

**New Rural Pioneer Priest for Abbeydore Deanery and**  
**Priest-in-Charge for the Ewyas Harold Group of Parishes**

We are delighted to announce that the Bishop has offered the post of Rural Pioneer Priest in the Abbeydore Deanery and Priest-in-Charge of Ewyas Harold, Abbeydore, Bacton,, Kentchurch, Kilpeck, Llangua, Rowlestone, St Devereux, Walterstone and Wormbridge to the Revd Mark Godson, and that Mark has accepted the offer.

Mark joins us from the Surrey Hills Group where he is an Associate Priest having served as the Director of the London Spirituality Centre. He has a deep interest in how we grow in faith and in sharing the wisdom of the Christian tradition.

Mark loves walking and exploring Europe by train. He says he can't stand supermarkets.

Since ordination, Mark's time has been shared between rural parish teams and mental healthcare chaplaincy. Alongside parish ministry, Mark practices psychotherapy and leads mindfulness courses and retreats.

Mark's idea of heaven is a long day walking the hills in the company of loved ones, especially the four-legged variety, followed by an evening in the village pub with the chance to ask God, "So, what's this being human all about then?"

Mark's licensing service will take place on the evening of Monday May 14th at St Michael's Church, Ewyas Harold.