

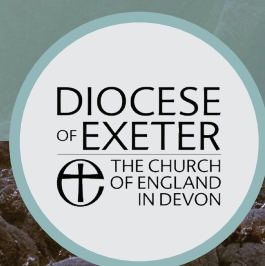
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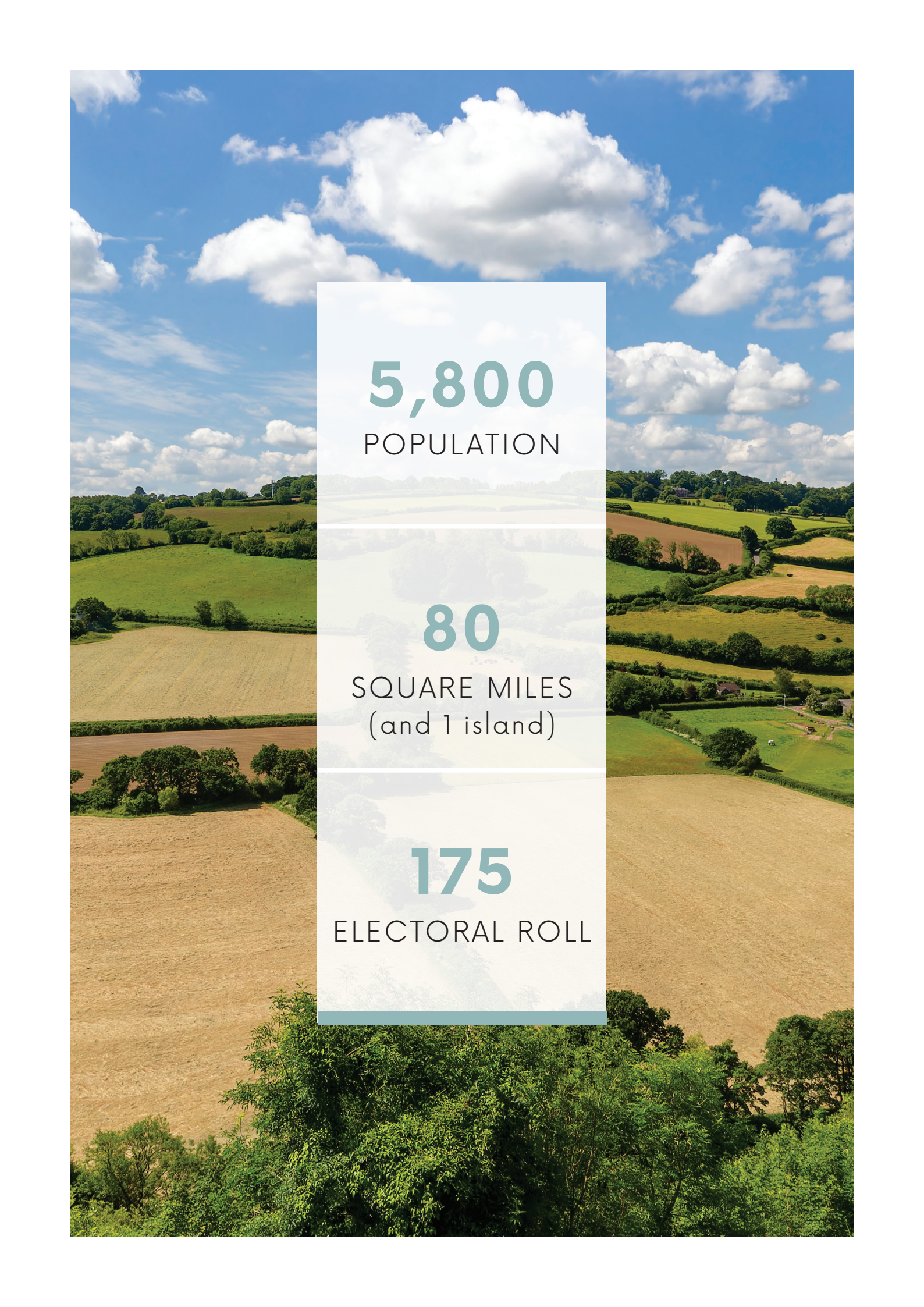
TEAM RECTOR

Hartland Coast Mission Community

Benefice of Parkham, Alwington,
Buckland Brewer, Hartland, Welcombe,
Clovelly, Woolfardisworthy West,
Bucks Mills and Lundy

Archdeaconry of Barnstaple:
Hartland Deanery





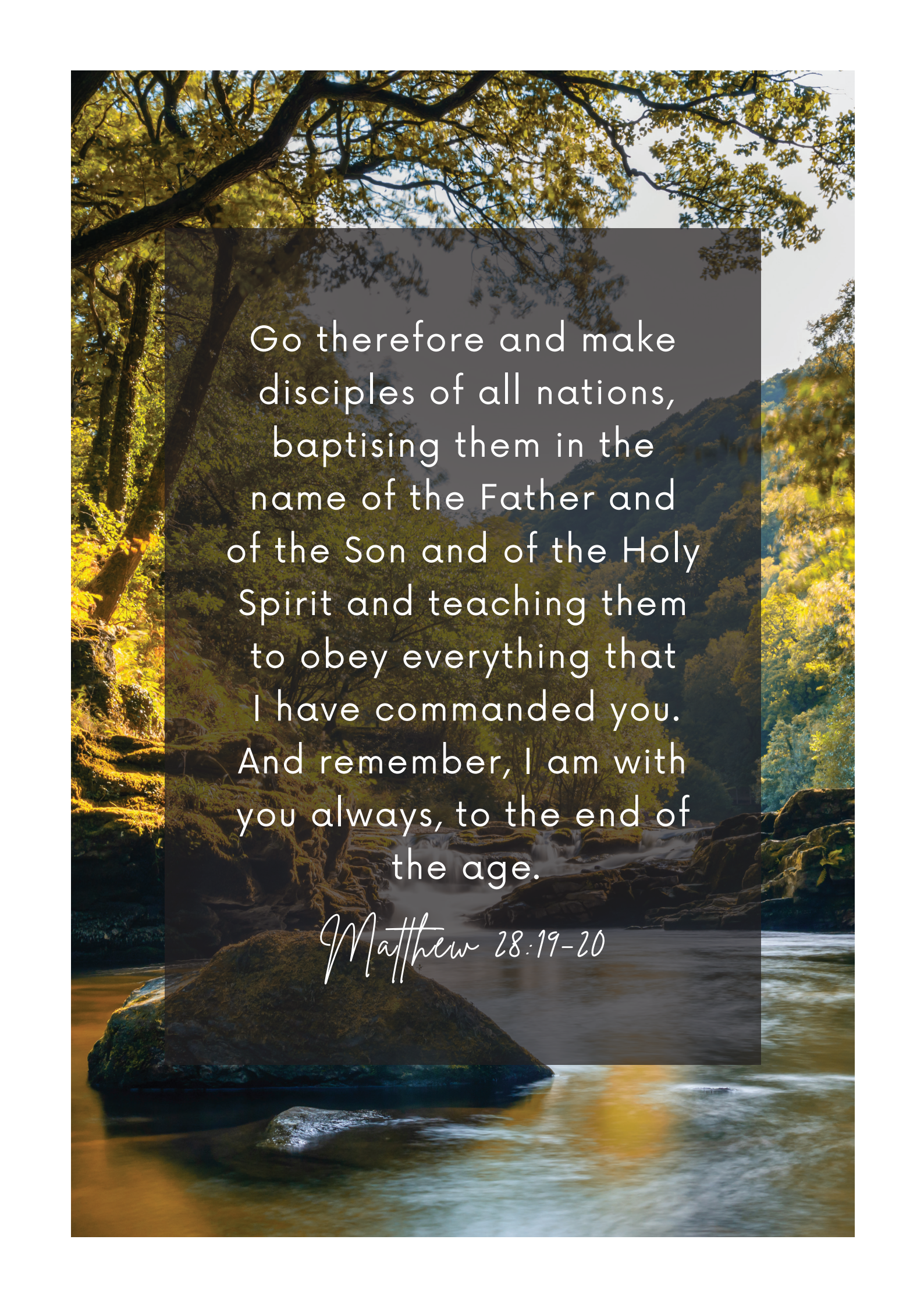
5,800
POPULATION

80
SQUARE MILES
(and 1 island)

175
ELECTORAL ROLL

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Go therefore and make
disciples of all nations,
baptising them in the
name of the Father and
of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit and teaching them
to obey everything that
I have commanded you.
And remember, I am with
you always, to the end of
the age.

Matthew 28:19-20

Hello!

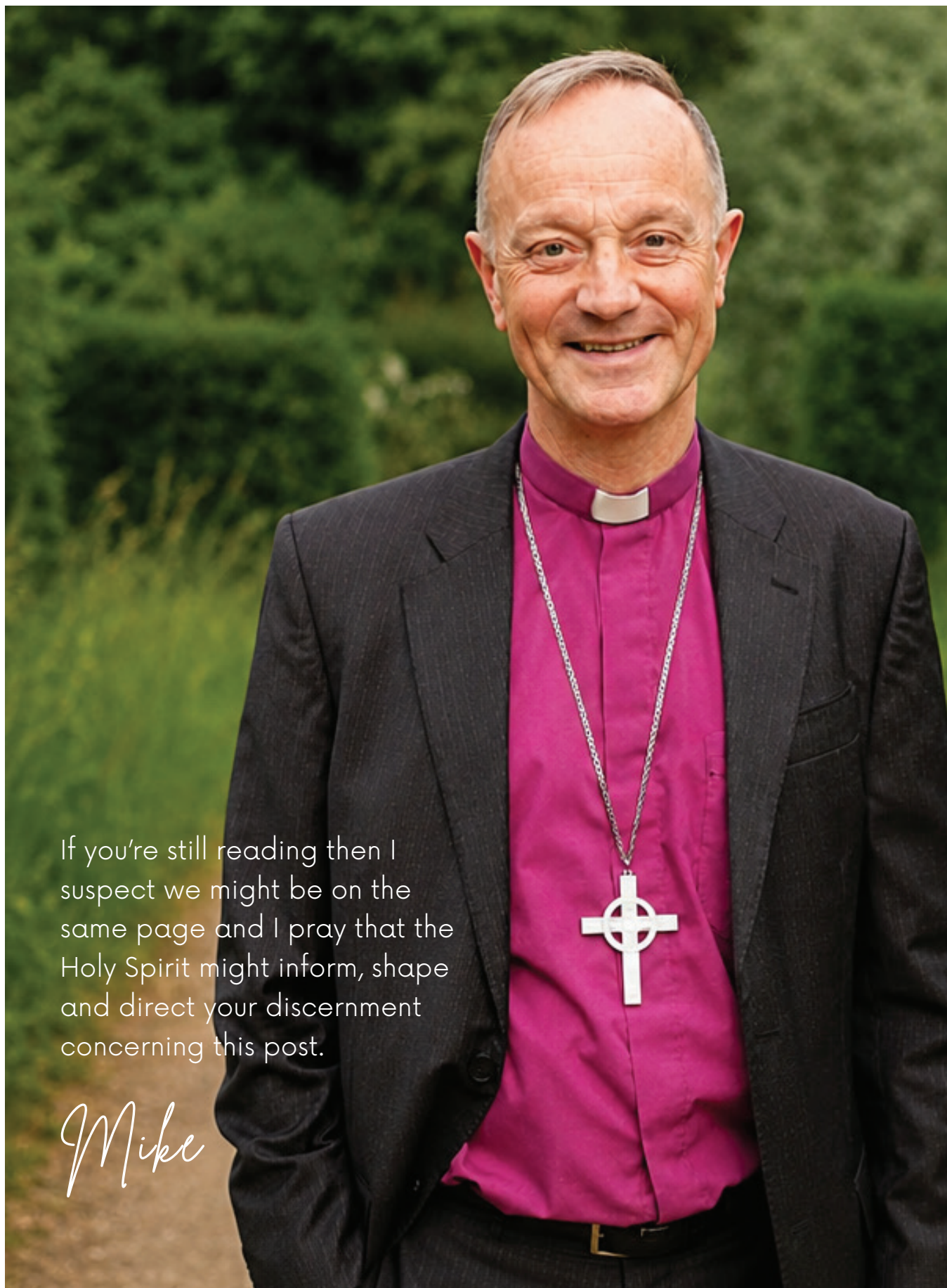
Our vision in this diocese is that of Jesus in His Great Commission. We aspire to appoint leaders of our Christian communities who practise the presence of our Lord and enable others to do so; leaders who witness, act and relate in ways which make disciples and enable others to do so; leaders who serve in ways which intrigue, attract and engage the wider community, and enable others to do so. In short – pray, grow and serve!

So we are looking for ministerial leaders who:

- Are intentionally missional, helping their Christian community to discern who God is sending them to, *and* who God is sending them.
- Are developing missional habits and confidence in the faith for members of their congregations, enabling them to be invitational and ambassadorial.
- Invest in their own discipleship and well-being, and that of those in their care.
- Cultivate vocations, lay and ordained, actively recruiting for initiatives such as the Foundations course and the Exeter Ordination Pathway.
- Place children and young people at the heart of our mission, orienting churches to be ever-more welcoming spaces for young people, using existing resources and networks, but also being pioneering in outlook.
- Experiment with ways of being and doing church that engage the unengaged – we encourage ambitious plans such as creating two new worshipping communities in the first three years of a new ministry.

You can expect to find:

- Support from senior leaders committed to enabling this mission and ministry.
- An outstanding diocesan team, second to none in terms of training provision and opportunities, comms understanding, finance expertise, buildings experience and care for our ministers.
- Opportunities for personal and professional development in alignment with the vision of the Great Commission.
- A warm, relational diocese, where diversity is welcomed and honoured.
- A good-humoured, joyful, energetic culture grateful for the privilege of being called into ministry and supportive of missional experimentation, risk-taking and 'having a go'.



If you're still reading then I suspect we might be on the same page and I pray that the Holy Spirit might inform, shape and direct your discernment concerning this post.

Mike

Welcome!

Thank you for your interest in this post of Team Rector designate – an amazing opportunity to join a forward thinking team and lead the Mission Community on the next stage of their exciting journey.

You will be part of a strong and creative team with collaboration, fellowship and outward focus at its very heart.

The Hartland Coast Mission Community is set in a stunningly beautiful part of North Devon – and has its own island: Lundy!

The Ministry Team and congregations are committed to growing in their discipleship and nurturing new disciples. Under the leadership of the current Team Rector, who will retire in early 2027, the Mission Community has developed a real and strong desire to work together, with an outward focus in their mission and ministry, and an intention to reshape ministry and build stronger links across the benefice. There is a tangible sense of momentum here, which is why we want to appoint a Team Rector Designate to ensure seamless leadership.

The new Team Rector will appoint a new Team Vicar (0.5) to strengthen the team and further develop the direction of travel.

Members of the team have spent time to discern God's vision for this Mission Community. They have discerned the following priorities:

- Together with Ministry Team trying new, creative ways for mission and ministry in the Mission Community.
- Discipleship, nurturing and growing people's faith.
- Being visible and active in the wider community.

We would expect the right candidate will bring a deep love of Christ, enthusiasm, energy and innovation to this role of Team Rector.

The successful candidate will get to know people in the Benefice and Mission Community and work with them to find new and exciting ways of making a difference in these parishes, growing new disciples and enabling people to grow in their discipleship; they would be someone who is open to exploring the possibilities of rural ministry and developing lay ministry.

Living in Mission Communities:

Our strategy centres on Mission Communities - parishes working together to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ more effectively in Devon. The phrase Mission Communities sums up what we need to be as a Church in the 21st century:

mission-orientated, community-focused, and locally-rooted.

Deanery & Diocese:

The Hartland Coast Mission Community (Alwington, Bucks Mills, Buckland Brewer, Clovelly, Hartland, Parkham, Welcombe, Woolsey - and of course Lundy, the MC's very own island) lies in the Archdeaconry of Barnstaple, so is under the care of the Bishop of Crediton. The Benefice is part of the Hartland Deanery of which the Archdeacon of Barnstaple is currently Acting Rural Dean and the Revd Madeline Bray is Assistant Rural Dean. Madeline is PtO priest in Bideford.

We aim to be a diverse and truly representative diocese, and particularly welcome applications from women and those from black and minority ethnic groups. Not only is Devon a beautiful place to call home, but we believe the Diocese of Exeter is a great community of which to be a part.

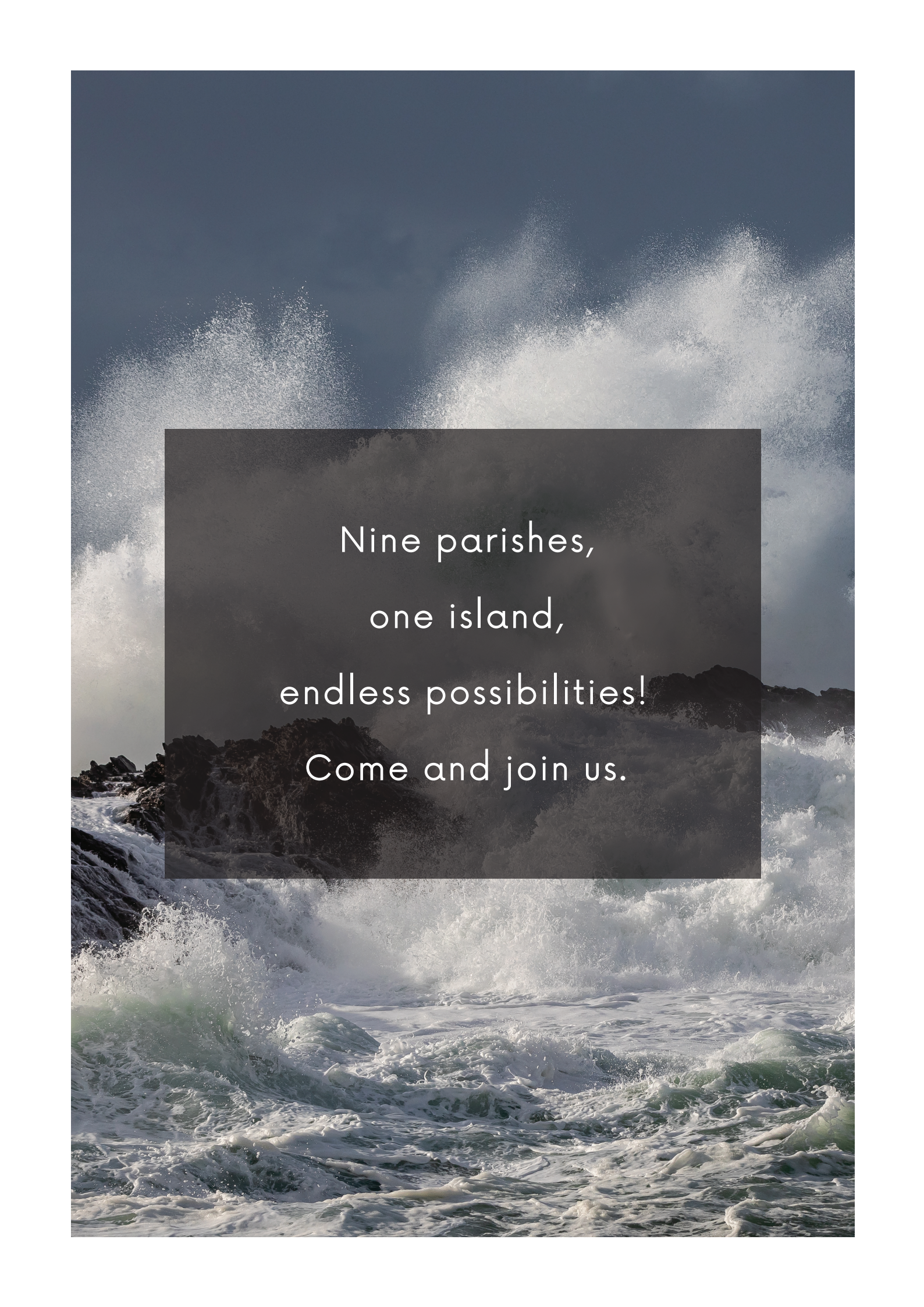
You are warmly invited to contact me directly if you would like a confidential conversation about the post.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Diocese.



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Nine parishes,
one island,
endless possibilities!
Come and join us.

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Hartland Coast Mission Community (HCMC) is a group of nine parishes, including the island of Lundy, and the only one in the Exeter Diocese to be on the Bristol Channel and the Atlantic coast.

We believe that we must invest in reaching those on our fringe, and beyond, with the love of God and good news of Jesus Christ in order for people to come to faith and be the disciples of tomorrow. This is an act of faith. We believe God will enable a Team Rector, whose priority and gifting is in outreach, to flourish and that we will see new signs of the kingdom beyond and amongst us.

There are both considerable opportunities and challenges associated with ministry in rural north west Devon. These include resourcing ministry in nine communities, maintaining our beautiful, historic church buildings and keeping up with admin, but most important of all - making our churches a spiritual home for all. In the churches we have many faithful people supporting services and events.

We are very sociable and take good care of each other. Our vision is to build capacity to evangelise beyond our current contacts and to nurture relationships with those on the edges of society. Having outreach as the priority for the Team Rector will provide the gifts, teaching and training, and lead in evangelism we seek.

In 2025 some of us trained with the Church Mission Society, learning about Pioneer Parishes. Having outreach as the priority, the Team Rector will provide the gifts, teaching and training and lead in the evangelism we seek.

Come and work with us to share the love of Christ with the wide variety of communities that make up our Mission Community!

WE ARE LOOKING
FORWARD TO WELCOMING
A NEW TEAM RECTOR AND
HOPE YOU WILL PRAYERFULLY
CONSIDER JOINING US.



Role description

Our new Team Rector will revel in the joys of rural ministry and the opportunities this beautiful area can offer, whilst also understanding the challenges and working to address them, sharing the workload with the dedicated ministry team and hardworking laity.

With different styles of worship being practised in our Mission Community, the current pattern of services can be seen in the example included: traditional and more experimental services, some exciting new initiatives and increasing development of lay-led worship. You will be responsible for monitoring, mentoring and developing the worship on offer.

You will also be involved with the building and renovation work currently in hand in several of our ancient buildings and have the vision to expand and develop the use of our buildings for further community engagement, sharing responsibility for the buildings with the Churchwardens and PCC.

Priorities recently identified by the HCMC Council for our new Team Rector:

- Together with the Ministry Team, expand creative and new ways of doing mission and ministry in the Mission Community.
- Empower and support lay ministry, seeking and nurturing vocations and facilitating training.
- Discipleship: nurturing and growing people's faith.
- Being visible, approachable and active in the community, continuing to build on established relationships as well as seeking new ways of engagement.



Who we are looking for

Qualifications

- Ordained Priest within the Church of England.
- Driving licence.
- Knowledge and experience of a diverse toolkit of leadership skills and approaches.

Personal Characteristics

- Builds trusting, mutually reciprocal relationships with a wide range of people in a rural environment.
- Leads an active and creative spiritual life that sustains ministry and connects to God's world.
- Approachable.

Skills, Competencies and Abilities

- To facilitate community growth across a variety of ages, education and social background.
- To share the gospel and communicate appropriately in different context.
- To inspire and empower others.
- To reflect theologically on context and culture with others.
- To use IT within an area of limited connectivity in our church buildings.

Personal Qualities and Gifts

- A well grounded faith and sustaining rhythm of life.
- The gift of spiritual discernment.
- Emotional intelligence, resilience and adaptability.



Expand to

Our values with examples of how they are found within the Mission Community.

1

Christ-like caring:

We believe that love in action is the clearest form of witness.

- Village lunches/ shared meals.
- Farmers' Breakfasts/ Summer teas.

2

Gospel-Shaped mission:

We believe that mission starts with being present, building trust and sharing hope.

- Shared services with Methodists.
- Table talk.
- School engagement.

3

Stewardship with mission:

We believe we need to live with environmental integrity.

- Working toward ARocha Eco church awards.
- Repair Cafes.
- Book and jigsaw libraries/swaps.

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Community at the heart:

We believe the church is vital to the community.

- Craft groups.
- Pilgrim experiences on Lundy.
- Clovelly down the street.

A taste of our current projects

ARocha Eco church: the aim is that all churches within the mission community are working towards the bronze award. Some are further ahead than others. We are trying to share the journey, achievement and challenges!

Outreach Down the street: this is happening in Clovelly, based in the chapel in the main cobbled street. Through community activities, often involving cake, it aims to provide a space for people who may not attend church.

Different Worship styles: in order to reach out to a wider group we have been experimenting with different worship styles. These include themed Songs of Praise services, Café Style church, Woolsery Arising and Outdoor church. Experiences are shared. Some initiatives work in one parish but not others. Increasingly there are lay members in different congregations who are happy to lead services. This ensures weekly services are maintained, which is highly valued.

What we offer:

- A mission community in good heart, ready to support and take on initiatives with new partners.
- A leadership team currently made up of 3 clergy and 2 licensed ministers, which prays and plans together; and a team that is excited about God and his plans for the mission community. We also have the support of a Parish Administrator, Church Councils and our Methodist partners, who are open to new ideas and courageous faith.
- Plenty of scope to build relationships and make new connections, with a wide variety of people for you to evangelise in ways suitable to the rural context; and to nurture discipleship (e.g. through small groups).
- A comfortable four-bedroom vicarage in a village location just 20 minutes' drive from Bideford, 40 minutes from the vibrant town of Barnstaple and 10 minutes from stunning coastal beaches.
- Full expenses and allowances.
- An inspiring natural environment with access to coast and countryside to constantly refresh.

Ecumenical Working:

Throughout HCMC we have strong ecumenical links, mainly with The Methodist Church. All Hallows is in a formal Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP), established in 1997, with Woolsery Methodist Church. In Buckland Brewer, Hartland and Parkham there are close links but on a less formal basis. In all three villages there is a weekly joint act of worship as well as other activities.

Meet the current team



Jane Skinner

Team Rector (retiring)

I came to be Rector with quite a pedigree! Over 40 years in ministry which began when marrying Stephen in the Rochester Diocese and serving in the Medway towns. Since then we have ministered in Carlisle, Bristol and Salisbury Dioceses. I am a Deaconess, Deacon and Priest and have been non-stipendiary and stipendiary. Also been a chaplain at Haverigg prison and Cumberland Infirmary and Great Western Hospital, Swindon. Artistic and creative, I also enjoy swimming but don't get down to the Quay very often. Walking on days off is refreshing! Recently had a sabbatical and completed a Pilgrimage route: 'Lee Abbey to Lundy' which can be found on Devon Pilgrim website and took much inspiration from walking in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi.



Jane Hayes

Associate Priest

I live in Hartland with husband Bill and a large eccentric ginger & white cat. We have three grown up children and one grandchild. In my spare time I enjoy all year round sea swimming, watching rugby, listening to a variety of music (including heavy metal) and as a bit of a contrast, crochet. My pre-ministry background has been working with children and I greatly enjoy engaging with the pupils in our primary schools, as well as being out & about in the community sharing the love of God in whatever way springs to mind. I trained for ministry with SWMTC, was ordained Deacon in 2016 and Priesthood in 2017.



Andrew Macwilliam

Licensed Lay Minister (LLM)

Sue and I have lived in Hartland for over 50 years. For 14 years I was churchwarden at St Nectan's, becoming an LLM in 2000. My wish is to share the message that God is love and that forgiveness is freely available to all.



Vera Tooke

LLM

I was a secondary teacher for most of my life, moved to Hartland in 2001, after 20 years abroad, and have been an LLM/Reader since 2018. I am also a tutor on the Foundations Course. Coming from a teaching background I have been particularly concerned with the educational aspect of the local church. Messy church and assemblies in the past, now looking for new ways to promote God's word among the new generation in the context of change and rural ministry. I enjoy reading and swimming, not at the same time! I have 4 grown-up children and one grandson.



Ann Adams

LLM

I am just coming to the end of my first year of Licensed Lay Ministry training. I have previously trained as a nurse and worked for many years researching healthcare, particularly mental health care and wellbeing. I am currently the landlady of the Anchor Inn in Hartland, where I have enjoyed building community through the programme of events and regular live music we offer. We have also run 'Hope Explored' and a Lent course in the pub. I was for several years on the prayer ministry team at the Well Christian Healing Centre, Leamington Spa, and am looking forward to starting a healing prayer ministry locally in the autumn, and leading gratitude and wellbeing walks in our beautiful landscape this summer. I am married to Fif and have one daughter, two step-daughters and two granddaughters.



Stephen Skinner

Permission to Officiate (retiring)

I am a priest with 'Permission to Officiate' in the Diocese of Exeter, specifically in our Mission Community. I have been ordained for over 40 years - having been trained and obtaining an M.Litt. Degree at Cranmer Hall, Durham University. Since then I have served around the U.K. in a wide variety of parishes. I label myself as an Open Evangelical, with Charismatic enthusiasms, but have ministered in many more 'middle of the road' parishes. I have trained as a Spiritual Director, and am now heavily involved in administering referrals and helping lead Supervision Groups. I am currently the Treasurer Trustee of the network of North Devon Foodbanks (a franchise of the Trussell Trust). My passions are many: creative worship (eg "Woolsery arising"), missional outreach (eg Lower Clovelly), creation care (eg "Wild Welcombe"), support for farmers (eg Farmers Breakfasts), healing ministry (eg developing regular healing Services in the parishes).



Frank Watson

Pastoral Minister

My name is Frank Watson, I worship at St Mary & St Benedict, Buckland Brewer (the village where I grew up). In the last year I have entered the discernment process with the diocese. As part of this and to gain more experience in the last six months I have started leading and assisting at services around the Mission Community. In my working life, I currently work for the local Torridge Methodist Circuit. As part of my role I have engagement with some of the local schools, including Buckland Brewer and Parkham, mainly through taking assemblies. I also offer pastoral support to the house-bound and care home residents. I am excited to see what God has in store in the future not just for me but the whole Mission Community.



Tricia Oakley

Parish Administrator

A Martha rather than a Mary, I work behind the scenes helping to keep the ship afloat - my responsibilities as Parish Administrator are too extensive to list here! Although both born and educated in Bedford, Lionel and I met on Spekes beach in 1969 when both our families were on holiday here. Lionel watched me progress through O levels, A levels and University and we now have 3 children and a 16 month old grandson. I also serve as churchwarden and PCC secretary at St. Nectan's Hartland.



Rector's house and area

The Vicarage:

The Team Rector will live in the purpose-built, four-bedroom Vicarage in North Road, Hartland (EX39 6BP). This has a spacious kitchen and flexible arrangement of reception rooms with an office immediately by the front door, which can remain separate from the rest of the house (the single storey construction in the photo). There is a gated driveway with generous parking space. The surrounding garden is large and laid to lawn, with mature shrubs and trees. It offers access to the Church Rooms and main car park beyond.

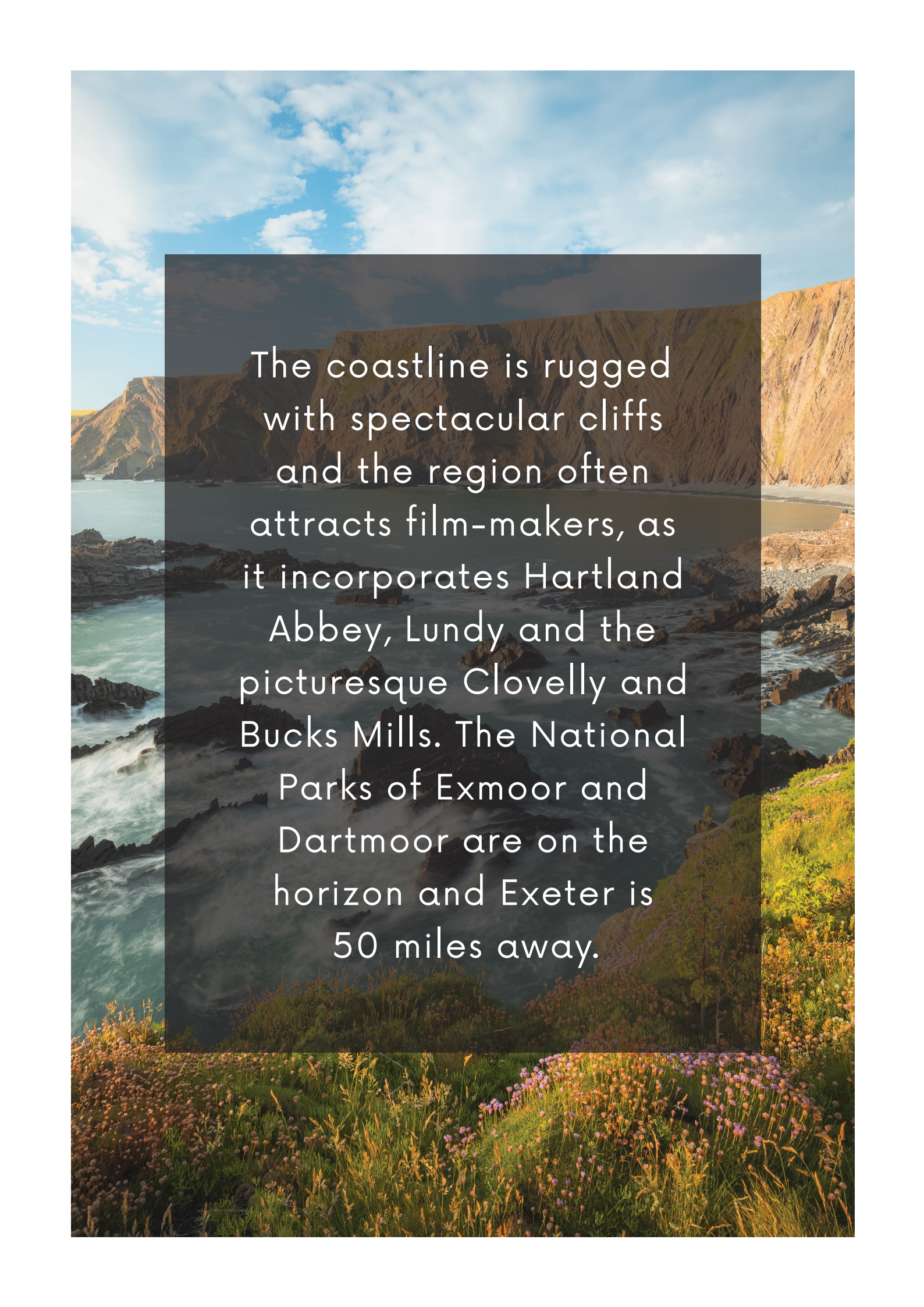
The Church Rooms provide a downstairs meeting room, used for services, study groups, lunches and coffee mornings, with kitchen and toilet facilities. The Parish Office upstairs houses

the photocopier and other office equipment, wedding and funeral files, baptism and wedding supplies, seasonal orders of service for sharing around the team and a resources library. The space also offers the potential of a cosy meeting room.

Hartland boasts a Medical Centre, Veterinary surgery, 4 pubs plus Royal British Legion Club, Post Office and General Store, a further General Store, Fish and Chip Shop, The Resurgence Centre, Town Brass Band, a Samba Band and Chamber Orchestra, Music and Art Centre, and a Parish Hall which hosts numerous events. There is a huge variety of community groups to join, spanning all aspects of the arts and music, history, nature, environmental concerns, exercise and sports.



IMAGINE CLOSING A BUSY DAY WITH A VISIT TO NEARBY HARTLAND QUAY FOR CHIPS AND A PINT WHILE YOU WATCH THE SUN GO DOWN - AND MAYBE EVEN ENJOY A CHEEKY PADDLE OR DIP IN THE SEA!

The image is a vertical photograph of a coastal scene. In the foreground, there is a lush field of wildflowers, including purple and yellow blooms, growing on a grassy slope. The middle ground features a rugged coastline with dark, jagged rocks and a sandy beach. The sea is visible, with white foam from breaking waves. In the background, there are high, steep cliffs with a mix of brown and green vegetation. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. A semi-transparent dark grey rectangular box is overlaid in the center of the image, containing white text.

The coastline is rugged
with spectacular cliffs
and the region often
attracts film-makers, as
it incorporates Hartland
Abbey, Lundy and the
picturesque Clovelly and
Bucks Mills. The National
Parks of Exmoor and
Dartmoor are on the
horizon and Exeter is
50 miles away.

The local area

The beautiful area is renowned for its coastal walks, clean beaches, surfing spots and cream teas!

Much of the area is designated AONB and Lundy (yes, we boast an island!) is designated as a Special Area of Conservation (SAC), a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), a Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) and Bird Observatory.

There are Primary Schools in four of the parishes (none of which is a Church School) and the secondary school is Atlantic Academy at Bucks Cross. Pupils also attend schools in Bideford, Holsworthy and Bude, and there are a number of private schools in north Devon, too. North Devon District Hospital is situated in Barnstaple and there is a Community Hospital in Bideford, with a minor injuries unit in Stratton (Bude).

The nearest rail links are at Barnstaple and Tiverton Parkway, which is a mainline connection. Trains run regularly from Barnstaple to the city of Exeter on the outskirts of which is the nearest airport. There is also an airport at Newquay and Bristol. National Express coaches run from Bideford, the nearest market town. There are infrequent, but regular, bus services to and from Bideford and also Bude. Travel to and from Lundy Island involves a boat or helicopter trip.

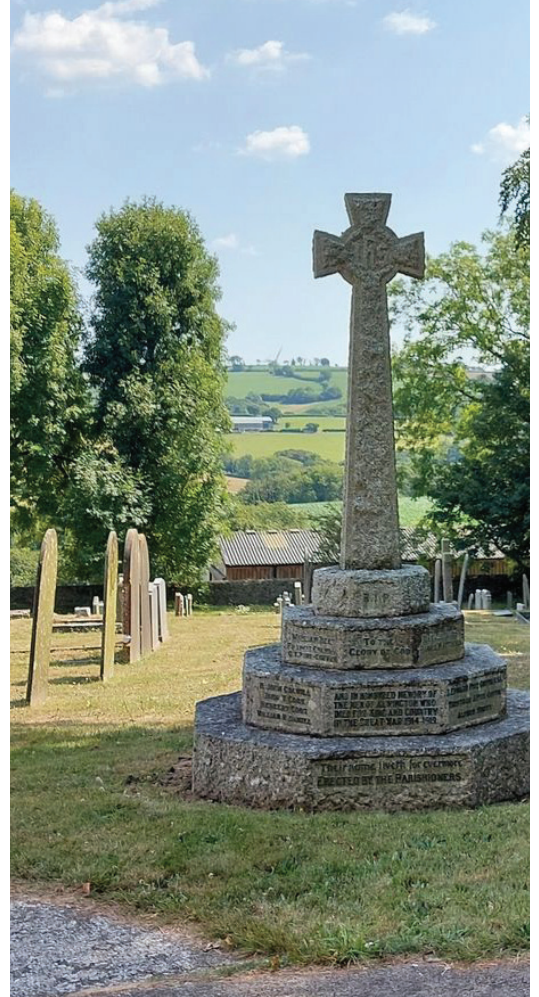


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| 1. St Nectan Welcombe | 4. All Hallows Woolsery | 7. St Andrew Alwington |
| 2. St Nectan, Hartland | 5. St Anne Bucks Mills | 8. St Mary and St Benedict Buckland Brewer |
| 3. All Saints Church (and St Peter's Chapel, Clovelly) | 6. St James Parkham | 9. St. Helen Lundy |



A place to call home

An exceptional place to call
home, with breathtaking scenery,
strong communities and excellent
local connections



Typical rota

The ministry team is currently able to support the services displayed in this typical rota: **May 2026**

May	Alwington	B.Brewer	Parkham	Woolsery	Bucks Mills	Clovelly	Hartland	Welcombe	Lundy
3rd	9:30am MW	9:30am HC	11am	9:30am WA	11am Braund	at Bucks Mills	11am MW	-	HC
Easter 5	AM (Banns)	SJS (Banns)	MM	JS (Banns x2)	AM	-	VT (SS)	-	JH
10th	11am HC	10am	10am SB (J)	9:30am HC	at Clovelly	11am MW	11am HC	9:30am MW	-
Easter 6	Deanery (Banns)	LA	LA	JH (Banns)	-	VT (AM)	JH	FW	-
17th	11am MP	10am MW	10am	9:30am	11am HC	at Bucks	10am B'fast	-	-
Rogation	AM (Banns)	VT (JH)	Ch & StJ SJS	MM	JS	-	JH	-	-
24th	9:30am SofP	-	11am HC	9:30am	at Clovelly	11am HC	11am MW	9:30am HC	-
Penecost	JS	Safari Lunch	JS / FW	MM	-	SJS (Banns)	VT	SJS	-
31st	11am HC	10am Cafe	11am	9:30am	-	11:30am St. Peters	11am HC	-	-
Trinity	JH/AA	SJS	Cafe Worship	MM	-	SJS	JS	-	-

- Baptism
- Morning Prayer (BCP)
- Morning Worship (CW)
- Holy Communion / Family Communion
- Service in Chapel. S'ment = Sacrament
- All age / Breakfast / Songs of Praise / WA = Woolsery Arising

Deanery = Help requested
LA = Local arrangement

Mid-week services:

Mon – Friday Morning Prayer is said in church at Woolsery 9am

Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri Morning Prayer is said in the Church Rooms Hartland 8.30am

Wednesdays - Holy Communion is celebrated in the Church Rooms Hartland at 11am

Facts and figures

The following statistics have been taken from the annual returns for 2025.

2025	Electoral roll	Usual Sunday attendance	Confirmations	Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals church	Funerals crem
Hartland	38	18	0	2	1	3	1
Welcombe	10	7	0	0	0	2	0
Bucks Mills	8	7	0	0	1	0	0
Clovelly	10	7	0	0	1	1	1
Lundy	17	Once monthly 5 av.	0	0	0	0	0
Parkham	21	12	0	0	1	1	1
Woolsey	22	21	0	1	3	2	0
Alwington	20	15	0	1	0	2	0
B. Brewer	29	18	0	1	0	1	0



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