

Following the meeting between the Benefice Joint Standing Committee and the Archdeacon on Monday evening, we are delighted to share the following announcement:

We are very pleased to share the news that we can now look forward to the induction and licensing of our new Rector, the Rev Stewart Gibbs. This follows Bishop Jonathan Gibbs, the Bishop of Rochester, being delighted to confirm the successful completion of all the processes required for Stewart's licensing.

This is good news indeed and we look forward to sharing more detail in due course. Please pray for Stewart as he prepares to move in the coming weeks."

There are various preparations required to get the Rectory ready to enable Stewart to move in; but the installation will take place before Christmas and we will share the confirmed date as soon as we can.

Christmas will be a very busy time for Stewart to step into the role and we will be discussing with Stewart, and Michelle and John, our lay ministry team, how to cover it all.

Thank you once again to everyone who has helped keep things running smoothly throughout the interregnum. It has been a team effort and we look forward to continuing to work as a team with our new Rector to lead us.

God bless

Naomi and Trish
Churchwardens for Ightham and Wrotham