A Parish Vacancy….What Next?

The PCC’s Perspective

**Personal**

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| How many years have you been a member of this church? |  | How many years have you been a member of the PCC? | |  | | |
| How long have you been a committed Christian? |  | Do you live in the parish? | | Yes/No | | |
| Do you think you are very/fairly/not typical of the congregation? Not sure? | | | *Circle one option* | |  |  |

**The Parish *(Discuss together)***

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| What is your parish like? What kind of community is it? Where are its centres of gravity? What are its significant institutions?  Is the parish community changing or is it likely to change, and in what ways? |
| What is your vision for the parish and the church? Close your eyes and dream…….what do you want your church to be like in 5-10 years’ time? |

**Church Life *(Discuss together)***

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| What are the things in the life of your church for which you are most thankful to God? |
| What aspects of the ministry of the church are going well? |
| In which aspects of ministry are you struggling, or in need of help? What is holding you back? |

**Stop Keep Start *(Discuss in pairs)***

In the life and ministry of your church:

* are there things that you now need to stop doing?
* are there things that you need to keep and develop?
* are there new things that you should start doing?

*Remember, in order to begin something new it is often necessary to put down something else – it is a question of priorities.*

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| Stop 1 |  |
| Stop 2 |  |
| Keep 1 |  |
| Keep 2 |  |
| Start 1 |  |
| Start 2 |  |

**Our next leader should *(mainly)* be a: *(discuss in pairs)***

Please add any particular characteristics you feel are crucial as Other 1-3 and then rank the characteristics in the list 1-10 (assuming you have added more) with 1 being the highest priority as you see things:

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| Pastor |  |
| Pray-er |  |
| Preacher |  |
| Teacher |  |
| Evangelist |  |
| Reconciler |  |
| Enthusiast |  |
| Other 1 |  |
| Other 2 |  |
| Other 3 |  |

**Other Notes**

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