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Julie Adams Well said paula xcc Like Reply 15w

Helen Young Can you put this on their page, Paula Jeffrey-Powell?x Like Reply 15w

Paula Jeffrey-Powell I've tried but am having trouble adding the photo onto there. Will try again later Like Reply 15w

George Hurry My three children are also in this picture, they have told me they will no longer go if we loose Jonathan. Reply 15w

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Love Reply 15w



Michelle Pressman Very poignantly put Paula, if the Diocese cannot see sense, perhaps they should try listening to these children and listen to that quiet voice called a conscience, search their collective souls, have a heart and stop this now before this institution they call the Church of England is publicly humiliated in the press. The church after all is made out of people. No congregation and they have no church.

Like Reply 15w



Jennifer Hurry Perhaps the children of St Francis would like to have a discussion on this. They are the future

Like Reply 15w



Jennifer Hurry Sorry pressed wrong button. Meant to also say many of the children have their own opinions on all of this and the Diocese might learn from these children if they listened to them.



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Helen Young Could some of them be involved in the Radio Solent interview, that Chris Elmes is due to arrange please?

Like Reply 15w



Chris Elmes Helen Young I'm not arranging anything! I just answered a phone call from a reporter! Just need to make that clear lol

Like Reply 15w



Helen Young Oh I see, perhaps Paula Jeffrey-Powell be willing to do an interview about it all, please? A wider public audience needs to know what's going on here and in other areas. I think they feel we will all shut up and let them get on with it now and admit defeat. However the money hasn't been approved yet, so there may still be a chance to reverse this awful plan.

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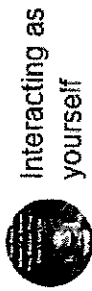


Chris Elmes Helen Young I do hope so but I have serious doubts. I think we have seen evidence that the Bishop handled the truth carelessly!

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Paula Jeffrey-Powell

1 February

Question for you all!...

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



Mary Close

4 comments



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Mandy Ferdinando They decided long ago what they were doing. Several people knew this at the meeting and stated so. I've lost hope and faith in them listening to us. They don't care. It's all about profit now and lining their pockets and congratulating each other on how rich they will be :-)

Like Reply 15w



Chris Elmes See above. So angry and upset! How can anyone in this community ever trust the Diocese, even though we knew after the meeting that they would not listen to us.

Like Reply 15w



Diane Marie It was decided in the beginning clearly. They just wanted to keep us clueless for that bit longer. They had no intention of listening. The article in the news a few days after the meeting proved that!!!

Like Reply 15w

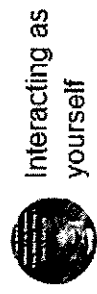


Bettina Brown Please rethink and pay attention to the wants of the community.

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Paula Jeffrey-Powell
7 February

Well. lovely people!! This will make you smile! :-)

Tonight at Deanery Synod (Church council for all churches through out Havant Deanery) (complicated to explain)

Tonight we had Jenny - whom you have all written to since this proposals for Parish Reorganisation involving removing Fr Jonathan and Reverend Karina began.

Victoria who is the Diocesan Secretary...

And Gavin who is Archdeacon of The Meon area... Still no sign of our own Archdeacon! She hasn't been to a meeting with us since the public meeting!

Anyway to get to my point!...

Each of them took part in a Question / Answer session with the members of this council, for which Fr Jonathan, Reverend Karina and I were present as we are members..and this happened...

Victoria - Secretary - Commented on the sheer volume of correspondence that was received from all areas affected...

And guess what!...

She said our area sent in the most!! (only just)

...And yet they still chose to ignore it and go further with their own plans rather than what the community have so clearly shouted out to them for!



Maryjo Jeffrey

14 comments



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Paul McLeod How can your arch deacon avoid such meetings? Surely important part of the post? They're rail roading things through. Clearly set in their ways. Madness as they run the risk of losing congregations. Surely if a diocese loses a lot of their parisheners there'd be the possibility the church could say they need less arch deacons, need to merge diocese?



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Paula Jeffrey-Powell Every time we have a meeting involving an Archdeacon we are always told our one is conveniently "at another meeting" . However, in all fairness the one who IS attending our meetings seemed lovely tonight. Couldn't fault him. Wish he was 'our' Archdeacon!

Like Reply 14w



Paul Mcleod Strange why yours is at another meeting, can that really be as important. why are these meetings taking place at sometime if often this is the case.

Like Reply 14w



Helen Young She's obviously avoiding the meetings on purpose. So disgusted with her for doing this and then keeping a low profile afterwards!

Like Reply 14w



Paul Mcleod Helen Young indeed surely with on going diocese plans surely these meetings would be essential. All a bit odd a key person, regularly missing them . Strange too as church have decided to think and behave in a business like way surely someone in her page would be crucial at the meetings.

Like Reply 14w



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Chris Elmes The behaviour of the Archdeacon is unacceptable at such a time - I hope she is ashamed of her behaviour and that is why she feels unable to face people.

Like Reply 14w

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Paula Jeffrey-Powell She may genuinely be at meetings but it just seems weird she hasn't been to us since.

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Helen Young I don't believe that for a second, Paula. Chris has it summed up perfectly, but if she is remorseful, she should reverse this now. I actually have my doubts that she regrets anything, though. She's avoiding being confronted with what they have forced through and letting everyone else take over now.

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Like Reply 14w



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Paula Jeffrey-Powell
17 February

Hi Everyone
Question....

The diocese have commented during the process we only want Fr Jonathan and Reverend Karina to stay because of 'WHO' they are and that they could leave any time so why can't they be moved now...BUT as it was pointed out by the church council of St Francis and St Clare's to the Bishop's Council making decisions of these two priest's future, when and if they do leave in the future it would be through their own choice and not because they are being forced to and that would be acceptable...what the Bishop's Council and diocese is intending to do with them at present is NOT.

The diocese seem to think we are focussing too much on Janthan and Karina as people and not focussing on their work of the church in the community which they do in abundance!

My question is....


What is YOUR reply to this and how has Fr Jonathan and Reverend Karina affected your lives through their priestly ministry....or in church language - church mission within the community.


What evidence can we show the bishop's council of Karina and Jonathan's work?

What message do you want to send back to those making these decisions?
The Church Council (PCC) are still able to fight the diocese's decision but we need your feedback to share please...we have another 7 weeks in which we can do this.

 Chris Elmes and Marilyn Jeffrey 9 comments

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Mandy Ferdinando: Personally, I have recently attended a funeral held by father Jonathan. I've been, sadly to a few funerals, and never before have I seen one like father Jonathan does. The respect, the kindness, the compassion shown was something I've not seen before. I was moved by the way it was all done and for me, I've never seen anything like this before. I've also seen school performances in church like the nativity. The children love father Jonathan and how he responds to them. I've seen pantomimes, and may I add, awesome performances from the man himself. I've seen many things father Jonathan has done for our community. His family too. When I went to church for the first time ever here, his family made me feel welcome and not to sit alone. I don't know many people like father Jonathan who will come and see people during the night, being there when needed and not just as a friend but as a vicar. What more can I say. We don't want to loose him because he is our community. He's held many peoples events, funerals, christenings and many more.

Like Reply 145

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Like Reply 14w



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Paul Mcleod It's no good the diocese trying to find a fault with why their congregations want to keep their current vicars. All that says is we'd already made this decision and we want everyone to just agree. Clearly it's not just about Jonathan and Karinas personality. If as vicars they'd not done their job well, if as professionals they'd not consistently done right by their congregations they wouldn't have the over whelming love and support they have. The diocese mentioning " they might leave" is irrelevant compared to previous history. the here and now, all the good work they've done. The diocese need to as they said in beginning listen and take into account the parishioners views. The diocese will then save everyone's time, energy, stop the stress their putting on everyone involved, including themselves. Jonathan and Karinas devotion, work may well have added to the congregations. I'm certain replacing them will lead to the diocese losing parisheners. This will not go away, the congregations will not sit by and allow the diocese to railroad through their ideas. Diocese one question. Do you really want to risk losing a large number of your congregations for the assumption changes will bring new members to the church? Word of mouth, the views of current parisheners will be a strong part of gaining new parisheners.

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Paula Jeffrey-Powell

2 February

Hi all...

I've been thinking about what you have all said about involving the media... To be honest, as I said in the past when the media was mentioned during the public consultation stage - The decision should come from the community and not the vicar. Jonathan has a lot to deal with right now and as a community who think the world of him - and Karina and are determined to fight for them to stay - I think that decision should come from the people of the community.

This is YOUR vicar. YOUR friend. the same person who has touch your hearts and the hearts of many others too by the love and service they have shown over the years and all the hard work that has been undertaken by them to build up the relationship between the 'Church' and the Community - Which is now being torn out from under our feet!

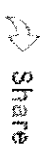
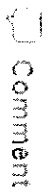
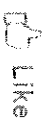
I fear however, that this relationship between the Church in general (not talking locally) and our community has now become very damaged in our community due to the diocese not listening and working 'with' the community they are trying to change. The 'Trust' they hoped to build on... is now 'non-existent'.

As far as I'm concerned you're the one's who are standing up for 'one of your own' - for what is right. Do what is in your heart!



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Helen Young Please can you ask for members on here to vote on media involvement then Paula Jeffrey-Powell? I vote Yes.x

Like Reply 15x



Diane Marie I vote yes.

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I've been thinking about what you have all said about involving the media... To be honest, as I said in the past when the media was mentioned during the public consultation stage - The decision should come from the community and not the vicar. Jonathan has a lot to deal with right now and as a community who think the world of him - and Karina and are determined to fight for them to stay - I think that decision should come from the people of the community.

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Nicky Carol Parker I vote yes xx

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George Hurry I vote yes

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Jennifer Hurry I vote Yes

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Carolyn Shannon I vote yes

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Ken Whitwick I vote yes

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Carolyn Shannon I vote yes

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Helen Young Is anything happening yet with involving the media please, Paula Jeffrey-Powell.x

Like Reply 14w



Chris Eimes Reporter rang again but there was no new information I could give him as waiting for result from deanery Synod etc. We now know that although Karina values our support, the West Leigh PCC have agreed not to fight it! This complicates matters for Everyone!

Like Reply 14w



Helen Young Oh no, that's such a shame. They should be fighting this too. Yes it really does complicate things. Karina must feel it's a battle she can't win.

Like Reply 14w



Diane Marie Helen Young or do they think it will go in her favour if she applies for the new job!!!

Like Reply 14w



Helen Young I hadn't thought of it like before that, Diane Marie, just about trying to save them both and reverse this.x

Like Reply 14w



Paula Jeffrey-Powell Media is in hand. Look out for tomorrow's

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Update...



St Francis, Leigh Park

Published by Paula Jeffrey-Powell 3 Apr

Processed Parish Reorganisation Update

Thank you the Bishop's Council meet to discuss the next stage of the Parish Reorganisation proposals. We have submitted papers on behalf of the Parochial Church Council of St Francis & St Clares regarding the appalling way in which we feel the whole situation has been handled and the negative affect it has had on our vicar and community.

We have offered them a counter proposal for a vision we feel would benefit even the concerned in our area. We pray for the members of Bishop's Council tonight for guidance and love as they make these very important decisions. We hope they will listen and make decisions based on what their heart tells them and build on the foundations already in place rather than remove the foundations and start from scratch. These foundations being the priestly ministry already shown our community through the love and service offered by Fr Jonathan and Reverend Karina on a daily basis and include them into the new vision. Fr Jonathan will be meeting with the whole Bishop's Council at 7pm to make a personal statement to all present.

To Fr Jonathan, Calvyn, Reverend Karina and all those affected by these proposals, we wish you the very best of luck and our love. You are all very much in our thoughts and prayers both tonight and as you await the outcome of tonight's meeting. We are right here with you! GOD BLESS!

St Francis & St Clares Social Media Coordinator



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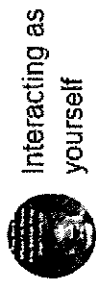
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Like Reply 5w



Mandy Ferdinando replied 3 replies



Mandy Ferdinando 5 April

Anyone else received an email too? Not one bit of notice taken from us

Marilyn Jeffrey

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Marilyn Jeffrey Yes got mine.

Like Reply 5w



Paula Jeffrey-Powell shared a photo.

5 April



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Paula Jeffrey-Powell

5 April

This is the email letter being received from Jenny Hollingsworth at the diocese. It is no different to what is on their website. It is NOT acceptable and not thorough enough with detail... but hey that's the diocese for you!



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JENNY HOLLINGSWORTH

12:01 (8 minutes ago) to Portsmouth

Dear all,

I'm writing to you again because you expressed interest in our plans for pastoral reorganisation and/or gave us your email address at one of the public meetings we held last October. There has been another development that we'd like to keep you informed about.

We'd like to let you know that the Bishop's Council of our diocese has recommended plans to reorganise parishes along the lines that were suggested in January. They have asked the bishop to recommend these plans to the national Church of England, which will take the ultimate decision.

As you will know, the original plans were drawn up to reorganise parishes in three separate areas of our diocese because our Bishop's Council wanted us all to become more committed as disciples of Jesus, to have a greater impact as Christians on our local communities, and to enlarge our church congregations.

The idea was that new teams of ministers – clergy and non-clergy – would be created in central Gosport, Newport, and the Leigh Park estates, to plant brand new congregations, inspire and deepen discipleship, promote evangelism, and improve church buildings – as well as maintain traditional worship.

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Those members of our Bishop's Council – who are elected representatives from our C of E parishes –will offer to return to those parishes they visited during the consultation periods. They want to talk through specific points made by clergy and PCCs in their responses to the proposals and to consider a way forward that might address some of those concerns.

The formal proposals recommended in Gosport include the creation of a new team ministry covering Bridgemary, Elson and Rowner; and a new team ministry covering Forton, Christ Church and Holy Trinity. The suggestion from the PCC of St John's, Forton, that its building should become a mission hub for Gosport cannot be considered by the Bishop's Council until June, when a report has been received from the national C of E's Church Buildings Council.

The proposals recommended in the Havant deanery are for a new team ministry covering West Leigh, Leigh Park and Warren Park. And the proposals recommended on the Isle of Wight are for a new team ministry covering Newport Minster, St John's, Carisbrooke and Barton. Its clergy would also have responsibility for the separate parish of Gatcombe.

These formal proposals for parish reorganisation will now be considered by the Church Commissioners, who are responsible for legal structures in parishes across the Church of England. They will also consult with the clergy, parishes, residents and other interested parties over the coming months before making a final decision.

Thank you for your interest, and for your participation in this process so far. We will continue to keep you informed about progress.

Yours sincerely,

Jenny Hollingsworth

Secretary to Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee

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Ken Whitwick Thank you for running the community in Leigh park

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Like Reply 6w

Paula Jeffrey-Powell Hi Ken Whitwick you need to put this on their page as they cannot see this post - as far as I know

Like Reply 6w

Paula Jeffrey-Powell Please don't leave yet Ken. Jonathan needs you more than ever at the moment. We'll all leave together at the end if Church Commissioners don't change this. Lets stay and help Jonathan and Carolyn through this together united as one Church Family who believes in supporting one another

Like Reply 6w

Mandy Ferdinando Don't give up. Keep fighting till the end. They are worth the fight.

Like Reply 6w

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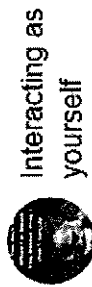
I know I'm not alone when I say I don't get all the legal jargon regarding the diocese and all these people making decisions against the communities views about this big shake up of the churches and our vicars losing there jobs. But what I do know is, these vicars, personally for me, father Jonathan and family, have been in some of the communities family's for years and years. He's been our vicar for marriages, funerals, christenings and even been there at the end of people's lives. Supporting families. Being there at hours when they should be asleep. Children look forward to seeing them at schools and father Jonathan has made a huge impact on the whole of leigh park. When I first moved my children to Riders school, father Jonathan was one of the first people, along with his wife, to make us feel welcome. I attended a family funeral recently that father Jonathan held, I've never seen so much respect and compassion before. I cannot believe this is happening and quite frankly, I have no interest in anyone else being our vicar. God bless him and his family and the other vicars, and their families. I know people are angry, but please don't give up just yet. Let's fight this, somehow, till the end. Let's show our vicars that we stand by them and their families. God bless you all AMEN

You Mandy Jeffrey Alison Watson and 18 others



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Ettina Brown

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I am beyond angry - am feeling that our thoughts and wishes have been ignored and were probably never in the offing.

Chris Elmes and 2 others

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Marilyn Parker There is a world a part from a feeling and a fact... the fact is it was a done deal from the beginning..and that's a fact

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Reply 5w Edited



Paula Jeffrey-Powell Xx

Like Reply 5w



Jennifer Hurry Perhaps as the head of the Church of England, the Queen should be made aware of the way our vicar and community is being ignored

Like Reply 6w



Paula Jeffrey-Powell Church Commissioners are the ones to complain to when we receive the green light Jennifer Hurry. They are the National Church of England committee who will make the next and final decisions. This part of the process enable's the Public to have a voice at the highest level in this whole process. They have the power to accept the proposals or turn them around. I will let people know when the green light is given and then we can charge at them with our voices :)

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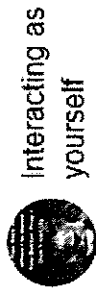
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Just shows what the diocese thinks of us!

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IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ

Please read a statement from Fr Jonathan Jeffrey regarding the recent decision taken by the Bishop's Council & Bishop of Portsmouth regarding their decision not to change their proposals for Parish Re-organisation for the Churches of our community which was read out at the morning service

Firstly

To explain this process so far in an easier way - As many of you will know the Diocese of Portsmouth are choosing to bring St Francis, St Clare's and St Albans together to work as three Churches with one team led ministry throughout all three churches. Their proposals for a TEAM MINISTRY - that is ONE Parish Rector (priest who is in charge of the running of everything) will remain in post, one Church Planting vicar, and a make-up of other team members joining them

To do this FR JONATHAN & REVEREND KARINA will loose their existing posts as your Parish Priests as these posts will cease to exist under the new proposals. They will have to apply to the new posts, but are not guaranteed to be accepted. The second priest post to form part of this team will be that of a Church Planting Vicar. This is a post where a priest comes into post to plant new congregations throughout our community. Not your normal Parish Priest which you have now.

So to put it in a more easier way - Fr Jonathan and Reverend Karina will be losing their positions as Parish Priests within Leigh Park, Warden Park & West Leigh - take in secular terms this means Redundancy. If this proposal is accepted they will receive notice this year for end of post and will be offered a compensation package

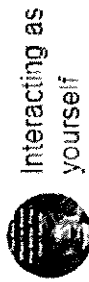
Although we - the Church Council of St Francis & St Clare - were asked by the Bishops Council at a meeting at the early stages to propose a vision of our own to offer and it was presented to them and the Strategic Team as well as Fr Jonathan submitting this was clearly not good enough for them to accept and after numerous meetings and numerous attempts and a VERY loud outcry from the members of our community and during the public meeting first held when the news was first announced they have decided to go ahead with their own proposal and not ours. They have made this same decision for all of the ten priests affected across Portsmouth Diocese

The next stage of consultations is now in the hands of the Church of England Church Commissioners who have the final decisions of to either accept the proposals and put them into place, but they also have the power to overturn the decision of the diocese. The members of our community can once again become involved and send their thoughts, concerns and objections to the Church Commissioners and they have to take them very seriously

The Church Commissioners are the highest decision makers to which the Diocese are

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Don't love and support continue for Fr Jonathan, Carolyn and the lovely family

We would also like to acknowledge those who have sent us messages of support, love and prayers from other parishes outside of Portsmouth as well as those from within our own diocese. We have very much appreciated your kindness and love and thank you from the bottom of our hearts

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Kathryn Parker, Chris Elmes and 5 others

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Chris Elmes Please let me know where and when comments should be sent. I'll be writing!

Like Reply 0w



Michelle Pressman me too Chris xx

Like Reply 5w



Paula Jeffrey-Powell Thank you. As soon as we know, we will post another announcement on here.

Like Reply 6w



Michelle Pressman Thank you Paula xx

Like Reply 5w



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Michelle Pressman Uuuuuuugh. have no words. not unexpected but hurt and angry. Will write to church commissioners as well but I think we can safely say this decision was made a long time ago and the "church" is just following due process. Uuuuuuugh again. Big love to Jonathan, Carolyn and their gorgeous family(not forgetting lola!!) xx

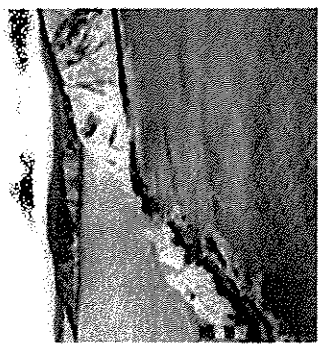
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Helen Young So angry about this. Can anything be done to persuade the church commissioners how terrible they this is like a protest somewhere?

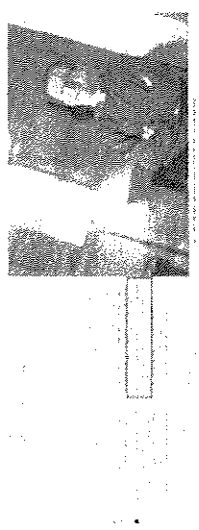
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Paula Jeffrey-Powell So much for "What the community wants!"



Church's £9m investment



Like Reply 7x



Michelle Pressman What a joke...disgusting.

Like Reply 6x



Paula

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 Paula Jeffrey-Powell They're in for a shock then if people follow their threat through... that won't help the numbers grow will it!

 Like Reply 7w Edited


 Donna Armstrong Paula Jeffrey-Powell it's absolutely gutting for u all! 


 Like Reply 7w

 Paul Mcleod Paula Jeffrey-Powell no it won't and word of mouth is very important. With a reduction in current church goers they'll have less people spreading the word. If a newcomer came along they might be put off by a small congregation. I'm sure this is about money. Not actually about spending more, rather a reduction in churches - building running costs. This is also about a few deciding what they think's best. Ignoring the will of the people. They are behaving like politicians, business people. Not people of a faith, not loving, caring people. The sort of church hierarchy you see behaving like megalomaniacs in historical films such as about Henry the 8th.

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 Like Reply 7w

 Paul Mcleod What about gathering a response from the congregations. Pass on their response. Get a total and pass on of how many people have said they'll stop going to these churches. Gaurentee if it goes ahead as planned within 18 months the church will announce the sell off of at least one of these churches for redevelopment.

 Like Reply 7w

 Michelle Pressman Paula Jeffrey-Powell Exactly xx

 Like Reply 6w

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Like Reply 5w

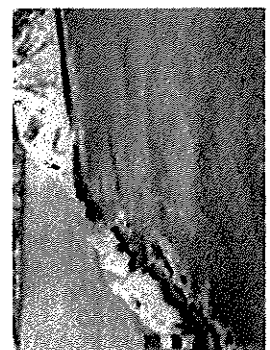
Michelle Pressman Totally agree Marilyn x

Like Reply 5w

Alli Wake What's the point in asking everyone what they want as a community if no one wants to listen!! I've only just started to attend church for midnight mass and was looking to start attending other services with my family. Father Johnathon has been there through all my children growing up and he was the only reason I started to attend. I won't be going again after he leaves! if you can't trust the bishop to do the right thing then I've already lost faith!

Like Reply 5w

Michelle Pressman I know Alli the whole thing is just awful, have run out of words really, it is a disgrace x



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Paula Jeffrey-Powell Diocese of Portsmouth So does this mean you haven't changed your original plans for Team Rector and Team Church Planting Vicar then? Which leaves our vicar out of the picture for one of the new posts then doesn't it?!

Like Reply 7w Edited



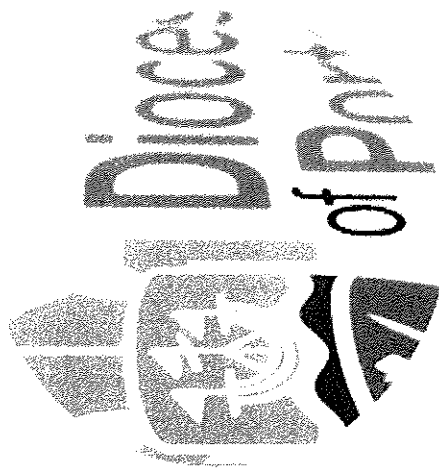
Diocese of Portsmouth Hello, Paula. Yes, for clarification, the legal proposals that have been recommended are for a team ministry that would include at least a team rector and a team vicar serving Leigh Park, Warren Park and West Leigh. The intention of the Bishop's Council is still that one of these people will be a church-planting minister. The Bishop's Council want to respond in more detail to the documents sent to them by the clergy and PCCs, addressing specific points raised in those documents. They will do so within the next few days. Bishop's Council members also want to visit the parishes to explain the proposals and to consider ways forward that might address some of the concerns raised.

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Paula Jeffrey-Powell So one way or the other then one of our clergy will be replaced! No doubt our vicar at St Francis and St Clare? ... So much for listening to the community's wants Portsmouth Diocese of Portsmouth. Very poor decision. The community you were trying to reach out to too... Good luck with that one... You're going to need it. It looks as though this will be my last year in a church too then as I will have no intention of stepping foot in another church in the Portsmouth Diocese once this is all done if it all goes through... Shame. I almost made it to 40 years. A lot of people have said they'd rather leave the church... Not going to help your numbers 'grow'... So much for Christian love. It doesn't matter how much you gloss it all up it IS about money!

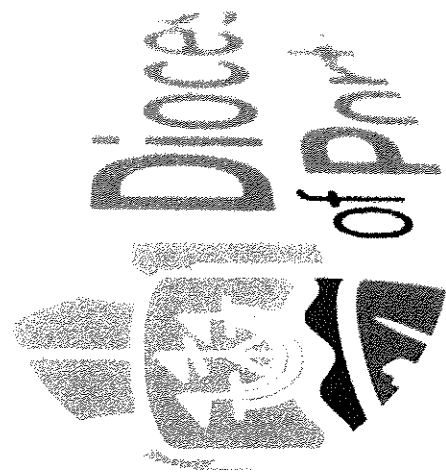
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Mark James Paula Jeffrey-Powell so why do you go to Church, is it not to worship with fellow Christians? Do we not follow Christ and trust that through humble prayer and reflection that ultimately G-d is in control and make this new way the new way that sees Kingdom growth. I feel G-ds heart would be grieved if a passionate follower left simply because they disagreed with a decision.

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They disagree with a decision.

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Paula Jeffrey-Powell Mark James And making very good and experienced clergy redundant is a good thing how? ... The diocese - and in fact the Church of England - where doing a big push for more priests not long ago and now here they are removing them. This is not being done in the spirit of the legislation that was formed for reorganisation. In the Legislation it states those affected can be designated to the new posts being created... Portsmouth Diocese are not doing this. This is where my issue is. I have no problems with change and reorganisation for the 'Church' to move forward and grow, what I DO have a problem with is how this has all unfolded! We offered an alternative vision which enabled the clergy to remain a part of the reorganisation but as with everyone else affected they have been ignored. Other diocese are watching Portsmouth to see what happens. Not great so far. Add that to a news paper article back in October which I have uploaded to another FB page the bishop was quoted as saying "What we offer will depend on what these communities want" ... Apparently not... The community spoke up and was ignored. What the diocese wants the diocese gets... as always.

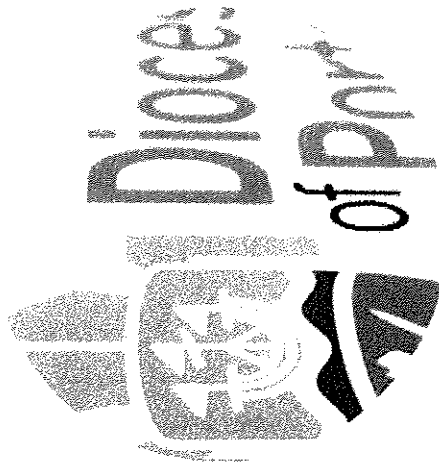
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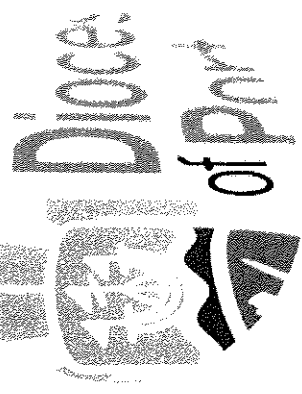


Mark James Diocese of Portsmouth as a priest myself I feel your pain. Thank you for sticking up for us. It seems below that there is an opportunity for dialogue? Maybe something has been miscommunicated. I won't comment any further as much as I want to but there is little doubt from what I have seen elsewhere declining clergy will have a detrimental impact, although the right clergy in the right role can yield the opposite so it's complicated. I feel for those clergy who remain willingly. Suffice to say I also feel it would be a great shame to lose your passion. We need that so keep talking. Take the opportunity to listen and have positive input. I shall pray.

Like Reply 6w Edited



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celebration way. It will be an empty Church when/ if their vicar leaves. Very sad.

Like Reply 5w

Diocese of Portsmouth Paula Jeffrey-Powell No, no one who represents the diocese dislikes the community of Leigh Park and Warren Park. The Bishop's Council members who made this decision are ordinary clergy & lay people from other parishes in the diocese, who read all the responses & thought long & hard about all the points you raised before deciding. Some have already visited your PCCs and are keen to meet you again to explain their decision. By all means say all of these things when you meet face-to-face. You may well disagree with each other, but I hope they can show you that they do care. No, the bishop is not on Facebook himself, but many members of Bishop's Council are, and may well be reading your comments.

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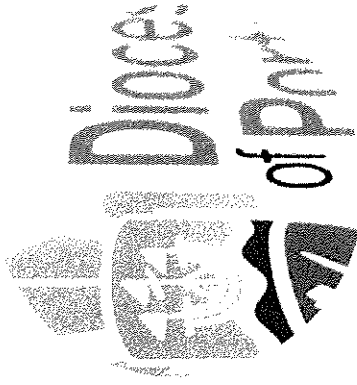
Sarah Stouse The people at At Francis church have asked for support, to build on the good work so why tear it apart?

Like Reply 5w

Chris Elmes Can you please clarify which plan this refers to - the original, the revised, or the re-revised? Your new plan makes no mention of a new Parish just a Team Ministry to cover the three churches. Does this include the existing clergy? Clarification please.

Like Reply 7w

Mandy Ferdinando I know I'm not alone when I say I don't get all the legal jargon regarding the diocese and all these people making decisions against the communities views about this big shake up of the churches and our vicars losing their jobs. But what I do know is



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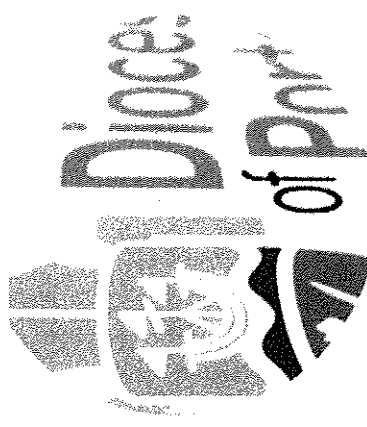
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Like Reply 7w

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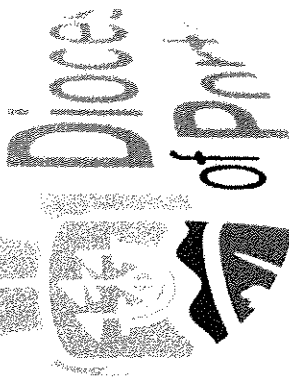
AMEN

Like Reply 5w

Paula Jeffrey-Powell Mandy Ferdinando Xx

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Carolyn Shannon I am saddened and appalled that we, the faithful of Leigh Park and the wider community still do not appear to have been listened too. You asked us to come up with some sort of proposal as a way of moving forward but you have not taken what



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Like Reply 5w



Sarah Stouse I think the "church" is run like a business they just pretend to listen to the people they have already planned what it wants to do reorganize and start again tear down what is there and think that new is better!

Like Reply 5w



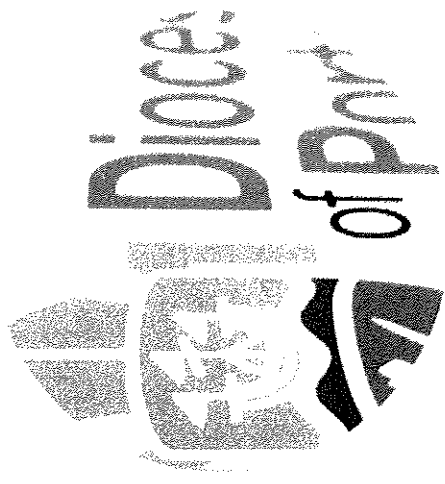
Ken Whitwick Thank you for ruining the community in Leigh park you were never going to change your mind I hope you are proud of what you have done.i have only just gone back to St Francis church after my wife died last year she was a regular at St Francis,i will not be going back I will find somewhere else to pray ,i hope you are pleased with yourselves.father Jonathan must be in bits.This all about money.

Like Reply 7w



Paula Jeffrey-Powell Hi Ken, please don't leave us yet, we need you :- and we'd miss you. Let's stay and help Jonathan and Carolyn through this first and we'll leave together at the end.. They need our support more than ever right now... Let's do this together. Hang in there a bit longer and stay strong. You know the best if you ever need to talk to

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Tracey West on ruining, dividing and destroying peoples' fragmenting faith by putting MONEY above people's spiritual needs. No one asked me for my vote and obviously we do not matter as people who live in the parishes affected. This is appalling behaviour which only proves that you are a sub division of an institution ruled by money (our money that we donate) which is no better than the appalling government of this once great country For those of us who struggle with church but nonetheless have a deep faith you have pushed us further away by your ridiculous evangelical ideals which couldn't be further from Christ. Thank you.

Like Reply 6w



Claire Hurry So when you quoted in your article in the news on the 20/10/18 that "what we offer will depend on what these communities want" you actually meant you would do what you want anyway and just make it look like you were consulting the community? It is clear from the communities involvement that this is NOT what the community wanted! Maybe you could clarify this point, if you had done what the community wanted you would have changed your plans??

Like Reply 7w



Diocese of Portsmouth Thanks for the opportunity to clarify that, Claire. Yes, the offer made on 20/10/18 still stands. There are two different things going on here - today's announcement relates to the legal side of things, which includes the potential merger of parishes into a team ministry

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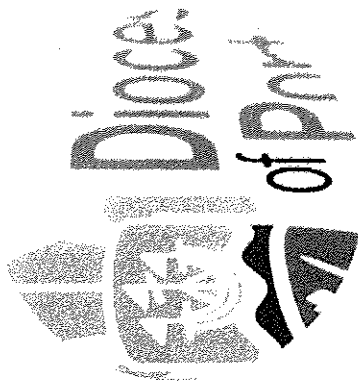
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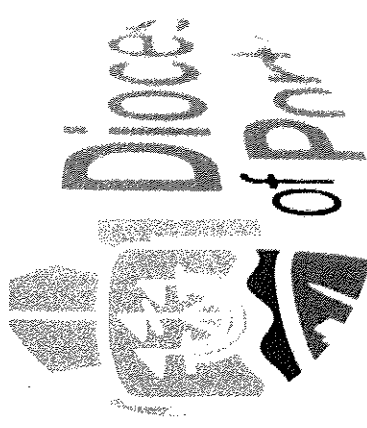
Claire Hury So you are saying that the current priests (FR Jonathan and Karina) will remain in post and have support given to them?

Like Reply 70



Diocese of Portsmouth No, I'm afraid that's not what I'm saying. The proposals that our Bishop's Council has recommended are to create two new clergy posts (team rector and team vicar), which the existing clergy will be able to apply for. But first the national Church of England has to look at what our Bishop's Council has recommended and take a final decision. Only if they give us the green light will these proposals go ahead.

Like Reply 70



Paul McLeod Never before have so few bothered so many. One persons or a small group of people in your organization have decided to act as politicians - do what they want not what the masses have said they want and lied to them. You've also behaved like businessmen, looking at money. As a non church goer so that makes me impartial, you have not acted as caring, loving ' good Christians' you stand to alienate your parisheners and lose them to other denominations. They were, are your people in the community that would encourage people to join, word of mouth is very important. Any potential new comers could well be put off revisiting a small congregation. Religious words spring to mind repent rtf before it's too late. Different people, hierarchy on a different occasion could have decided to agree with your parisheners. An elite person, group isn't always right. I've heard many comments from people saying you'd already decided the outcome as it hasn't changed, natural I guess. A cynic might suggest that your plans hope to get such a low attendance here and there so you can justify in a Years time selling one of the Leigh Park churches for development. The behaviour of ' the few' remind me of watching historic films where the high clergy made the decisions were all powerful, ie during Henry the 8ths time. As someone who previously wrote about the difference your clergy made over 15 years ago when I worked alongside them and Father Jonathon and Karina since. Your church and your staff were and are different. Politics and part used business models used in a way to suit like has been the case here really sucks. The shambles of limited consultation, decisions made before any consultation draw me to compare this current episode to the political shambles that is Brexit. Yours hoping you actually listen to your clergy, your congregations and give them what they want, not what you want to impose.

Like Reply 5w

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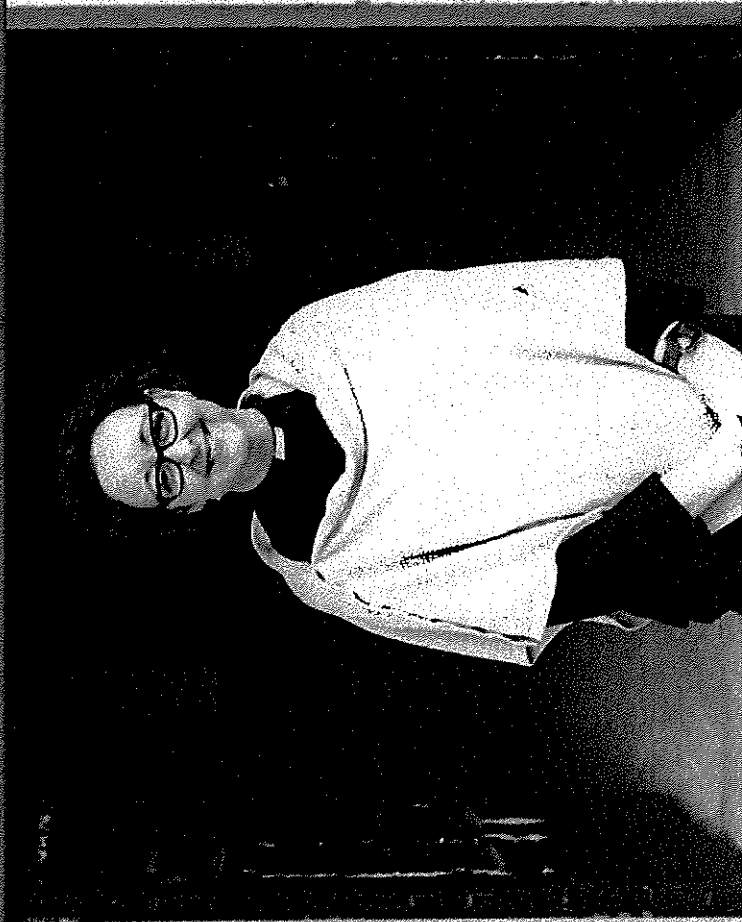
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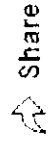
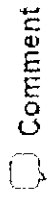
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7 May at 12:06

We're delighted to announce that the Ven Dr Joanne Grenfell is to be the new Bishop of Stepney. Downing Street has confirmed the news this afternoon. She will be consecrated bishop in July and start her new role in September. Details here <http://bit.ly/2GZZ8LI>

Damen Mckenna and 5 others

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Karen Davidson Horrible smug woman. Her attitude towards the peoples lives she's ruining was awful. Couldn't care less, had no interest in what the people had to say at the meeting. Hope she falls flat on her smug face.

Like Reply 2w

Father Jonathan is needed
on this estate

J. NEWMAN

Mrs M. G. G. G.

Father Jonathan is so
needed on this estate. He
cares for everyone and
will always help you.

Jonathan Jonathan helps the community
by giving money and in the past.

He goes to different schools every week
e.g. Barnetford, Riders, Fosnott and does
prayer spaces. Tells different stories
to children about christianity in different
ways such as a story stick where
children pick a bottle cap that represent
a story, and he tells them what story
that is about our faith.

Jonathan is a priest of Portsmouth
Football Club and that connects our
community to the club through
our faith.

He goes to visit my Grandma's

house because she can no longer
go to church due to her ~~house~~ health.

Every body wants Jonathan to stay
including ME!

As a 12 year old boy and my
6 years old sister we object
at what you are doing and
find it upsetting because we
want him to stay at St Frances
Church because we like that he's
our friends and he's there for
us ALWAYS! PLEASE LET HIM
STAY!

Lucas & Emily

Powell

~~Atty~~ Naughton

Dresses!

for family

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Please do what you can to
build on the huge foundation
that Fetter Jonathan & Carolyn
have done here in Leigh Park &
Warner Park

There is a strong community
here that deserves to be looked
after and Fetter Jonathan's
gifts are fundamental to
the understanding to develop
the work here. He knows
this community & they know
him

Please listen to what we
are all saying and allow
our ideas about the way
forward.

Marilyn Howler
Park Kissimmee

Having attended the 'Happy Clays' type Church that mainly cater for young students and also the more formal but modern Baptist Church in Bath (Widcombe Baptist), I must express my deep concern at the instability and insubstantial teaching in the newer charismatic churches. Of course they appeal to large numbers of young people and they appealed to me but lets face it when you are young fit and free you can indeed, in common with Christian S. which go for 'go anywhere in your mind'. However just because its popular and draws the numbers doesn't mean its right.

That's why I have so much respect for the central teaching in the Church of England and properly trained Vicars not just pondering to popularity but sincerely faithful to the gospel and ~~more~~ serving the whole community.

In Jonathan and Caroline we have joyful servants who are very engaged with social issues and faithful to the gospel. Leadership matters, not just money and ~~need~~ ^{need} counts.

Elizabeth Wylie
ps. We don't know what we have got until it's gone - a church for everyone

We want to keep our Church and Father Jonathan ~~issues~~ we all love and admire for the work he does for high Park Bin Goddard.

Keep our Church for our community and services like Weddings etc. Christine Cottamolo.

We have been coming to St Francis Church for 6 years. Because Father Jonathan and Carolyn have been a wonderful support to us in times of need and our Faith has grown and flourished in this wonderful Church, and to Lisa then would be devastating for us and the whole community of High Park.

We need desperately to keep our Anglican church in Leigh Park. We the undersigned support Father Jonathan & Katrina. They work so hard and support every one in the community. Please re-consider the changes you want to make.

Beryl Jones
Joan Larrier
Daphne Cross
Betty Davis
Mary Cook
Irene Simons
Marie Barlow
Jan Horn
Ann Leacy
Kerain O'Neill
Betty Hayward
Shayne Coleman
Konica Ramey
Linda Atkins
Jean Lewis
Jen Owen
Margaret Burrows
Laurie Adams
Deb Owen
Dot Courtney
Shirley Gormley
B. Walker

I'm very surprised this has happened as they both do so much for the church and the community. Many adults & children on the park respect and love them. Seems to me it's a personality clash and the ones who are jealous of what they both do because they have got the gumption to do it themselves.

My mother a widow living on her own find so much joy and friendship in friends in St Francis Church please save it and Father Jonathan
Jan Goddard

Where will the people go who like a traditional communion service you are leaving no where in Leigh Park Sylvia Marshall

We need to keep St Francis & Father Jonathan in Leigh Park a very special person.

Father Jonathan and Katrina are the heart and soul of Leigh Park Community and people above need to understand that they both need to stay Nicky Park.

We were upset to find out that

Disputing that the church should be clear

I'm very surprised when I found out and personally enjoy it when Father Jonathan comes to school around the area. - Laurer Lee, a year 8.

I really hope we don't lose Father
Jonathan as a community priest he's
done a fab job and the community
love him save him x.

What a fantastic event! It would be awful
to lose the community feel and support.

The community needs to be listened
to. Father Jonathan cannot be
replaced!!!

a great church, happy people, & always
superb.

Father Jonathan has become very
important in our daughters life
She sees him at Riders school and
talks warmly about his visits.
He inspires her to be creative and
thoughtful. Please preserve our
community spirit

Father Jonathan is the best
& only one for his church
we all love him & his
family. He does a lot of good
work x

One near, one church - father Jonathan x
" " " " Karina Green x

Father Jonathan & his family are the
mainstays of this community.
Father Jonathan was there for my mother &
myself throughout my mothers cancer
treatment. Whether it was lending an ear
or shoulder or just for a cup of tea, I know
I could call on him. All the family encompass
the spirit of community. Without them
Leigh Park would be a darker place. x

St Francis Church was my
Nan's church all her life.
When she became unwell Father
Jonathan continued to visit
and support her, and when
she was near the end of her
life he gave her support &
visiting her regularly in the
care home and prayed with
her.

After my Nan passed away
Father Jonathan continued
supporting the rest of the
family, myself included, and
gave my Nan a beautiful
send off. He is an amazing
man who supports so many
people. He should NOT be
replaced. His local community
both love and respect him.
He cannot be replaced.
Egards

I have known Jonathan since 2007
when I started work at making
space - a craft charity that had just
opened in Leigh Park.

Jonathan was on the board of trustees
I was a casual part of the charity.
Even when he left the board (after
his allocated time) he has always
supported us.

He comes to events & shares them with
the community. He's always there
at open studio & special events, being
genuinely interested in the charity
& the artists that have their
studios there!

He has also supported me personally
as an artist, commissioning me to
create work for family & friends.

Over the last 10/11 years Jonathan
remains a loyal & dedicated
member of the community & a
brilliant vicar!!

Ami

What car I see
but two or three
words. They are as
follows. But let him
go. He is Gods gift
Please retain his
services. John (B)

Jonathan is the high
Parks Community - and
his whole family -
totally committed, totally
involved with integrity,
compassion and spirituality

If you take Jonathan and
his family away from
high Park, you will hurt
the heart of the community

However hard

I've been a resident of Leigh Park for 16 years. Father Jonathan is a major part of the community and should he not be here, a hole will be in the community that will be impossible to fill.

From activities around local schools to promote harvest festival to talking part and writing scripts for the community pantomimes, he has helped bring the community together.

Jo Lowe
Councillor for Havant Borough
Council
Representing Bathins Ward

Jonathan does a great job at St Francis church always approachable great with birds and the community

Jonathan is a pleasure to talk to he's always there to talk to when needed

I hire the bell every week & Jonathan is wonderful he always ensures that the beating is on & the bell is set up he not only is lovely to myself but also my singing club members it is my pleasure to feel such a part of the community.
Jo King

Father Johnatha is a great man and part of our community - it would be so sad to lose him and his team - they are do such fab work and so approachable.
Sind

St Francis Church is my Church and Father Jonathan is a huge part of this community, in both a Christian sense and in a community sense. He baptised my Grandson - my husband was baptised at this church, and we married here. He has been there for me at times I have just needed to talk and a truly lovely gentleman & pastor. S. Othman (Ms).

Father Jonathan is wonderful
person and well respected by all.
He works extremely hard for the
community and will be sorely missed
if he goes.
Our Prayers Weeks

Father Jonathan is an outstanding
member of this close knit community.
Always trying to better the people
within Leigh Park, while maintaining
high standards of the Church.

Matt Luke + Calvin Butler

Active Communities Network

Father Jonathan

is a well respected member
of our community. Nothing is
too much trouble for this
wonderful man and his family.
He works so hard within our
community and will be sorely
missed especially by all the
school children he visits on
a regular basis.

Kay Kaistick

Lady M. Jonathan + business
I am ~~so~~ wonder you people and
have done wonderful things for
the community over the year.
I'd wonder if I had to see that
change of its not broken, Jan's
fix.
from Jannin + Mark!

Father Jonathan is a wonderful gentleman who plays a big part of the Leigh Park Community, my children all love Father Jonathan & talk about him in their schools. We all look forward to the activities he puts on at the church at special times.

Barry Jones

Father Jonathan is a pillar of the community and is well known for his kindness in and around Leigh Park. For his help and guidance and putting on activities for everyone and all the charity work he does is amazing.

Barry Jones

Father Jonathan is the heart of this community. Always with a friendly ear, support & encouragement. He is the rock that people here rely upon and creates a community spirit that would otherwise would be lost.

Barry Jones

Father Jonathan has visited and worked alongside my children's school (education) for many years. His personality is funny & caring. This community would not be the same without him.

Barry Jones

Father Jonathan is a lovely gentleman really helpful, friendly and always willing to help. We will miss him very much.

Barry Jones

Father Jonathan is an amazing man full of love & compassion for all. We want him to stay! St Francis is the local organist & we need him & his wonderful family.

Barry Jones

Leigh Park is favoured by having someone that cares and believes in the people of our community and that someone is the very caring Vicar Father Jonathan. He is so well loved.

Barry Jones

father Jonathon is literally the
best. Been doing his pantos and
been going to the christmas
eve celebrations since I was
little

These have been amazing and
I don't want them to go

frances Raustich

Dear Father Jonathon,

"

My man

love from

?

Jonathan & Carina are both
hardworking, pioneering, community-
minded, serving people and clergy.
They lead a people follow - their
fresh ideas & presence in the
communities they serve is valued
by the people and they are much
loved.

To lose them would leave a
massive hole in those communities
and dozens of years of faithful
service without stifling potential
future adventures.

Keep them both & build with &
around them.

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