



## **CHANGES at EWHURST PARISH CHURCH**

### **THE CHANGES**

The Rev<sup>d</sup> David Minns, Rector of Ewhurst Parish Church, has recently ceased his role as Diocesan Nigeria Link Officer for which he was paid by the Diocese. This has significant financial implications for the Parish of Ewhurst with Ellens Green as payment by the Diocese for the Nigeria Link work made up 20% of our Parish Ministry costs. This means we must increase the church's income by upwards of £8,000 every year to make up the shortfall in the Diocesan contribution.

### **THE DILEMMA**

The Church Trustees, who are the PCC members and the churchwardens, would very much like to retain a full time Rector of Ewhurst. We would be unlikely to attract another full time Rector if we were to offer a reduced income. As a result, Guildford Diocese would reconsider how to offer ministry in Ewhurst and Ellens Green, with the likely outcome that we would cease to function as a separate Parish something we have been for over 900 years.

### **THE BENEFITS OF A FULL TIME RECTOR**

The work involved in running the Nigeria Link took up one day a week and this time can now be dedicated to the parish. If we retain a full time Rector, David would use that time to develop an expanded ministry that appeals to a wider range of people. As well as supporting our current range of services, he plans to develop worship in different locations in Ewhurst and Ellens Green, to suit today's styles. He is also looking forward to having more time for home and hospital visits and being around the parish. If you would like to talk to David about his vision for the future, please contact him on 01483 277584 or [dlkminns@talktalk.net](mailto:dlkminns@talktalk.net)

### **HERE IS THE SOLUTION - FOR WHICH WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT**

We know that many of you made one-off donations at our annual Gift Day Appeal in June and support our fundraising events, for which we are very grateful. However, in order to continue to employ a full time Rector we need to be able to guarantee our income. This means we need to know for CERTAIN that sufficient money is available each year. The only way this can be guaranteed is through the church's Regular Giving scheme using standing orders or direct debits. If you would like to join the scheme and can pledge a regular monthly amount - or top up your pledge if you are already a Regular Giver - this will help cover the shortfall. We hope that enough people will do this so Ewhurst Parish Church can continue with its own full-time Rector.

### **WHAT TO DO NEXT**

If you are able to help, please contact our Stewardship Secretary, Phil Henry, whose details are below. All correspondence with him is completely confidential.

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*We would be grateful if you would pass on this information and our request to family and friends who live elsewhere but might want to help our church continue in Ewhurst.*

*You can download this letter from the church website*

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**Thank you  
The Church Trustees**