Agree xx
Like Reply 15w



Paula Jeffrey-Powell I am speaking with him later. I'll put the suggestion to him. Thanks as always George Hurry
Like Reply 15w



George Hurry Paula Jeffrey-Powell my support to Jonathan and his family as always Paula. Could you please let Jonathan and Carolyn know the whole Hurry family are thinking and praying for them all and we will do everything we can to support them. Thank you do much for everything you have done Paula you deserve so much praise.
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Paula Jeffrey-Powell I will certainly pass on your love and support to them. I know they will very much appreciate it. As

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Like Reply 15w Edited



George Hurry Paula Jeffrey-Powell Amen

Like Reply 15w



Julie Adams Paula Jeffrey-Powell paula dont bet yourself up over this u done a fantastic job that what u done never never say that u can only do what u can and u just did it so im by your side every step of the way give my love to Johnthan and Caroline and his family im sorry i have not been there i have loads of problems my self i have not been very well for a long time im finally done it had blood tes do e so wating came now ok cxcxc

Like Reply 15w



Paula Jeffrey-Powell Julie Adams Oh bless you Julie. I hope you start to feel better soon x

Like Reply 15w



Julie Adams Paula Jeffrey-Powell i think a lot of its stress over my mum and my brouther dont help xxxxx my brouther list his father in law ladt year in end of may xxx yea hope u ok lol part from all this lol xxxxx

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Chris Elmes Paula - let me know as i've had the reporter from Radio Solent on the phone again. I said I didn't know the situation yet.

Like Reply 15w



Michelle Pressman Agree x

Like Reply 15w



Jennifer Hurry I agree with you George.x

Like Reply 15w



Charlene Maines He has my support

Like Reply 15w



Alison Watson With you all the way George. Let the communities of Leigh Park and West Leigh show the world what love and support looks like. X

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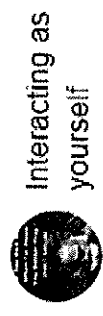
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Just had this thought....

Nigel Farage had a proposal for how to make the country better.... got approval of some people.... and look what's happened since... the country and it's government is in a mess and everyone is arguing with each other... The Bishop's Council come up with proposals of how to make our communities better without knowing what it's like on the ground.... they get approvals from 'their' council people regardless what those who live here want and cause uproar ... it is turning into a mess It's like the Church version of Brexit!...

Diane Marie and 2 others

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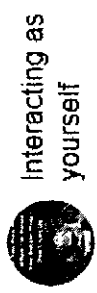
Darren Mckenna I've made this analogy before it is exactly like the broader political landscape- a few at the top without any respect or understanding of how we the people work making sweeping statements which radically affect our lives for the worse and serve to make their lives much more comfortable. The diocese really do bring the bigots of right wing politics to mind. Well made point Paula xx

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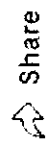
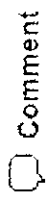
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Request for you all!...
Please do write a message on below here for the diocese on your response to their decision!...



4 comments



irene freeman Please listen to the people and reverse your decision

Love Reply 15w



Diane Marie Whats the old saying "if it aint broke dont fix it" please listen to what the community want . Our vicars already do most of what your proposing just give them a bit of help for the other things . If you did this you would actually gain the respect of the local community . Go ahead with your plan and that respect will gone forever!!!

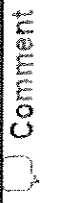
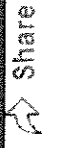
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Michelle Bryce Please reverse it! It's the people who make the church

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Paul McLeod Diocese powers that be. Please stop thinking, behaving like business people. Use, trust your Christian ethos. Give the masses, your constituents what they want, their current vicars. Then invest money to strengthen the local team so each church has an appointed person running it and money is spent on long over due maintenance, ie the heating.

Love Reply 15w



Paula Jeffrey-Powell

2 February

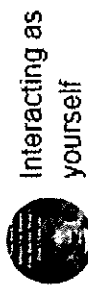
Along with our own situation...

We also send our love and support to all other churches affected by the Diocese' decision... Churches on the Isle of Wight and in Gosport.

James Brambridge, Chris Elmes and 6 others

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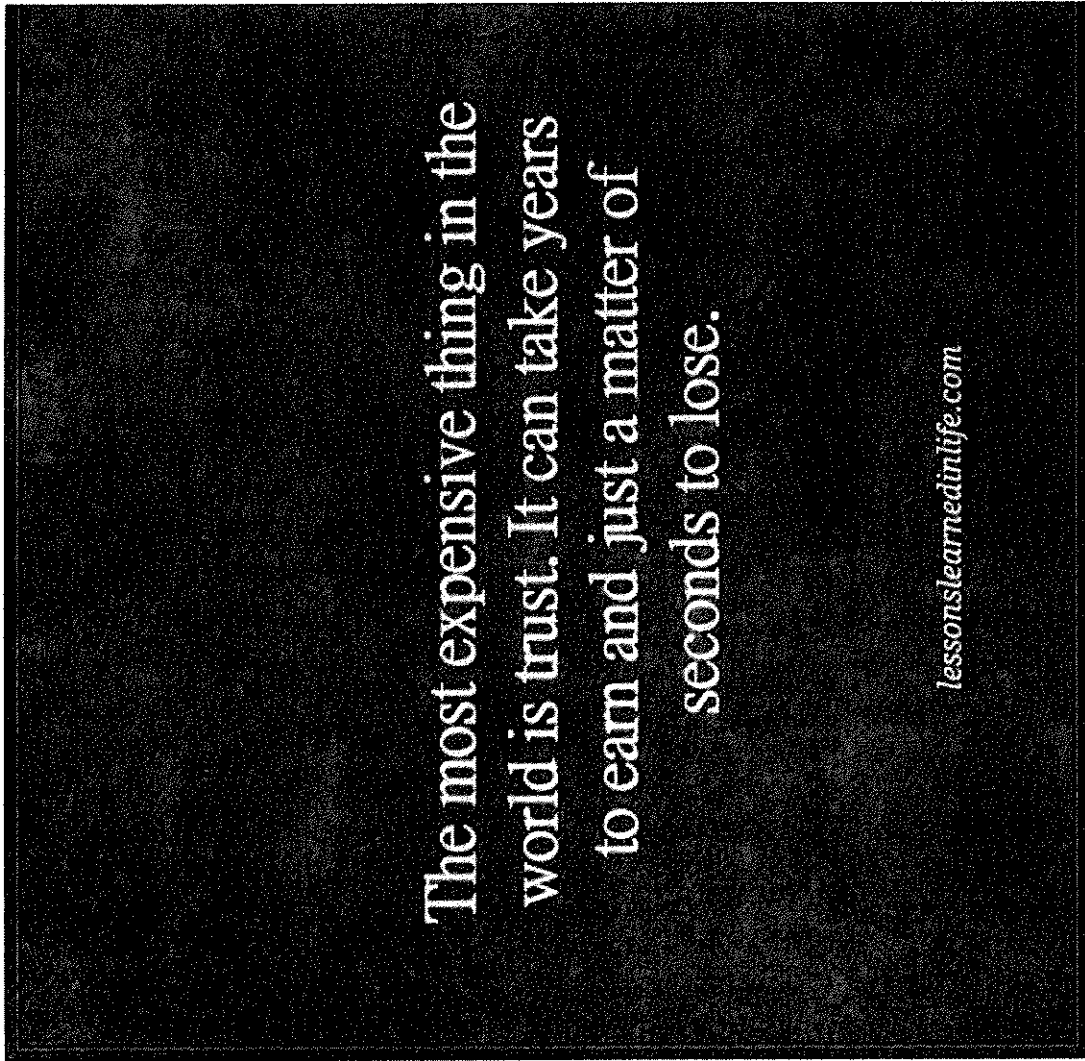
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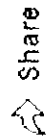
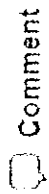
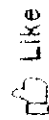
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No words needed on this occasion... would you not agree?



Mandy Fernando, Chris Elmes and 11 others

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Helen Young Can this be shared to Portsmouth Diocese's page please Paula Jeffrey.Powell?x

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Paula Jeffrey-Powell

1 February

My heart is breaking reading everyone's comments from people on here... I hope you are proud of yourselves Portsmouth Diocese! You've just torn the Heart out of our community that you are trying to reach out to!

Chris Eimes, Stuart Holmes and 7 others

12 comments

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Marilyn Parker They don't care...

Like Reply 15w



Paula Jeffrey-Powell Clearly

Like Reply 15w



Kris Mayer I am not an Anglican but as a fellow Christian, this is so upsetting. They have not treated you with respect or love. Shame on them, being motivated by finance and not faith...

Like Reply 15w Edited

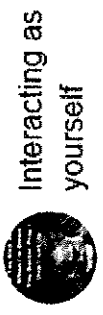


Marilyn Parker I thankfully am not a Christian and pleased I am not after watching this for 3 months...I though it was strange that "Christians" would hang out their priests to dry for over 3 months while they discussed if they were worthy to keep their jobs..it was a done deal from the beginning.. disgraceful

Like Reply 15w Edited



Chris Mills Marilyn Parker dont follow people, follow Jesus



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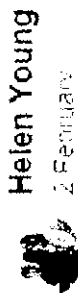
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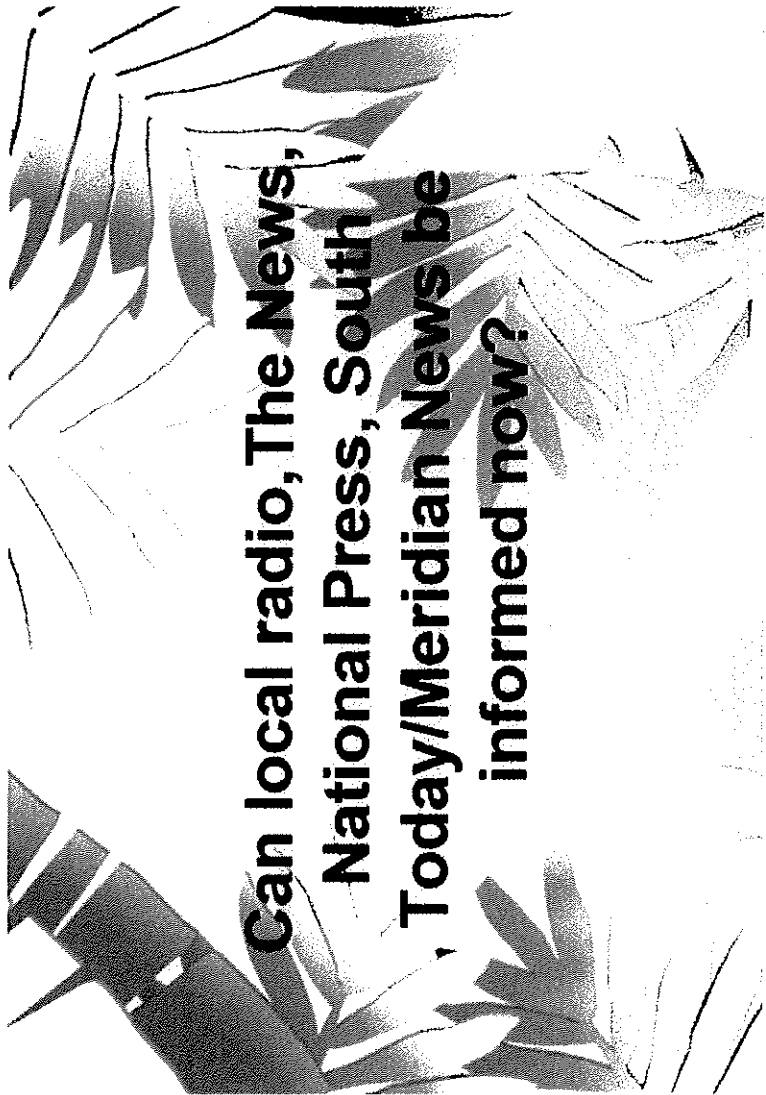
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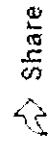
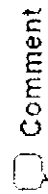
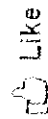


Helen Young
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Julie Adams and 3 others

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Mandy Ferdinando I believe Chris Elmes is in touch with a local radio station.

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Chris Elmes I had a phone call from Radio Solent a couple of months back and this has been followed up a couple of times by one of their reporters. He is on the case and was waiting - like all of us - for the decision. I'll let you know when I hear again. I wrote to the News but no response at all and also no response from the Bishop.

Like Reply 15w



Helen Young It feels like the decision has now been made, Chris. Can you do an interview describing what's happened and how devastated people are, please? Also perhaps some of the young people from the church could take part if they agree as their voices need to be heard too.

Like Reply 15w



Chris Elmes I'm happy to speak to the reporter if he rings but, if any of the young people would like to contact him, his e mail address is: dominic.blake@bbc.co.uk
Pretty sure he would be happy to hear from anyone!

Like Reply 15w



Dominic Blake

