

An Open Letter to our Parishioners

Happy St David's Day!

Well for the Welsh amongst us, it was a great weekend as far as the Six Nations was concerned, not so good for the English amongst us. It was somewhat bittersweet to announce the first hymn at my return to a live church service actually in a church: 'Guide me O Thou Great Redeemer', also known among the rugby terraces as 'Bread of Heaven'.

It was a little more bitter than sweet to make the following announcement:



As part of the process to reduce costs across all areas of diocesan work, Vanessa has taken the decision after prayer and reflection, to offer her resignation. She will be leaving us on 6th April 2021. Vanessa will be considering future opportunities within the diocese as they open up.

I have had many kind comments and a few questions since the announcement. Thank you for your kindnesses. Here are a few answers:

- My final Sunday will be Easter Sunday.
- We don't yet know where God is taking us (but are sure there is a heavenly plan).
- We will be staying in The Rectory over the summer to ensure no further upheaval to education.

There is much talk at present of 'going back to normal', but perhaps that is the wrong way of looking at things? Instead of looking back, let's look forward to where God is leading us, and to the adventures that lie ahead.

With love and blessings,

Vanessa