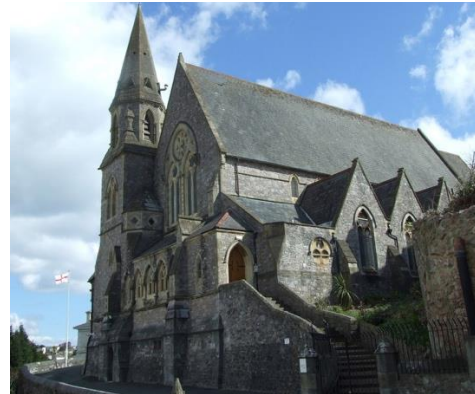
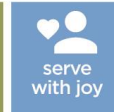


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ALL SAINTS TORRE, ST LUKE,
ST JOHN, TORQUAY
PARISH PROFILE FOR A
PROSPECTIVE TRAINING POST

General Information

Benefice / Parish(es): **All Saints Torre, St Luke, St John**

Mission Community: **Central Torquay**

Archdeaconry: **Totnes**

Training Incumbent name: **Fr Peter March SSC**

Contact details for incumbent:

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Date of ordination: **Deaconate 2013; Priesthood 2014**

Length of time in present parish(es): **4 years**

Other responsibilities and duties currently undertaken by incumbent:

Bishop of Exeter's Representative to the Diocese of Exeter, Assistant Diocesan Director of Ordinands, Member of the EDBE, Member of the Diocesan Synod, Member of the Deanery Mission and Pastoral Committee, Chaplain to Deaf Community Church, Bank Chaplain to Torbay Hospital, Chaplain to the ATC (200 Sqd), School Governor, Chair of Christians Together in Torquay

Previous posts and experience of incumbent, including details of experience with previous curates:

I am in my first incumbency and prior to my current post I was curate at St Michael and All Angels, Heavitree. Whilst I haven't been a training Incumbent to date, in my previous career I was responsible for Initial Teacher Training students and have experience in mentoring and coaching.

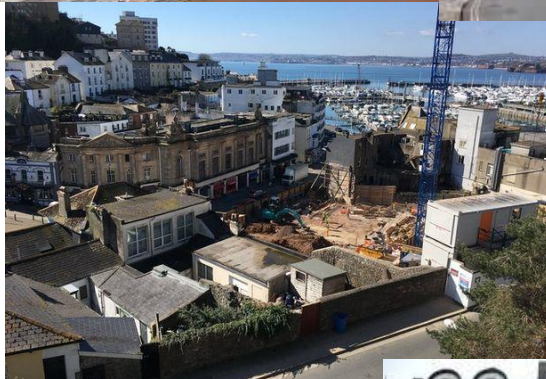


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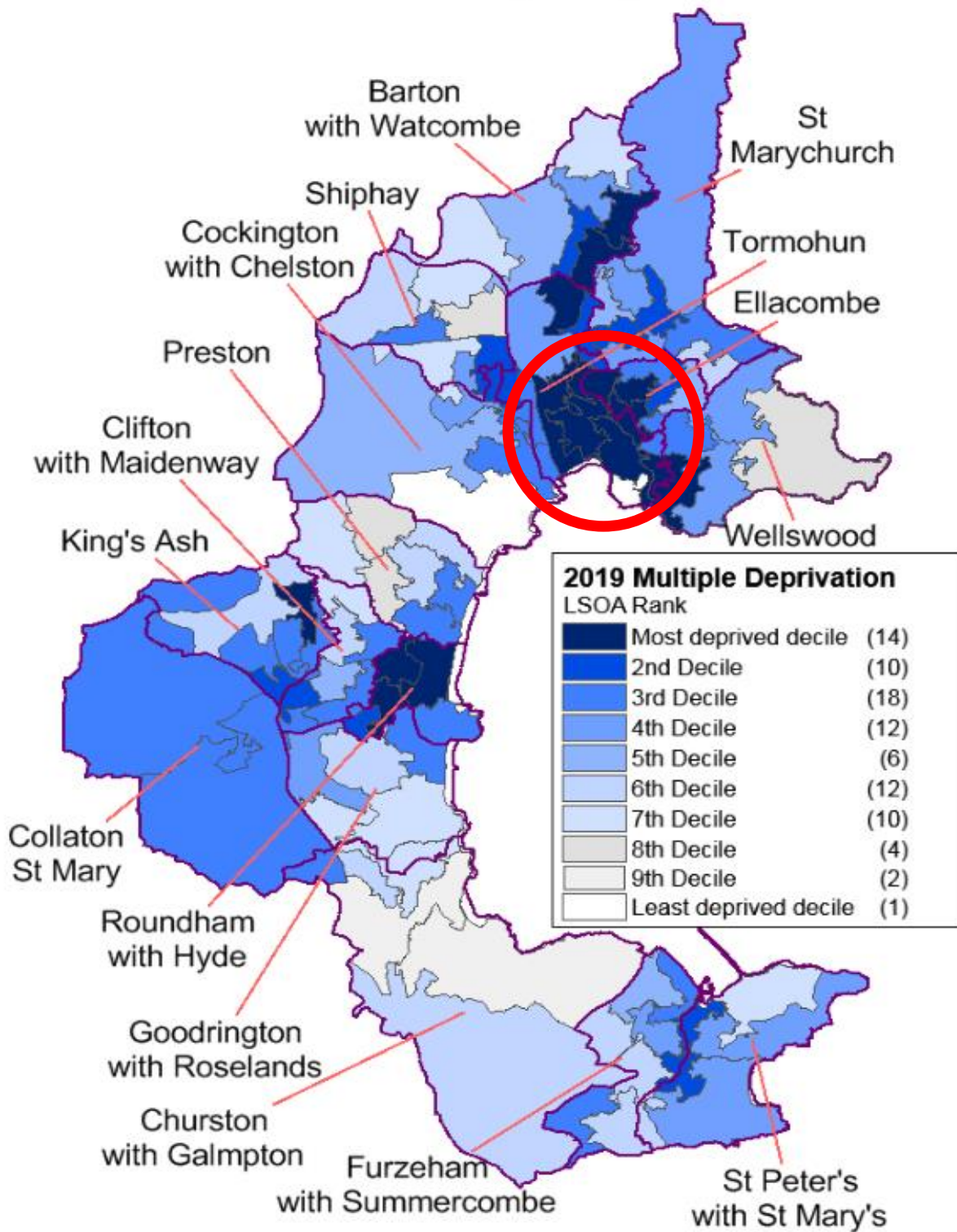
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- Training post for deacon who expects to be ordained priest
- Training post for permanent deacon

The context: the parish setting



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The three parishes cover an area from Torre Abbey in the west to Torquay Harbour in the east, and from the coast in the south to just beyond the centre of town as its northern border. Most parts of the parish are accessible on foot. There are also good transport links locally, and by road and rail nationally. The local area is well served by public transport. The combined population of the three parishes is 8632, with 1977 resident in the parish of St John, 1109 in the parish of St Luke, and 5546 in the parish of All Saints, Torre. There is a diverse mix of housing across the parishes: from multi-occupancy bed-sit dwellings; to semi-detached and detached owner-occupied housing; and, a number of retirement apartment blocks. There is also a substantial and relatively new housing development in the heart of All Saints which presents some of the challenges of estates ministry. These different types of housing co-exist in close proximity to one another in most parts of the parishes.

The demographic of the parishes is diverse. In some areas there are high levels of deprivation and unemployment, which are some of the highest in the Diocese and within national statistics. There are also people who work in professional and artisan employment, those who work in retail and hospitality, and a substantial proportion of the population who are retired. The biggest employers in the area are the NHS and the hospitality sector. The presence of hotels and guesthouses mean that there is also a substantial transitory population of visitors and holidaymakers.

Within the parish boundaries there is a church primary school, a community secondary school, and a residential EFL school. There are also a number of care homes and nursing homes. The local hospice is also within the parish of All Saints Torre. Beyond the parish boundaries there is a joint Roman Catholic and Anglican Secondary School, and the local general hospital, both of which we have links with.

The Churches



The parishes are united by the eucharistic tradition of the church. All follow the provision from within Common Worship. St Luke is of a central eucharistic tradition, and All Saints and St John are of the catholic tradition with modern liturgy and ceremonial. Two of the parishes, All Saints and St Johns, have passed a resolution, under the House of Bishops declaration on the ministry of Priests and Bishops, and are under the extended episcopal care of the Bishop of Ebbsfleet.

The average number of people on the electoral rolls is 50, though the number of those who regularly participate in the worship and life of the parishes is greater. The pattern of worship on Sundays is: 8.30am Said Mass, All Saints, Torre; 9.30am Sung Mass with Sunday Club for children, All Saints, Torre (on the first Sunday of each month Sunday Club stay for the whole service, which we call "All For One" and takes the form of a shorter Said Mass with hymns); 11am Sung Eucharist, St Luke; 11am Sung Mass, St John; 6pm BCP Evensong, St. Luke.

Weekday services are held on Monday "Quiet Space" at St Luke, 6-7pm; Wednesday Said Mass at All Saints, Torre, 10.30am; Thursday BCP Holy Communion at St Luke, 10.15am; Friday Said Mass at All Saints, Torre at 10am (on the third Wednesday of each month a Mass of the Holy House of Our Lady of Walsingham is Offered with the healing ministries), then Said Mass at St John at 11am. Morning and Evening Prayer are said daily at 9am and 6pm.

Feasts and festivals are observed across the parishes, and likewise occasional offices celebrated. The last 4 years have seen growing numbers of Baptisms and Confirmations, and some weddings. There is also a strong Funeral ministry, with services taking place in church and at the local crematorium.

Over the past 2 years the parishes have shared in Advent and Lent courses. These have been held in church and in the café of a local theatre. St Luke has a monthly Bible study group, which is well attended. At St John, over the last 2 years there has been a monthly Film Club, which includes discussion of Christian themes from the film shown. St John has also hosted the U3A Bible as Literature course, and a course in church history. These have been well attended. In 2019 the Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham was re-established at All Saints, Torre, it has 14 members who meet regularly and have undertaken pilgrimage to Walsingham.

Across the parishes our priority is mission in all aspects of the life of the church, and particularly in our service to the local community. This includes, ministry to schools and regular commitment to leading Collective Worship. Messy Church, which runs each half term, and which has grown over the last 3 years. "Little Saints" parent/carer & childrens' drop-in 'stay and play', which is held at All Saints on Friday morning. "Chatter Café", which is a form of Messy Church for the retired members of the community, which is held once a month at St Luke. Visiting is undertaken by the clergy and laity, to those in hospital, care homes, and the house bound. We have also worked together with other Christians in the area, as part of 'Christians Together in Torquay', to run the ToWNS Project (Torbay Winter Night Shelter). This has provided food and safe accommodation, between January and March, for those who would otherwise be sleeping rough. The parishes are also involved

with events within the wider life of the Diocese. We have been part of Family Fest South West for the last 4 years, and taken groups to the Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage. The parishes are also part of the AMEN Group which organised the 'Unity and Growth' event in the Spring of 2019, and continues to work to promote mission at a grass-roots level in our own context and in other parishes within the Diocese, by building up support networks to encourage growth.

People

The parishes are supported by a number of local retired clergy. We have a paid administrator and a caretaker. There are also many lay volunteers that undertake a diverse range of roles: servers; choir; youth work; eucharistic ministers; pastoral visitors; social, fellowship and fundraising events; grounds and maintenance. All contribute to the life and witness of the church.

Vision and Priorities

Our shared vision, and our priority, is mission in all aspects of the life of the church and community. In 2019 the parishes shared in a LYCIG course (Leading Your Church into Growth), which was led by Bishop Philip North and Fr Damien Feeney. A number of things have grown from this which focus on a vision for growth in spiritual commitment and numbers, and we are currently reviewing our mission action plan. These are exciting times in parishes that have successfully sought to re-engage with the community and mission, and with mission to the community, as a result have witnessed growth and now seek to discern the 'next step'. All of this continues to be held within the priorities that Bishop Robert has set for the Diocese: to grow in prayer; to make new disciples; and to serve the people with joy.

How does the incumbent understand the role of training?

It is my belief that first and foremost a curate is sent to continue formation and develop their spiritual gifts in the office they have been called and ordained to – they are not an extra pair of hands! In addition to our support in this we will also work, and walk, alongside them to develop their practical skills and competencies. Before I was ordained I worked in education and mentored people undergoing initial teacher training. I will be able to offer my experience of coaching and mentoring, as well as spiritual direction to the role of training incumbent.

What is the likely role of the curate in future plans?

This very much depends on the individual and their skills and gifts. There will be an opportunity to be involved in all aspects of the life and ministry of the three parishes as appropriate. As I'm sure you can appreciate there is a diverse range of things going on across the parishes, as well as what the nature of the context presents, which provide many potential opportunities for future formation and training. The fullest answer to this question will be reached by prayerful discernment and discussion with the person who feels called to serve in these parishes.

Areas of particular responsibility for curate in training:

In addition to the roles associated with a deacon, and in due course priest, the particular responsibilities of the curate, as previously mentioned, will be dependent on the skills and gifts of the individual called and sent to this post. However, in addition to playing a full part in the mission and worshipping life of the community, areas to consider for initial responsibility might be aspects of the youth work and social action projects, and for leading study groups/access courses.

Accommodation

A 4 bedroom, semi-detached house is offered as accommodation for the curate. It has gardens to the front and rear, off-street parking and a garage.

Anything else?

We are encouraged by the things that are happening across these parishes and in this challenging context. The person called to be part of this work would be welcomed and supported as they continued their formation by sharing and developing their gifts and skills. Please be assured of my prayers for you and all who are discerning this important step in response to God's calling on their lives.

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