

Further to the statement read at last Sunday's service, the parish representatives have been given the Archdeacon's permission to inform you of the appointment of our next vicar who will act as Priest-in-Charge to the Parish of Rushen.

He is Rev'd Dr. Joseph (Joe) Heaton, at present Assistant Curate at the Parish of Ribbesford with Bewdley and Dowles in the Diocese of Worcester. Joe, who is in his early 40's, is married to Wendy and has three sons who are 12, 15 and 17. He is a keen astronomer and has just started to play the game of golf.

The family hopes to move into the vicarage during the first week of August. His licensing service will be held at the Parish Church on Friday 2nd September.

Joe considers that his ministry has been shaped by theological traditions across the Anglican communion. He has an open and inclusive theology with a thoughtful approach to Christianity. He feels most at ease with a church tradition that is central.

This will be Joe's first incumbency. I am sure that you will all want to welcome him and his family with open arms. As he will not be licensed until the beginning of September the wardens would request that he is allowed to settle into the vicarage during the month of August without intrusion.