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Just wondering - if you have written or are writing a letter concerning the ongoing struggle, would you be prepared to let us know? If we know how many people have written and to whom it will give us more leverage - if we can say, for example, 'we know at least 30 people have written to you and that is the tip of the iceberg'.

I have written to the Bishop and to Radio Solent. I am writing to The News today.

If you'd rather not say publicly, please feel free to message me - your name will then remain confidential.

We need to keep the momentum high!!

Many thanks.

You, Marilyn Jeffrey, Darren Mckenna and 3 others

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Darren Mckenna I'm yet to write but I will be 1

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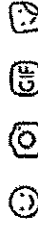
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Chris Elmes Well done! Who did you send it to please?

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Chris Elmes Well done Moel Barney and Sara were the previous Pioneers - Baptist Ministers who moved to Cornwall in May despite the speaker being under the impression they were still here. The new Pioneer - also a Baptist Minister - is already appointed and has started work here!

Like · Reply · 3w

Moe Horswell To be honest, no surprises there!

Like · Reply · 3w



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Kirsty Phillips Have you thought about targeting local businesses and asking for their support too? A lot of local business owners are local residents themselves and I'm sure would love to help. I'm running a network meeting tomorrow in Havant so will mention it there... See more

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Paula Jeffrey-Powell replied · 5 Replies

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Warren Mckenna Kirsty Phillips I need blossom that's a great idea. Would be good to have the support of 'pioneers' and ministers alongside us commoners but yes business should stand beside Johnathon and Karina in this fight xx

Like · Reply · 3w

Kirsty Phillips Anytime my lovely, there have been times over the years when I really could have done with help and didn't know where to turn so I turned to Johnathon and his support really helped. It's not even about what you believe in faith-wise (I'm Pagan for star... See more

Love · Reply · 3w

Darren Mckenna So many people in our community can say that about Johnathon. We would loose a huge asset and a faithful friend xx

Like · Reply · 3w

Paul Mcleod One of the things im going to mention is previous Vicars who I did some work alongside went on to bigger things, one took over ST Marys in Fratton. One was the Bishop of Carlisle then Dean of Westminster. Johnathon and Karina are clearly not interested in moving up the ladder, career enhancement. Their happy where they are and care a lot about their congregations and the community.

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Paula Jeffrey-Powell Hi, so sorry but have only just seen these posts... My head has kind of been elsewhere working behind the scenes... Did anything come of the contacting businesses for support please Kirsty Phillips? Are there any updates? Thank you for all your support. I know it means the world to Jonathan & Carolyn.

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Jackie Cairns

3 November at 20:39

What worries me is Leigh Park as a whole was the 3rd largest housing estate in Europe years ago...they have and still are building new homes... Are they seriously thinking, that less priests in the area are going to fully be able to care for the .massive parish that the diocese are planning well... St Clare's has all but gone now they want to take 2 more churches out of the equation

I now live in London...Holy communion is not a given in all churches

My local one doesn't...one nearby has one service a month..

Is this what they have planned for the new mega parish I wonder



Marilyn Jeffrey, Michelle Pressman and 1 other

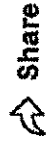
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Carolyn Shannon Totally agree with you, I made the same comment a week or so ago. 1 priest can't do all that, it needs 2 priest

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Jackie Cairns It needs 3...so will all services come from St Faiths then...

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Jackie Cairns replied · 2 Replies



Andrew Stevens It's part of the Church of England's plan to move out of those areas that no longer pay their way; these are most often the places that need more clergy not less. In 1983 when I was a curate in the Parish, there were 2 priests and a church army captain

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Love · Reply · 2w 3



Paula Jeffrey-Powell Andrew Stevens I remember those days well I have made this point too. Good to hear from you. Hope you are well x

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Paula Jeffrey-Powell

6 November at 13:45

Hi all,

I know I'm going to know the answer before I ask but...

Has anyone received notification of the minutes / notes from the public meeting yet?

The diocese are in a 6 week consultation phase, which is where they are discuss our current situation for Fr Jonathan, Reverend Karina and our community - and for which we are now in week 3! I don't know about you but I certainly haven't seen them yet! Not impressed...

Stuart Holmes and Marilyn Jeffrey

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Ted Lawrence Prob gone walkabout.

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Norma Hunt I even emailed Anne Stunt the lady who was taking the minutes, the reply from her and from Jenny was. My email address was on the list and I would receive them. Still waiting.

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Paula Jeffrey-Powell replied · 1 Reply

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Chris Elmes Not yet. Should have been received by the end of last week!

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Paula Jeffrey-Powell I know, I was told that too. I have sent yet ANOTHER email requesting them and telling her that the fact we STILL do not have them is simply not good enough! Awaiting her reply 😞 I also asked other questions too, one of which from a previous email that hasn't been received back yet

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Chris Elmes POUND to a penny it won't be her fault! Let me know if yours arrives xxxx

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Darren Mckenna Disgusting!!!! It's an abuse of power, exactly the attitude that drives people away from the church!!!!

Like · Reply · 2w



Janet Horn Was Arnold Not yet still waiting, this is disgusting, when ever I take minutes from a meeting they are always sent out within a week x

Like · Reply · 2w



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Paula Jeffrey-Powell You can guarantee had it been the other way around and they were waiting on us.....

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George Hurry
6 November at 21:49

Hey everyone a little while ago the suggestion was to get the local schools involved and get the kids to have their say. This seemed popular has anyone heard anything from the schools.

You, Darren Mckenna, Norma Hunt and 1 other

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Paula Jeffrey-Powell We are in the process of it
Like Reply · 2w 1



George Hurry Is there anything we can help with
Like Reply · 2w 1



Lisa Dunning Riders were working on it today.
Love Reply · 2w 4



Paula Jeffrey-Powell Thank you!
Like Reply · 2w



George Hurry Lisa Dunning thank you
Like Reply · 2w



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Samantha Clarke Cher Jeffery xx
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Janet Horn Was Arnold Has anyone contacted Bancroft as Fr Jonathan goes there for assemblies xx
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Paula Jeffrey-Powell Yes, all schools have now been contacted x

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Norma Hunt Just to show what Fr.Jonathan does in the schools of Leigh Park. In 2014 he did, Assemblies 94, Visit 26, In 2015, 86 Assemblies, 22 Visits. In. 2016. Assemblies, 96, Visits 21. No figures for 2017. In 2018 Assemblies 73. Visits 24, so far, we still have a few weeks to go. This is besides the Prayer Spaces in Schools, over the 3 terms. When you think there is only 52 weeks in the year, take out, all the holidays.that works out as quite a few visit every week. Fr, Jonathan also does assemblies and visit people on his Monday day off. Norma Hunt, Church Warden, St.Francis Church. 🙏🙏🙏

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Janet Horn Was Arnold Norma Hunt hi can this be sent to the diocese so they can see what he is already doing xx

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Chris Elmes Norma, as Churchwarden, have you and your fellow warden approached the Bishop? As his officers, you have the right to talk to him direct.

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Norma Hunt No, not personally, no one has, or not yet.

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Elizabeth Wylie

13 November at 20:45

Truth to be told I feel like the odd one out finding myself getting all worked up about the Church dispensing with Jonathan and Karena even something of a fraud as I'm not really high Church of England at all and my protestant little soul feels quite odd at times such as when there is praying for the dead. Yet Jonathan's sincerity and acceptance of my faith is disarming. His acceptance and grace has made me think about some of the blood boiling baptist sermons I heard as a young person and about a Catholic priest who said that protestants have no sense of the family of believers both living and dead. After all King David's error was on trying to get guidance when Solomon was at rest. My point is, if Jonathan had preached at me I'd soon have handbagged him, yet I find myself enraged the Church is considering getting rid of him. Now for an entrenched low Church Protestant I reckon thats a remarkable outreach and acceptable you won't find among happy clapiers.



You, Marilyn Jeffrey, Darren Mckenna and 5 others

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Elizabeth Wylie Thanks for your appreciation. Mutual acceptance and respect is very special and I like to think very British. Sometimes I think high up decision makers think we are just a bunch of sheep and stupid, as though we have no knowledge or other denominations and not as bright or as challenging as uni students. My support of Jonathan and Karena has been carefully thought about.

Like Reply 1w



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Kay Raistrick My husband has never really believed in a god, (his mum died when he was 8 and his dad was crippled in an accident soon after) however after meeting Jonathan and his wife Carolyn through our children's school he has been involved in the crib

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Like · Reply · 1w · Edited



Moe Horswell These lovely people are full of unconditional love, and welcome everyone with their genuine warmth and kindness.

Like · Reply · 1w



Norma Hunt We tried to tell the Powers that Be. St Francis Church is more than just the church (although you do have to have a vocal point) Fr. Jonathan does as much in the Community for the people of all denominations or non-believers.

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Paul Mcleod uploaded a file.

11 November at 19:32

My response to minutes of public meeting. Paula can you look at let me know re editing anything and send it on to Bishop, Jenny? Thankyou



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my letter to the bishop please!! LOL... Only kidding!

Like Reply 1w



Paula Jeffrey-Powell Paul Mcleod I have sent your response to both Jenny and the Bishop. Thank you once again.

Like Reply 1w



Paul Mcleod It was written with passion. Not the best of writers so expected I'd made mistakes.

Like Reply 1w



Paula Jeffrey-Powell It makes it more authentic! When it comes from the heart the 'mistakes' do not matter ☺ That's my theory anyway x

Like Reply 1w Edited



Moe Horswell Excellent Paul. You have said what everone wants the Bishop to hear, it is clear the passion you have to help keep Jonathan and Karina.

Like Reply 1w



Write a comment...



Paula Jeffrey-Powell

9 November at 18:58



OK.... Am I under the right impression to say the community believe the Diocese of Portsmouth are just going to go ahead and remove our priests from us and make them redundant, regardless what the community want? Would I be right in thinking the general consensus is that regardless of them saying they will listen to what the community wants...WE DON'T BELIEVE THEM?!

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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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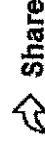
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Darren Mckenna Me too! Still nothing yet. 2

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Chris Elmes Do you suspect that it's been ready for a while but the Archdemon is going through them with a fine tooth comb, taking out the bits she doesn't like? Nothing would surprise me!

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Darren Mckenna Oh I think that is entirely what is happening!

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Marilyn Jeffrey Nothing yet. 2

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Mary Close Not yet..... 1


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Chris Elmes Mary Close There's a surprise! 1



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 **Darren Mckenna** Oh I think that is entirely what is happening!
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 **Marilyn Jeffrey** Nothing yet  2
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 **Mary Close** Not yet.....  1
Like · Reply · 2w

 **Chris Elmes** Mary Close There's a surprisel  1
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Moe Horswell Poor management! You would have expected a prompt reply considering the lack of information presented at the meeting.
Like · Reply · 2w  1

 **Chris Elmes** Moe Horswell Not from the Dioceses! They are too busy hanging things to reflect their choice of action!
Like · Reply · 2w  1

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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 😊 the fabulous person who began this

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Paula Jeffrey-Powell shared a link.

9 November at 07:26

Hi all!

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Diocese of Portsmouth - News - Multi-million pound investment to help our mission and ministry

Kathryn Parker, Darren McKenna and 2 others

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Chris Elmes Can you copy the Archbishop in? 1

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Chris Elmes Lack of accurate information/meeting not in Parish/drive to be more Harbour Church ie evangelical/no knowledge of what is already happening in Parish.

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Diane Marie How they are not listening to what this community actually want x

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Barry Dominic Fenton You most certainly do not want Harbour Church I

Love · Reply · 2w 3

Maggie Harrup When I was first told my illness was feminal, Jonathan was told by a friend. I have known Jonathan since he moved here. He came to vist me at home. How do you take it in that you are going to die. Jonathan was fantastic, I can never find words to express my gratitude to him, he made me feel so calm. We first met fully at a council meeting and many meetings after. Once I was very active in the community. Now to hear we may lose someone so important to so many people is beyond all belief.

Love · Reply · 2w 6

Michelle Pressman Sending you love and prayers Maggie x

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Chris Elmes

10 November at 10:43

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Darren Mckenna Paula Jeffrey-Powell please do and share widely!!!! I just read the opening paragraph as got school run to do. The arrogancel!!!! 'Interruptions' what? More like meaningful corrections or heart felt interjection!!!! By using this language it assumes... See more

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Marilyn Jeffrey No it's not minutes just a bit more information of what is going to happen over the coming weeks and months.

Like · Reply · 2w



Carolyn Shannon Definitely Not minutes

Like · Reply · 2w



Marilyn Jeffrey Bit more in notes about disruptions during meeting!

Like · Reply · 2w



Marilyn Jeffrey Sorry interruptions

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Marilyn Jeffrey Yes there are more details about the meeting in

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Marilyn Jeffrey Sorry interruptions

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Marilyn Jeffrey Yes there are more details about the meeting in NOTES

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Norma Hunt You have to read the Notes to the end. Altogether it is 7 pages long. A lot of words but not a lot of substance.

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Chris Elmes They might just of well said - 'this is what we are going to do, we are pretending what you think matters, but it certainly doesn't and we will go ahead anyway!'

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Darren Mckenna Chris Elmes that is exactly the tone! The fact the don't even try to hide that is the most patronising and hurtful part!

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Carolyn Shannon And it makes no mention that they knew nothing about changes in the parishes like the pioneers having gone and we run a food bank already and that was said several times so should be in the minutes

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 Helen Young I didn't get the minutes. Please can you post them on here?


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 Darren Mckenna Helen Young no one did as promised. What the diocese did was publish notes on their website! DM me your email address and I'll sent it over xx

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 Write a reply...

 Elizabeth Wylie When a Vicar or Rector is made redundant, they also lose their home and presumably any assistance towards private school fees for their children. What is going to be done to reimburse clergy for these huge losses and cultural shocks? Clergy with huge financial shocks and burdens will kick their pastoral care of others into the long grass. You simply can't give, give, give without substantial support and love from the people and the best people organisation. Stress doesn't encourage the time and peace to develop spiritually to feed yourself or others.


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 Ted Lawrence Is the diocese going into D.I.Y. because whitewash comes to mind.

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 Elizabeth Wylie Church authorities have to prove they appreciate dedication. In fact in my experience I, like the NHS they tend to put people with dedication. In this I include the treatment of wives of clergy. They have historically relied on clergy to have their own resources of finances before they come into the ministry and when they retire. Any maverick characters are tolerated provided they have money but their current system neither rewards or appreciates the dedicated or encourage risk taking to change anything. I suspect Jonathan and Karina are bursting with ideas but I bet they haven't had the chance to try anything too radical. What a dreadful way to treat dedication and soulful people.

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Darren Mckenna Carolyn Shannon exactly that!!!! They wilfully and deliberately omitted very, very important parts!!! The new 'Pioneer' was present and for what reason God only knows it was not deemed relevant for him to introduce himself or describe the nature of his role or that of his predecessors!!!!

Like · Reply · 2w  3

Carolyn Shannon Darren Mckenna what I still don't understand is this, I understand why you have to give redundancy notices but if this is consultation period and plans have not been confirmed why do you give notice now. If the plans go through then give notice of redundancy, if they don't go through you don't need to give them.

Like · Reply · 2w  1

Darren Mckenna Carolyn Shannon I agree. It can only mean they've already made the decision to go ahead with plans regardless of what any of us want or need xx

Like · Reply · 2w  2

Chris Elmes Exactly Carolyn - but the Archdemon will make sure this happens, regardless of what we say or think - but we must NOT give up the fight!

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Paul Mcleod

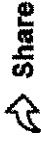
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Marilyn Jeffrey, Carolyn Shannon and 6 others

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Marilyn Parker Spot on about a "couple of people"



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Darren Mckenna I think you're right to point out the way these notes are presented, the tone was very much that we were offered something very generous and we were ungrateful and rowdy. The point that the community's desire to defend our vicars being blatantly ignored is spot on. Also I think it was clear that we don't really understand how or agree that 'Pioneers' would bring anything to our community that isn't already being done with real and significant success!

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Marilyn Parker You can fool all of the people some of the time, and some of the people all of the time, but you cannot fool all the people all of the time.....love that...if you dare

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Stuart Holmes Abraham Lincoln - so true

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Marilyn Parker Yes sometimes sayings like this come back to haunt some people... Hopefully...

Like Reply 2w



Stuart Holmes Indeed ☺

Like Reply 2w



Marilyn Parker I know I can't wait...I expect you're in no hurry for it to happen

Like Reply 2w



Elizabeth Ayling I believe he said something like "nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a mans true character, give him power!" I believe in this quote very strongly, the people in our community working hard on munch project, food bank etc have handled it with grace and true leadership the others have taken credit and abused people in a position they don't deserve
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Darren Mckenna Elizabeth Ayling well made point. This is the difficulty of auditing impact as a great deal of hard work goes unnoticed and unsung. So when those who spew out their supposed achievements like they are a walking CV are heard it would appear as though they are responsible for making an impact. When in fact these projects and relationships are already in existence. You are right to make this point as this is would be the biggest upset if Karina and Johnathan's hard work and impact are credited to anyone else, through them (and their colleagues/partners) we see God at work in our community. We need to illuminate these works so the diocese can see clearly and credit the right people.

Who are you quoting by the way? xx

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Marilyn Parker Abraham Lincoln..

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Darren Mckenna Marilyn Parker ThanQ xx

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Stuart Holmes A very wise man

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Marilyn Parker Yes its a shame some people don't take his words on board.....



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Elizabeth Wylie

11 November at 01:22

I've just briefly scan read the minutes. In the time honoured Western cultured way it all written up on the assumption of what defines Western success. However there is nothing I can see about giving folks the opportunity to grow, reflect or to question. Its all about bumping up numbers not about developing spiritually. Its not just about retaining vicars to think for us and bless us but about the chance to think and about spiritual education. Nothing in modern society encourages us to think, care or develop a productive live conscience, rather the opposite. Do we really want a classist society where only vicars and people with enough money to have time to think develop conscience? To get a feeling of debate and evaluation these days I find I have turn on the telly rather than go to Church. Now the majority of folks are literate, we have the new poverty of time and opportunity to think. The boils of doubt and uncertainty aren't lanced with periodic dollops of Sunday meetings. When the awkward issues are debated on the telly but absent in Church it becomes increasingly surreal and removed. Let's not forget that knowing you as an individual are worth something and are very special and precious is part of spiritual education. Really knowing that if you are feeling suicidal is really important when social values are so vacuous and superficial. One is not just a number. The need for spiritual education is more than clear when I see folks playing with the dark side on programmes like 'most haunted'. They have no idea there is no play with demons, they don't play, and no power as great as Christ's love.

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Darren Mckenna You're absolutely right the diocese meter of success is using a business model. Completely devoid of any spiritual dimensions or even humanistic considerations! It reminds be of the rebranding exercise of 'new labour' when politics moved wholesale to the neo-liberal centre ground of capitalism. We look to loose far more than we gain if this change goes through in this format. We can't measure quality by counting the numbers xx

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Elizabeth Wylie

10 November at 23:43

When aiming to build up numbers in a truly serving Christian Church I think

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Sue Garner

9 November at 18:15

What's happening to St Francis that's where I was christened?

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Chris Elmes In a nutshell - the Vicar has been made redundant, the parish is to be amalgamated with St Clare and St Albans. There is a huge groundswell of protest in the Parish!

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Paula Jeffrey-Powell Hi Sue Garner The longer version.... lol. The diocese of Portsmouth (who is Fr Jonathan and Reverend Karina's boss!) want to rearrange how things are done at the church and community. At the moment Fr Jonathan looks after the Parish of St Francis and St Clare's as a 'joint' parish = 1 parish., and Karina is the Vicar who looks after St Albans West Leigh. What the diocese want to do is combine all 3 churches into ONE parish - 3 churches all under the 'same umbrella' (bit like DEC charity... Lots of charities looked after under one big charity) The diocese want all three churches under one Vicar. Sadly this means Fr Jonathan and Reverend Karina's positions as Vicar of the three churches will cease to exist as only one Vicar post will be available and so they are being made redundant but they can apply for the new 'one vicar' post. There will be other posts too just not more vicars. I prefer Chris Elmes version! Much easier to understand. We are all fighting to keep them in the community! However, no one - including myself - believe a word the diocese are saying when they say they will listen to us! ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS come to mind... Sorry for long answer 😊 x

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Chris Elmes I run out of steam!

Love · Reply · 2w



Chris Elmes *ran*

Like · Reply · 2w



Sue Garner Thank you for explaining that's terrible why can't they just leave things alone if it's not broke don't fix it x

Like · Reply · 2w



Allison Finch So sad to hear this, father Jonathan has been a great support to the community, especially trosnant schools and has always made everyone feel welcome in and out of his church, he will be sadly missed. This should not be happening to him and his family

XX

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Charlene Maines
6 November at 22:23

Met with Father Jonathan this evening. We had a great chat, he seemed in high spirits but definitely putting on a brave face. It's nice to call him a friend

xx



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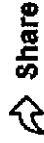
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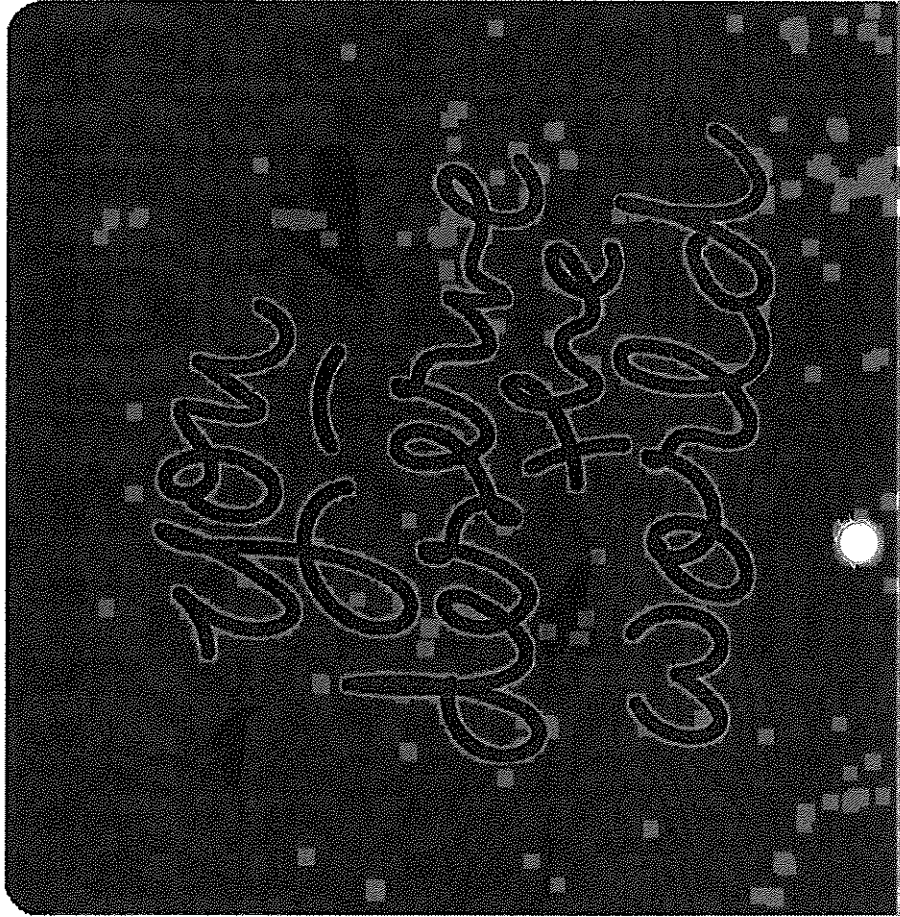
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Norma Hunt Both Father Jonathan and Carolyn, have said, "They will continue as normal until we hear differently", which is good for all of us and the community.



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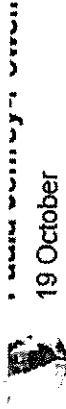
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19 October

Hi Everyone.

Carolyn & Jonathan have been in touch with me and would like to share a message with you...

"Hi guys, thank you so much for all your love and support. I can't tell you how much it means to us. The petition is amazing and the meeting on Wednesday was truly humbling. I'm so proud to be part of this community and Jonathan, Phoebe, Jem, Gabriel and I are so blessed by the warmth of your love and solidarity. Thank you, my loves, from the bottom of our hearts. With love and prayers always, Carolyn x"

You, Charlene Maines, Mandy Ferdinando and 28 others 4 Comments

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Charlene Maines Love em xx

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Donna Armstrong Deserve all the support in the world for amazing job they do for our community xx

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Nicky Carol Parker You and Jonathan deserve it for what you do for the leigh park community through the church xxxxxx 1

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Charlotte Parker We love you and wouldn't have it any other way then for you to stay where you belong with us at the heart of the Community xxx 1

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Beryl Jones you have the right suggestions pau I blets hope they are noted lets all carry on supportin father jonathan and karin a love beryl jones

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Chris Elmes So it's in the paper - front page BUT only the view of the Diocese!

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Go ahead with their ideas, get rid of much loved and supported vicars and clearly lose a lot of their congregation.

3/ This isn't a business, time for fancy reorganisation. Its about a group of people that share a faith, religion.

4/Contrary to what was said at the start of the meeting Last nights meeting wasn't the beginning of the process that had already happened. For example the two

vicars bring given redundancy notice.

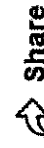
You don't tell two people their posts are redundant then tell parishioners your consulting them.

5/The actual questions this has raised for me are why have the three parishes been under resourced for years.

Why do they have to lose two popular vicars to release a bit of money in order to get more. In tea and cucumber parishes they have vicars, who also have admin support.

Paul

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Helen Young Well said Paul Please forward this to the Portsmouth Diocese and the Bishop of Portsmouth. Would anyone consider asking the News Portsmouth if they could back the campaign by doing a piece in their paper?

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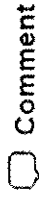


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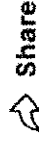
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Norma Hunt Thank you Emily, hope to see you again soon, when you visit your Dad

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Helen Young I haven't had any emails from them, Chris.

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Chris Elmes Did you sign the form asking for the minutes?

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Chris Elmes
20 October

I posted on Leigh Park Pictures and Memories page, and there is a long string of comments concerning the role of Pioneer Ministers - a lot of the points are interesting and very relevant to the battle ahead. I tried to share it but the comments wouldn't copy over. Did everyone know that the new Ministers are already in post?



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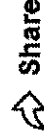
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Chris Elmes No question of his niceness - but have a read of the comments and explanation from his wife - it really is most helpfull

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Alison Watson Chris Elmes have read the whole post, makes very interesting reading. Very thought provoking about the use of Pioneer Ministers and insights into how things actually are at present.

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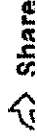
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meeting the three parishe-
Have had these before to "idle effect.
If the diocese don't listen to the congregations now future parishioners may well doubt the powers that be once they hear if this has been pushed on current parishioners.

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 Dave Simms Another picture with a smug grin  2


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 Chris Elmes Apparently the Pioneer Ministers that were in LP for years were very successful - but I haven't found anyone who actually knows what they did! Does anyone know what their achievements were please? Hard to argue without the knowledge!


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 Michelle Pressman Exactly, it's all spin, smoke and mirror BSI!

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 Andrew Little While they are sacking the vicars in leigh park churches

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Moe Horswell Only 1.4 million is linked to 'Havant'

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 Paul Mcleod Why when the church are sitting on so much money have the churches of the area not had new heating, repairs. Enough Vicars?

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Dave Simms Marilyn Parker The News now know
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George Hurry Perhaps the News would like to run a piece where they take individual accounts and stories.
Like · Reply · 5w

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Ellie Rush They are not going to make people become religious, just because there going to built a brand new church doesn't mean that is going to bring more people, your either religious or your not simple as that x
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Paul Mcleod They mention pioneer ministers, it was said at the meeting the three parishes
Have had these before to little effect.
If the diocese don't listen to the congregations now future parishioners may well doubt the powers that be once they hear if this has been pushed on current parishioners.
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Dave Simms Another picture with a smug grin
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Chris Elmes Apparently t Pioneer Ministers that were in LP for years were very successfu. - but I haven't found anyone who

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Joanne Whitwick Karen Davidson

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Chris Elmes Same old report - nothing about the packed out meetings and what the PEOPLE want as opposed to what the Bishop's Council wants! No acknowledgement of what the clergy already do!

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Darren Mckenna Disgusting how they are wasting everyone's time on an illusory consultation process and tossing out Johnathon and Karina like waste paper to bulldoze their way into a new structure they have no evidence will actually help anyone!!!! And they are parading themselves in local media like they've made a victory already- someone pass them a bible

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Love Reply 5w



 George Hurry Alison Watson thank you

Like Reply 5w




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 Kerry Webb Kelly Waller do u think sharps corpse be on board for this hun x

Love Reply 5w



 Kelly Waller I will speak with mike xx

Like Reply 5w




 Kerry Webb Ok hun thank u xx


Like Reply 5w



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 Claire Hurry Emma Sackley can the scouts do anything to help?

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 George Hurry replied · 1 Reply

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 Stuart Holmes

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In light of the impassioned and fraught meeting the other night - I was

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 **Lisa Dunning** Darren Mckenna doing it now...  3

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 **George Hurry** Helen Young thank you

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Katie Hyett St. Albans school are already aware and some parents are involved.

Like · Reply · 5w



Helen Masterson Was Mills Hi Katie Hyett yes that's correct it has been brought to Mrs Hordell attention and I believe it's being discussed.

Like · Reply · 5w



George Hurry Thank you

Like · Reply · 5w



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Mandy Ferdinando I spoke to the head teacher of one school and they are happy for the petition to go there

Love · Reply · 5w



Helen Young Which school please, Mandy?x

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Mandy Ferdinando Riders x

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Charlene Maines Ask Warren Park as my daughter goes there and loves father Jonathan

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George Hurry
20 October

Hi everyone has anybody thought of approaching the local schools for which Jonathan and Karina do so much and speaking with the head teachers to see if the kids would like to write letters to the diocese about what they think. After all one of the arguments was getting the youth involved with the church. Just a thought.

Marilyn Jeffrey, Chris Elmes and 17 others

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Samantha Clarke When I was telling my husband about this and what was happening my 5 year old asked what it meant so I told him ! He said father Johnathan has to have a job because he comes to my school . I'm sure trosnant would do this !

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Helen Young Great idea, George. Could we also have the petitions go round the school for the parents to sign too--?

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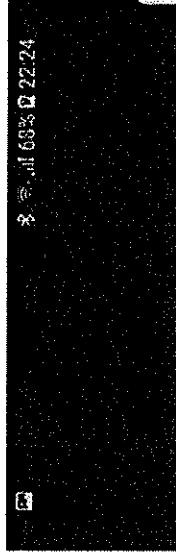


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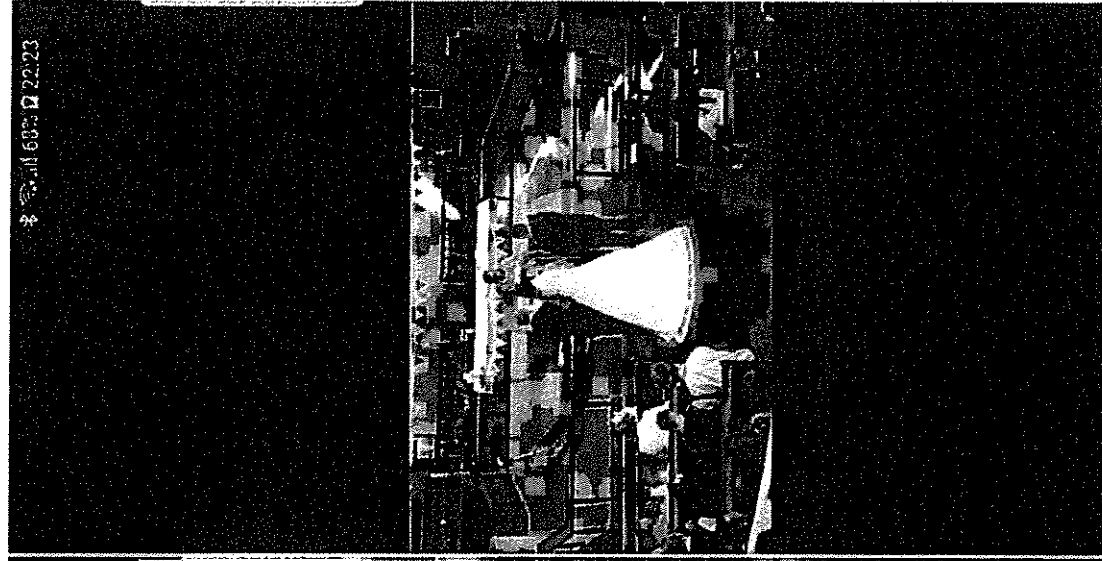
23 October

Father Jonathan married my husband and i 2 years ago.
We felt at ease due to the fact we all knew him and hes a big part of our
community.

He has soo much patients with the kids.
Leigh park would be lost wivout him



Jul 68% 22:24



Jul 68% 22:23

 You, Marilyn Jeffrey, Kathryn Parker and 6 others



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Norma Hunt So true, a proper Parish Priest. 1

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Annabelle Marie Ranger

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Last year father john renewed mine and my husband wedding vows just before he passed away
And he also did a lovely service at my husbands funeral
This man has a heart of gold

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Nicky Ferre



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Stacey Razzell



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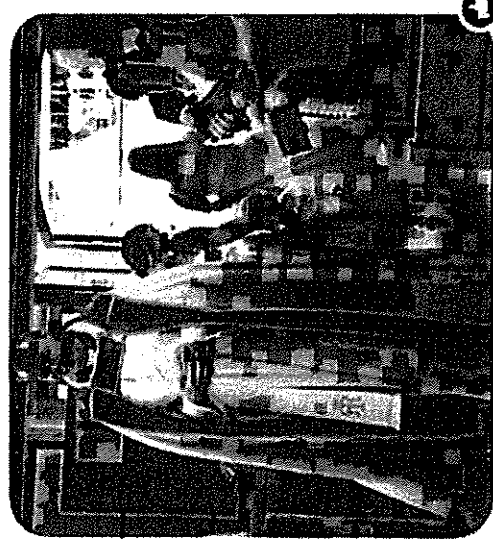
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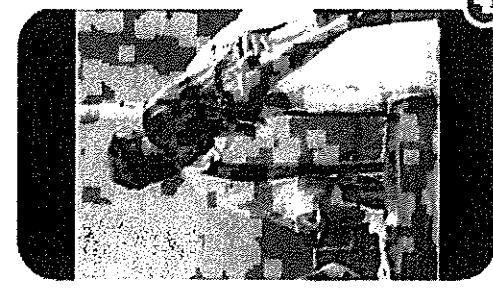
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Amelia Marsh Wardle My wedding



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Nicky Ferre



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Bradley Ferre Hay my kids Nicky Ferre lol

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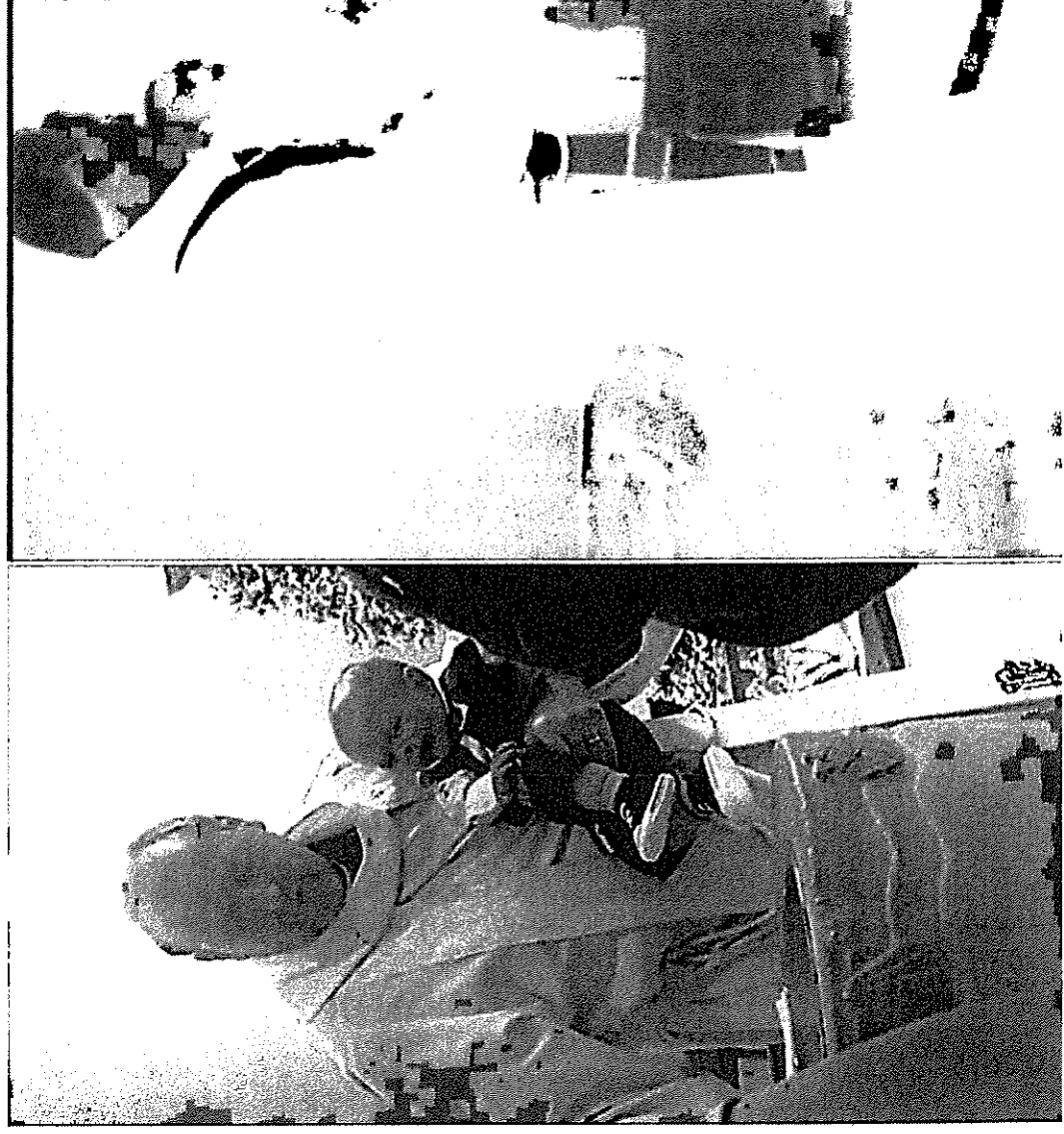
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Amella Marsh Wardle

23 October

Had to share these with you guys x hope it's ok x this is my daughter's Christening and 10years later grandson's christening both by father Johnathan 😊 he even married my husband and I and also 2 of our other children christening x his family attended our after parties too because they are family ❤️



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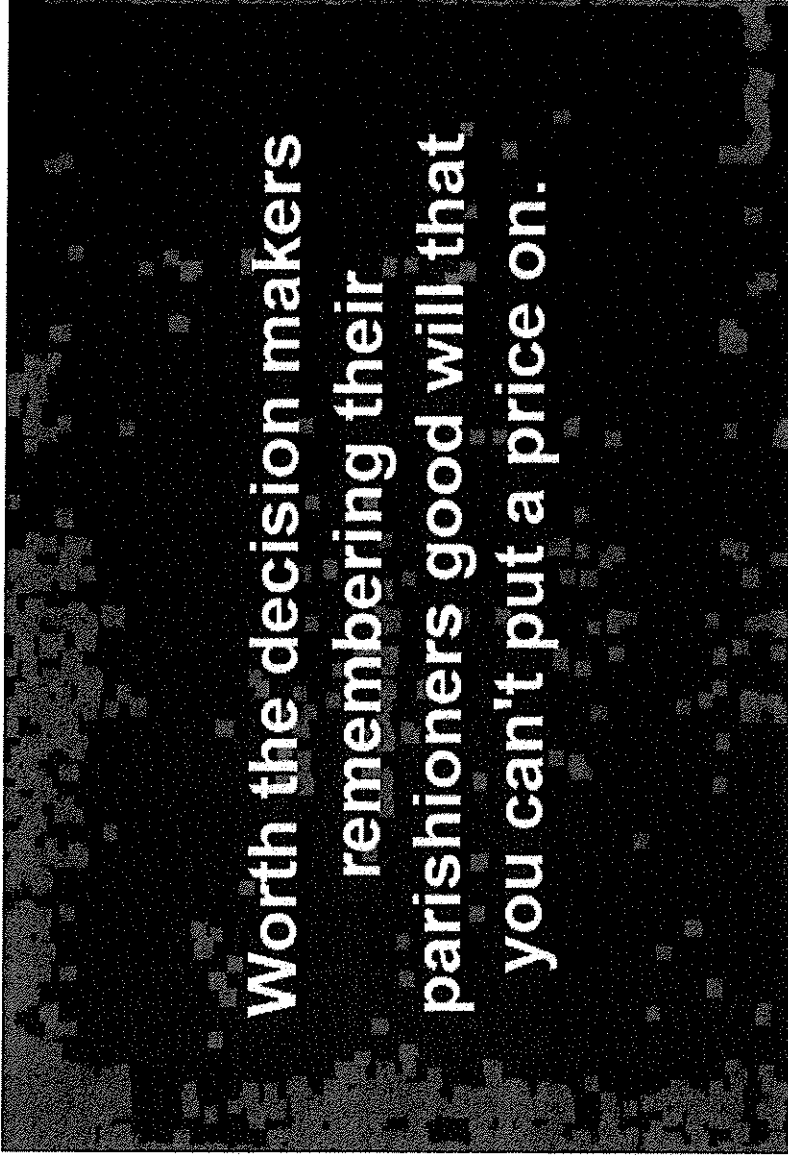
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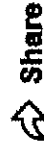
Paul Mcleod

25 October at 21:32



You, Chris Elmes, Stuart Holmes and 1 other

1 Comment



Norma Hunt The trouble is, like all decision makers, they think one plan will fit all. Regardless of people and communities being different. Surely it should have been a case of prior consultation, then compromise by all.


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clergy = job sorted!

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→ Diane Marie replied · 1 Reply

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 Stuart Holmes, Michelle Pressman and 13 others

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George Hurry Paula the Hurry family will do everything in our power to help. Just let us know what we can do.






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Paula Jeffrey-Powell Thank you x

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Darren Mckenna Can we be any more patronised and spoon fed this crap from above?! The process is a very costly way of doing whatever they want any while paying lip service to us that we have a say in this!!!

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Chris Elmes So are they trying to say that (1) it is because LP and WL will all be one parish ; (2) it will save the clergy work? Answer is staring them in the face - leave the parishes as they are; give the existing parishes more help therefore less pressure on the existing clergy = job sorted!

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↳ Diane Marie replied · 1 Reply



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Dave Simms And these people from the Diocese Office call themselves Christians... NO WAY ... They should be utterly ashamed of themselves treating two hard working and loyal Vicars the way they are. I cannot believe this is really happening. And this Jenny who sent this letter above has the nerve to end it with the words All The Best

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Paula Jeffrey-Powell Dave Simms There are also another 8 priests in the same position in Gosport and on the Isle of Wight too...so 10 in Portsmouth Diocese in total with their positions in the Church on the line

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Dave Simms Absolutely disgusted with the whole affair

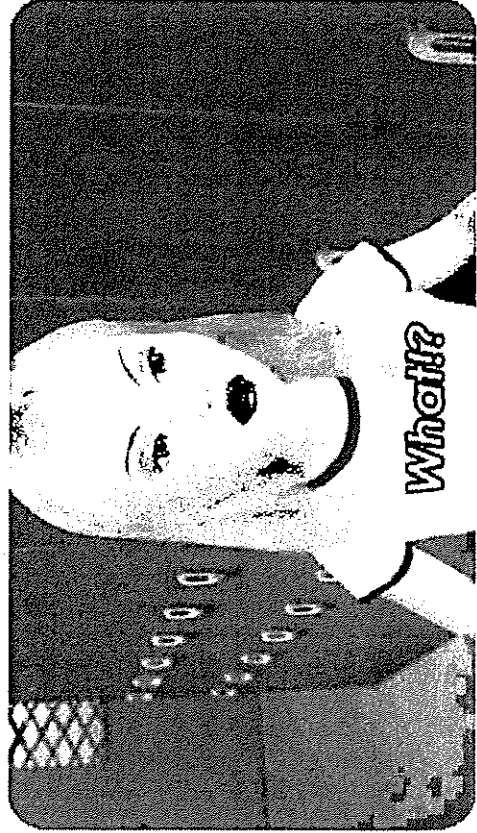
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Norma Hunt The News, wanted views on the comments page. The email address under the Bishops piece in Fri 19th Oct. News on page 6.



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Paula Jeffrey-Powell They DON'T have to do this! They don't have to pass this! The 'Law's' only come into place IF they agree to go ahead with this and the process then begins. If they reject it they CAN do it all another way ie send people to work with Jonathan and Karina and build on the brilliant work and commitments that's already being done here by the two of them! The decision is in THEIR hands! ...Untij then.... that 'law and the way the process with this' does not stand. They DO NOT have to replace Jonathan and Karina unless those in the planning group of this ridiculous idea agree to this their present plan! - At the end of their 'consultation' phasel They can and SHOULD listen to what the community want.

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Julie Adams Paula Jeffrey-Powell all so about south today on tv get it broad cast see what johnthan says hun xxxxx

Like · Reply · 3w

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Marilyn Jeffrey I was told in my email today from the diocese that it will be discussed at Diocesan Synod in November but the Synod will not be making any decision as to the next steps as under the legislation this is something for the Bishops Council to do but after the informal consultation period has ended !!!!!

Like · Reply · 4w

Paula Jeffrey-Powell So the Diocesan Synod don't get to vote on something regarding the Churches in their diocese... Hmmm... I'll be curious to hear what they say when I attend that meeting then!

Like · Reply · 4w  1

Marilyn Parker Is the Portsmouth news paper going to do a piece on peoples concerns?only the news did a piece allowing "jenny and co" to put forward their reasons for all the changes

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Paula Jeffrey-Powell That's a very good ideal I'll look into that on

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I hope this answers your question but let me know if not.
All the best,
Jenny



Michelle Pressman, Julie Adams and 5 others

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ER Webster Outrageous

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Steve Horswell Is it not possible to "ringfence" these positions? Other employers manage this whilst making positions redundant.



Like Reply · 4w



Marilyn Jeffrey We would all have to attend meetings to discuss who would be on pcc, church wardens etc if this happened. Some of us know lots of people in the three parishes and some do not. We would have to get to know everyone if they applied for these roles as they would perhaps have to write why they think they should be on pcc or church warden. Oh dear I think I am rabbiting on as things will be so different!!!!

Like Reply · 4w



Julie Adams Marilyn Jeffrey sorry paula this is not fair we been push out of our church's and johnthan im sure he can get them done un fair dimissul sorry he been with us for a bloody long time st francises church leigh park why now he got no dept in our church h... See more

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I asked the diocese what the changing of their woraing in the paper meant... if it meant Jonathan and Karina would stay and receive assistance of other people.... Received reply today... Not impressed .
(For those who were at the meeting Jenny was the lady with the microphone)

Here is the reply....

Subject: RE: Diocesan Strategy Plan change?

Dear Paula,

The consultation process is designed to collect all the concerns, points raised by those who participate in it to inform the Bishop's Council when it has to decide how to proceed.

As was said at the meeting last week, it has always been the proposal to significantly increase the staffing levels in Leigh Park, Warren Park and West Leigh so that we can maintain our traditional church worship whilst also enabling new forms of worship and community engagement to hopefully be able to work alongside more people in the community.

In order to do this we need to change the church structure, 'benefices', to reduce the need for multiplication of work for our clergy i.e. go to having possibly one benefice, one PCC, one set of accounts etc. to produce (legally required) rather than doing it all three times for each church individually. But the nature of the law governing the Church of England means, that if we do this, that the 'offices' that Fr Jonathan and Karina currently hold will no longer exist as they are inextricably linked to the three existing benefices. Therefore, due to this church law, if the proposals were to go through to have one benefice, one parish and three churches to reduce the bureaucracy etc. then they would have to re-apply to the newly created 'offices' in the new 'benefice'.

I hope this answers your question but let me know if not.

All the best,

Jenny

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Paul Mcleod From what I've heard money needs to be invested improving heating etc. Could it be they lost some parishioners due to a cold church. Especially elderly etc. If they admit no church closures where

Will they find money they say diocese needs to find from existing budget - bit obvious maybe three churches but only one vicar? How can a religion be taken seriously locally if they don't have a full time clergy person of the rank of vicar in each church. Surely history, tradition is a congregation has a vicar in their church. A clergy member below status of vicar surely shows a lack of commitment from religious management?

I think even people using their local churches just for events. Christenings, weddings. Funerals etc would want a Vicar officiating. One Vicar officiating at such events across three churches would not be able to do this. Have local managment looked at village congregations separated by countryside? Doubt it. These tea and cucumber sandwiches with the Vicar congregations wouldn't stand for it.

Like · Reply · 3w



Marilyn Parker Cold Church's don't keep people out...

Like · Reply · 3w



Paul Mcleod Marilyn Parker I agree but must have an impact on the elderly, might make some think they won't go because they can't cope sitting in the cold.

Like · Reply · 3w



Marilyn Parker Nah...the church needs to look at more then their heating to get people in...Look at the hypocrisy of people who represent the "church" are acting over vicars who have done so much for there community's....

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Marilyn Parker Also sent all concerns to top bishop of c/e let him now how much distress this causing to the community.. He was ripping into the government about being "unchristian" I think jenny has already made her mind up which way this going to go...and it won't be what y'all wanted

Like Reply · 3w

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Chris Elmes Marilyn Parker dud write to him last week - awaiting a reply!

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Marilyn Parker You all need to write to him...

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Marilyn Jeffrey Chris Elmes Did the archd mention about making the clergy redundant?

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Chris Elmes Marilyn Jeffrey Of course not - because no decisions have been made!!!!!!

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Paula Jeffrey-Powell Chris Elmes Yeah..... right!

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Paula Jeffrey-Powell Which radio station was it?

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 **Chris Elmes**
28 October at 08:03

Did anyone else hear the Archdeacon on the radio this morning? Definitely no church buildings will be closed but decisions about what they will be doing will be decided in consultation with the community.

Was I the only one who was thinking "Liar, liar, pants on fire!"


 You, Marilyn Jeffrey, Bettina Brown and 14 others 12 Comments 1 share

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 **Norma Hunt** It's almost like politicians, trying to hide behind words. Think we're all illiterate and easily led.



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 **Marilyn Parker** Some one needs to get in touch with that radio station and give the concerns of the community...because "Jenny and co" are winning at getting their side of the story out..papers now radio...your group... Facebook

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 **Chris Elmes** Already on it!  1

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 Marilyn Jeffrey I know, I nearly threw something at the tv. I think he got his place wrong as he was also talking about the school in Cosham. Or at least I am giving the man an excuse lol


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Moe Horswell Attention grabbing headlines - 9 million makeover! From what I've read to date the current plans don't add up to 9mi Such a shame that Jonathan, Karina and others affected by this 'change' weren't consulted earlier. They should have been given the opportunity to be involved, using their knowledge and expertise of areas they serve. Jonathan is such a wonderful Man of God, and Man of the People.

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 Marilyn Jeffrey The Church Times are on facebook, but this article is not on there yet. Hopefully they might still put it on and then we could put lots of comments on there.

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 Paula Jeffrey-Powell


30 October at 23:02

Out of curiosity.... Has anyone received a copy of the minutes from the public meeting yet or have been able to access them online? I was under the impression we should have received them Monday 29th...

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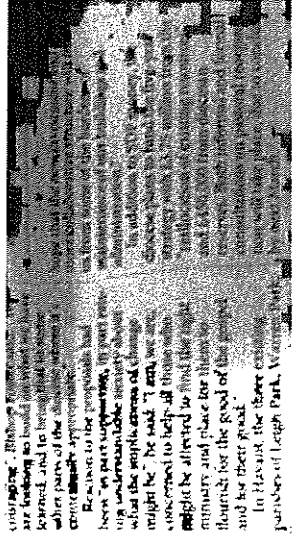
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Chris Elmes 'Several clergy have expressed reservations'..... no mention that they are being made redundant! Same old waffle!

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Marilyn Jeffrey The church are the same as governments covering up what really is going to happen. The Diocese always trying to make us look as if we are all idiots and go around in rags and barefeet.

Like Reply 3w

Marilyn Parker Spot on... Unfortunately they also think we have no thinking powers or intellect and therefore can be talked down too and easily be dismissed.

Like Reply 3w

Marilyn Jeffrey For my sins (lol) I was a civil servant for 14 years until last year and some colleagues would run down Leigh Park. Then I would embarrass them by saying I lived there and have done for 40 odd years. Loved seeing their faces!!

Like Reply 3w

Marilyn Jeffrey, Emily Lawrence. Thank you for sharing the Church.

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Donna Armstrong We can't agree more...it's the way they have gone about it if karina and johnatha was more aware of the current situation this couldve been dealt with accordingly let's hope they see sense from the community and put more funding into our area for our priests to continue the brilliant work for our community xx

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Michelle Pressman Brilliant letter Norma xx

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Emily Lawrence
30 October at 08:25

From the Church Times...

NEWS

Portsmouth's £9m makeover



Diocese plans large-scale reorganisation of urban parishes

Modelling Diocese
A DOUBLING of investment in a post-war housing estate, extra staff and renewed regeneration are among the proposals in a multi-million-pound plan for the church of Portsmouth, announced last week. A bid for £9 million of the £18 million already given to the Church of Commissioners to help fund the 2011 mission plan to reach those who are traditionally been poor in urban areas, and people on stand-alone housing developments. Parishes in the urban areas of Harewood, Gosport, and the Isle of Wight have been identified as places where renewed investment could have the maximum impact for investment in the post-war housing estate where 200-300 people are living in 100-150 year-old tenements, which lack in "two or three people" and building from widely maintained by the existing church in order to be replaced by new private apartments, and new housing developments, as well as schools, nurseries, and

Planned from Holy Trinity's renovation, in 1 Jacobson, and supported by some of the £925,000 of STP awarded by the Church of Commissioners in 2016 (News 2). The impact of the project is estimated to be about 200 worth of new work with an average of 100 jobs. The impact of the project is estimated to be about 200 worth of new work with an average of 100 jobs. The impact of the project is estimated to be about 200 worth of new work with an average of 100 jobs.

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Church of Commissioners of Portsmouth
A major makeover of the city's urban areas is planned for the next few years, with a £9m investment in the Holy Trinity church and its surrounding area. The project will include the renovation of the church, the construction of new housing, and the creation of new public spaces. The project is part of a larger plan to regenerate the city's urban areas, which includes the construction of new housing, the creation of new public spaces, and the renovation of existing buildings. The project is expected to create 200 jobs and to improve the quality of life for the people of Portsmouth.

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I have been asked to share this post to this page... It is a copy of a letter sent to Jenny from one of the Church Wardens at St Francis Church.

Dear Jenny,

At the meeting we were asked to give our views.

We were told there had been consultations, which was ongoing.

1. No one had asked me or anyone on Leigh Park, Warren Park and West Leigh, for our views on the proposed changes.
2. We were told not to make it personal, it is, it's where we live and worship.
3. A lot of the proposed changes are all ready being done in these Parishes.
4. Surely it would have been easier to have approached Jonathan, Karina and the vicars at the other Churches, to see if they could implement some more of what the diocese wants.
5. One plan does not fit all situations, different Communities, different strategies.
6. No one is against change, just the way it's happening.
7. I can only speak for our own situation.

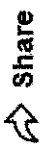
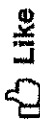
Jonathan and Karina, are proper Parish Priests and are respected in these areas.

More money and more help for them to do the work they love and trained and was Ordained to do, would be more helpful.

Regards, Norma. Church Warden, St. Francis Church.

Chris Elmes, Michelle Pressman and 10 others

5 Comments



Darren Mckenna Well said Norma completely agree

Like · Reply · 3w



David Arkwell Very well written Norma and to the point

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Donna Armstrong We couldn't agree more it's the way they have

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New clergy will need quite some time to get to know area and even longer to gain parisheners trust. That trust will be damaged for who knows how long between the diocese management and the parishoners. They will be affected, influenced by losing Jonathon and Karina. I'm sure that will have a negeative affect on their attitude towards new clergy. Whats that old saying " if it's not broken don't try fixing it" Thank you Paul

Marilyn Jeffrey, Bettina Brown and 8 others 8 comments

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Michelle Pressman Brilliant letter Paul xx Like · Reply · 3w

Darren Mckenna Cheers Paul good man, coffee soon? xx Like · Reply · 3w

Darren Mckenna replied · 2 replies

Steve Horswell Well said Paul Like · Reply · 3w

Diane Marie Brilliant couldn't have put it better myself . I want to know how they expect to attract more bums on seats if they are clearly alienating the community they want to attract!! Like · Reply · 3w

Paul Mcleod and any future congregation might hear about their style of decision making, consultation ! Like · Reply · 3w

Michelle Pressman EXACTLY Like · Reply · 3w

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Paul Mcleod Thats fine. No-one should criticise your views, your entitled to them same as anyone else. Jonathon and Karina clearly know their loved and well supported, the diocese knows that too. Theyve definitely got an agenda and presumed consultation would just be minor, play a role etc. They wouldn't have expected the amount of opposition to 'their' ideas.

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Michelle Pressman Paul Mcleod Thx Paul, will start composing my letter tomorrow!

Like · Reply · 3w



Write a reply...



Darren Mckenna Expertly conveyed arguments. So proud to be part of a community that stands courageously beside one another in a time like this. Well said mate, proud of you xx

Like · Reply · 3w



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Moe Horswell Excellent letter Paula. Thank you xx

Like · Reply · 3w



Ted Lawrence Yes.Mushroom factory comes to mind.

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Ted Lawrence They are keeping us in the dark.

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Emily Lawrence

30 October at 14:30



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Michelle Pressman Paula, this letter is absolutely brilliant. It is extremely well written and you have managed to cover everything within this letter, not only from a community viewpoint but also theological one. I was also going to write a letter but you have covered everything I wanted to say and more besides!!! Thank you so much for everything you are doing, you truly are a star xx



Like Reply · 3w



Paul Mcleod Michelle it wont hurt you writing to, even if you cover similar points. The more they hear from people the better, especially when the parisheners are all saying the same things. They cant dismiss views being down to one or two then. x



Like Reply · 3w



Michelle Pressman Ok will compose a letter and then will email to either yourself or Paula in case I miss anything important and also to make sure I have my facts straight!! Hope this is ok, Thx Paul x



Like Reply · 3w



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training (yes I do know all about that process from a personal encounter)

it doesn't make sense...

I look forward to receiving your response shortly.

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Paula Jeffrey-Powell Email now sent! x

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Paul Mcleod Forgot to mention when an organisation decides to make people redundant. They should offer staff any similar role vacant elsewhere in the organisation.

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Paula Jeffrey-Powell Paul Mcleod My apologies... I will write that in my next reply

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Write a reply...



Alison Watson Well done, it's like reading my own thoughts x

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Marilyn Jeffrey Paula Jeffrey-Powell Flowed?? More like flooded lol. Yes it really does sum up all our thoughts. I have been struggling to think of something to say about our patron saint, Saint Francis of Assisi as this is our church's full title. You did well. X

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Write a reply...



Janet Horn Was Arnold Well done Paula, you have put into words exactly how we all feel x

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Paula Jeffrey-Powell I just added this last part... One last question from within the community... Why, when in very recent years, you – the diocese – did a big 'drive' regarding priesthood with the reason being there are more priests reaching retirement age than there are offering themselves, are you then making not only our two priests potentially redundant to make way for your plans for our community, but also eight other priests too who are in the same situation... I'm sure when the Archbishop began this new initiative and offered money, he did not intend for God's servants to be put in this position especially after the gruelling process they each have to go through from the initial calling from God through to Ordination and further training (yes I do Know all about that process from a personal encounter) it doesn't make sense...

I look forward to receiving your response shortly.

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Paula Jeffrey-Powell Email now sent! x

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Diane Marie Wow if that doesn't warrant a response I don't know what will x
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Sarah Stouse Well done great letter. X
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George Hurry Wow. Says it all.
Like · Reply · 3w 1
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Marilyn Parker Well said. sums it up.
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Chris Elmes Well done! This must get a proper response xx
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Marilyn Jeffrey Paula Jeffrey-Powell. The letter is great. Covers everything we have all said in detail. Hopefully a reply will be returned quickly!! Well done, must have taken ages to do. X
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Paula Jeffrey-Powell Marilyn Jeffrey I had been pondering on it in my mind over the last week but more to write to the bishop.. I initially started to write this letter regarding the minutes and it just flowed on from there. Took about a couple of hours...plus little bits of editing here and there when I re-read it a few times but I hope I summed up the feeling in the community x
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Paula Jeffrey-Powell

31 October at 01:25

Letter being sent to Jenny....
(Warning... it is very long!)

Dear Jenny and Portsmouth Diocese...
Continue reading

Darren Mckenna, Marilyn Jeffrey and 4 others

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Paula Jeffrey-Powell Does this letter seem ok to people? Is it a true representaion of people's voices? x

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Julie Adams Paula Jeffrey-Powell yea its the truth not like them xxxxxxthanks paula u the best xxxxxx

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Write a reply...



Paul Mcleod Its great Paula, honest, challenging, think you've covered everything. Nice one.

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Carolyn Shannon Yes I think it covers most of it

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Marilyn Jeffrey I have thought that as well. 1

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Ken Collings Unfortunately we all know some church goers who are not always Very Christian like.

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Michelle Pressman I best be careful then, sad situation but can't say it surprises me.

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Karen Davidson We're only speaking from the heart. Crack on, report back they might actually listen then x

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Chris Elmes Hope so - it will show them what people are thinking/saying!

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Paul Mcleod

31 October at 17:53

Be aware when writing here or elsewhere there will be a mole or two on page reporting back to church management. Not very Christian like perhaps.



Marilyn Jeffrey, Darren Mckenna and 2 others

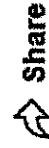
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Darren Mckenna It beggars belief but you are on point unfortunately. I hope that we can all speak with the honesty and courage with which we'd have when we stand before our maker.

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Diane Marie Well if they do hopefully it will show them just how disgusted the community is with them . Nothing that is being written on here is wrong !!!

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Michelle Pressman Exactly x

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