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The Church of England is setting up a church on the Web and is advertising for a Web-pastor to run it. The initiative comes from the diocese of Oxford, using money given by the church commissioners to each of the Church of England's 44 dioceses to fund pioneering projects that would support the church.

The church on the Web has a Web site—www.i-church.org—which sets out its purpose as being to provide a focus of Christian community for those who wish to explore Christian discipleship but who are not able, or do not wish, to be participant members of a local congregation.

The applicant should be "a dynamic, confident Christian—lay or ordained —who is able to build this new community." It will be a half-time post, with a salary half the stipend of an incumbent vicar or rector (i.e., about $16,500 a year), and will be for an initial period of three years, with a six-month probationary period. *–Religion News Service*