

# Ministry Matters

## New Clergy Register

All clergy will soon be receiving the first in a series of communications around the new National Register of Clergy.

The introduction of the National Register is the implementation of one of the recommendations in the 2017 Gibb Report into the case of the late Peter Ball, setting out necessary steps to ensure safeguarding in the Church of England is of the highest possible standard.

Clergy are now being told asked to validate their information which must be supplied pursuant to The Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 2020.

Writing to clergy, the Secretary General of the Archbishops' Council William Nye said:

"I am writing to you, at the same time as writing to all the nearly 20,000 active clergy in the Church of England, to let you know about an important development in strengthening safeguarding in our Church: the introduction of a new National Register of Clergy.

"Information about you and your public ministry will be recorded and published in the National Register of Clergy."

The register will include the following information:

- Title and name
- How they are engaged with the Church of England
- The Diocese, Area or Benefice to which they are licensed

This information will be publicly available on the Church of England website.

The public will be able to search the register to verify whether someone has PTO or licence to hold office, in much the same way as you can search for a qualified medical professional on the national medical directory.

At the time of launch, the register will include those who are ordained, expanding to include lay ministry in due course. This register will not include any contact information.

Clergy in this Diocese are asked to contact their area offices if they have any queries or wish to raise any specific concerns.