**Overview for the Diocesan website**

Wiveliscombe is an amazing place to live and work, with a great community of people. ​It is about 20 minutes’ drive west of Taunton on the south-east slopes of Exmoor with the moors and coast not far away.

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Our benefice comprises St Andrew’s, the hub church in Wiveliscombe, plus 6 parishes in the Hills. All our churches have established teams who both lead services and organize events locally. Thursday morning café at St Andrews is a real highlight, attracting a wide range of people for coffee and home-made cakes, together with a well-attended toddler group.​

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We have a strong ministry team of retired clergy and lay readers, who, along with other local clergy and our newly trained LWAs, cover most of the services. We have had no difficulty filling the rota in vacancy. Our Anna Chaplaincy team lead services in Pulsford Lodge and visit the elderly. The PCCs work well together and we have a paid benefice administrator who provides great support. ​

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We are looking for a rector who can help us deliver our vision for this area which has so much potential. We need someone with leadership skills who can join our team and take us forward. It is essential that our new rector has good people skills, both for pastoral care of our congregations and for developing relationships with people in the local community. ​

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The 5-bedroom modern rectory is in the centre of Wivey, set in a large garden and close to the church. The nursery, primary school and secondary school are all close-by. Wivey has far more goods and services than its population of 3000 might suggest and the sports’ facilities are great with an open-air pool, rugby, cricket and tennis clubs and a new skate park.