

Hello All.

I'm really pleased that once again Rev. Andy has given me this opportunity to address you all. The last time was last year in the August/September issue, when I confirmed that yes, we were moving house to Beverley, and that no, people should not start saying their goodbyes just yet! I explained that having talked to Andy I would be keeping all my commitments within our Benefice for a year, to give him time to make adjustments and provide cover for when I left.



Well, I have continued to lead services around our eight churches as usual, two Sundays a month, and continued to lead and be an active member of our Benefice Pastoral Team, but the year has just flown by and now it's time for me to not just physically, but spiritually move on. In some ways the Benefice will always remain in my heart. I started leading services in Swine Church long before I was Licensed, back in 2003, and Swine will always be special to me, but I have really enjoyed taking services around the Benefice and have met so many lovely people in all our churches.

I'm confident that the Benefice Pastoral Team will continue to go from strength to strength under Rev. Andy's leadership. I have always felt that pastoral work is the most important aspect and area of my personal ministry, and although I have to be honest and say I'm still unsure of where God wants me or of his will for me here in Beverley, this is the area I would like to explore and develop.

So finally this is Goodbye, but only sort of, as I have made so many friends that I'll be keeping in touch with and there will be so many Coffee Mornings I'll still be turning up at, you'll begin to wonder if I really have left you!

Thank you to everyone who has helped, encouraged and supported me during my time with you, bless you lovely people, you know who you are.

Yours in Christ

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