

DIOCESE OF EXETER

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for Archdeacon -

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Dear Colleagues

This letter brings you my best wishes for a joyful Easter. In reading the Rural Deans' reports already received I have been very encouraged to hear of new life emerging, even in some of the remotest parts of the Archdeaconry.

In the past six months I have been endeavouring to get to know clergy and familiarise myself with communities and church buildings. As I explained in my circular letter sent out when I took on the role of Acting Archdeacon, it is simply impossible for me to get out and about as much as I would like, so if I have yet to visit you please be patient. However, if there are any specific ways in which you feel I could assist you, please do not hesitate to contact me. By early next month I should have a fax machine on 01626 854510.

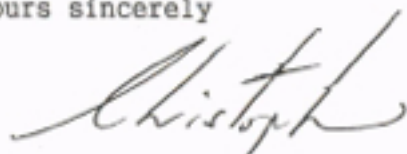
This morning I had a call from the Bishop's office to remind me that I should be collecting from each church in the Archdeaconry a duplicate copy of their terrier and inventory. Back in 1993 my predecessor alerted all the clergy to the fact that the Care of Churches Measure 1991 requires duplicate copies to be held centrally (in this Diocese, by the Archdeacons). Please note that they must be in my hands by the end of the current year. Clearly, it would save postage and administration if your Wardens could bring a duplicate copy to the forthcoming Visitations.

I appreciate that this is probably the last thing you want to be bothered with just as you plan, hopefully, to have a post-Easter break. We seem to be inundated with forms to complete and other tedious tasks at this time of the year.

As you will be aware, the Diocesan Bishop is himself undertaking the Visitations for the Totnes Archdeaconry this year and I am not personally required to be present. However, I will attend those on the dates when I am free.

With renewed good wishes for Easter.

Yours sincerely



CHRISTOPHER PIDSLY