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NEW TV SERIES OF '*ISLAND PARISH*' STARTS 8th JANUARY

"*Island Parish*" the highly successful BBC TV series featuring parish life in the Isles of Scilly, starts a second series on Tuesday 8th January at 8pm on BBC 2. The first series, which was shown last year, detailed preparations for the arrival in the Islands, the UK's most westerly parish, of their new parish priest, the Revd Guy Scott and his family. The series, which regularly attracted viewing figures in excess of three million, was so successful that the BBC commissioned Tiger Aspect, and Nigel Farrell, the Director, to come up with a further series. The new programmes, each half an hour long, will be transmitted every Tuesday evening for the next twelve weeks,. They will look at a number of aspects of life on the islands, including gig racing, employment prospects for the young, the importance of tourism and diversification to find new sources of income, and the day to day life of the Anglican priest, and the local Methodist minister, the Revd David Easton.

Nigel Farrell says that he has been filming for the whole of 2007 in the Islands. "We have met some marvellous people" he says, "and there are a lot of storylines which will, I know, appeal to people all over the country, as well as helping viewers to understand the unique challenges and opportunities of island life." The Diocese of Truro, which has co-operated with Tiger Aspect in the earlier series of *Island Parish*, and two series of *Seaside Parish*, about the Boscastle area, says that it is very pleased with the results. "These programmes have proved extremely popular, and brought a considerable amount of extra interest, and income, into the areas which they depict" said Jeremy Dowling, the Diocesan spokesman. "The stories in the new series continue to feature the churches, but looks at how the unique communities of the Islands survive in changing times."

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