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From the Archdeacon: Vacancy
Vicar & Ministry Area Leader of Bro Cybi

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Appointment of the Revd Dr Kevin Ellis to the Bro Eleth Ministry Area Synod Ynys Môn.



Nobody expected the news that was announced on Sunday 28 May: that the Revd Dr Kevin Ellis, Vicar and Ministry Area Leader of Bro Cybi, has been appointed by the Bishop of Bangor to be the next Vicar and Ministry Area Leader of Bro Eleth on the North of the Island.

I know that this news came as a surprise and sadness to many in Bro Cybi. Kevin, Jennifer and Shaun have made Holy Island their home over the last three years and have won the affections of many within the church, amongst the wider community and on the Isle of Anglesey. 'Rev Kev' is widely known by all!

Kevin is, however, a priest who is faithful to the calling of God upon his life and, having walked alongside him over the past few months, I do believe this calling is of God. I know that this comes at a considerable price for Kevin who has grown to love Holy Island deeply. I ask you to remember them as a family at this time.

Kevin's final Sunday in Bro Cybi will be on 9 July when there will be a particular opportunity to thank him and pray for God's blessing upon him at a Songs of Praise in St Cybi's Church, Holyhead at 4.00pm followed by cake and a glass of something. Please do make every effort to attend this occasion.

Kevin will be instituted and inducted as Vicar and Ministry Area Leader of Bro Eleth on Monday 24 July at 7.00pm in St Eleth's Church, Amlwch. There is a warm welcome to everyone at this service and I know that Kevin will very much appreciate your support at this service if you are able to attend.

I welcome this opportunity of adding my voice to many in expressing my deep gratitude to Kevin for all that he has brought to Bro Cybi from God in a relatively short space of time. I know that my colleagues in the Anglesey Synod rejoice with me that he is merely crossing to the mainland and will remain as part of our Synod!

This short newsletter will provide some information concerning the vacancy in Bro Cybi. Please be assured that Canon Emlyn Williams, Clerical Vice-Chair of the Anglesey Synod and I will give you every support during this period.

Responsibility during the Vacancy

Legally, the responsibility of incumbent during the vacancy falls to the clerical Vice-Chair of the Anglesey Synod. In this role, Canon Emlyn Williams will be working closely with the Revd Jane Bailey as the Associate Vicar and me. Whilst Emlyn will be overseeing the operational matters during the vacancy, I shall be overseeing strategic matters, particularly those pertaining to the new appointment

Sunday Worship during the Vacancy:

We hope to be able to maintain the current pattern of Sunday worship during the period of vacancy. Additional support will be provided by Canon Christine Llewellyn (on the first and third Sundays of the month); myself (on the second Sunday of the month); and Richard Parry (on the fourth Sunday of the month).

Occasional Offices (Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals) during the Vacancy:

The Revd Jane Bailey will be the point of contact for all occasional offices. She will, of course, not be able to officiate at all of them herself. There will be a pool of ministers she can draw on to help her. I would be grateful, however, if you could consult Jane in the first instance for all bookings.

Ministry Area Council:

The next Bro Cybi Ministry Area Council will be on Monday 3 July at 1900hr in Eglwys y Bedd, Holyhead. This will be an additional and important meeting to discuss the vacancy and appointment of the next Vicar and Ministry Area Leader. I would be grateful if MAC members would make every effort to attend.

Timeline for Vacancy:

The Bishop of Bangor has indicated that he would like to move to the appointment of a new Vicar and Ministry Area Leader for Bro Cybi as soon as possible. I am now able to share with you that the proposed timeline for a new appointment will be as follows:

- 03 July: Work on the job description and the person specification by MAC
- 12 July: Ministry Area profile is signed off by the Bishop
- 14 July: The first advertisement is published in the *Church Times* & on websites
- 21 July: The Second advertisement is published in the *Church Times*
- 11 August: Deadline for candidates' submission of applications
- 18 August: Shortlisting by the Bishop and Archdeacon in Bangor
- 26 September: Interviews for the shortlisted candidates in Bro Cybi.

If we are successful in appointing a candidate on 26 September, the earliest that we might expect her/him to take up the new post would probably be early in 2018.

This evening (18 June) at 1830hr

The Anglesey Synod are staging a Cymanfa Ganu in Llanrhuddlad Church (Church Bay), to mark the closure of St Rhuddlad's Church at 1830hr. Please do come along and support Bro Padrig in celebrating the witness of this place - and especially Nicander's hymns (sometime Rector and buried in the churchyard).

Anglesey Synod

Please remember that the Anglesey Synod is a good way to keep in touch with the wider church on the Island during the vacancy. The next meetings are on 10 July from 1830-2030hr in Llanfechell (Cafe Mechell) when Bishop Andy will be coming to speak to us and on 11 September from 1030-1300hr in Rhoscolyn Church Hall when we will be thinking about growing the church. All are warmly welcome at meetings of the Anglesey Synod.

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An Invitation...

It was in St Cybi's Church, Holyhead that I presided at my first Eucharist in the Diocese of Bangor in January 2012 (following Canon Christine's retirement). I was given a hearty welcome and have always received such warm fellowship in all four churches. On 2 July, I shall be celebrating the 20th anniversary of my ordination and will be marking this with a short pilgrimage to St Cwyfan's Church in the Sea where there will be a Eucharist at 1430hr and a glass of something and cake afterwards. If any of you would like to join me, there's a warm welcome for you all!

I am enormously grateful to each and everyone of you for all the ways in which you will help us to manage the vacancy with as much ease as possible.

Assuring you of my prayers.

*As ever,
Paul.*

R Paul Davies
Archddiacon Bangor & Môn
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