

A postscript from the Vicarage ...



As the saying goes, '*all good things must come to an end*' - well, that time has arrived and, as you come to read this, the parish is in vacancy. Elizabeth and I are extremely grateful for the many kind words and cards we have received and they make us feel very humble indeed. It is hard to believe that this is Issue No. 82 of this publication - so I decided to remind myself of the very first issue which, though not then available on the website, contained the following introduction:

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Welcome to the first of the monthly 'supplements' to the Weekly Sheets, issued in response to the helpful comments received when the sheets were introduced. It is hoped this will meet the various needs of everyone from month to month. Please use this facility for anything you feel might be of interest to others yet which may not impact upon a specific week – such items we will still try to accommodate in the usual way by including them along with the Sunday Readings & Prayers.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say I have been hugely grateful to everyone who has embraced the few changes introduced recently and who have said how much they have appreciated all we are trying to achieve. I also welcome the various comments – which have been offered in a very constructive way – please keep them coming for I am a firm believer in a two-way dialogue. We are all here to serve God's people in this place as best we can – and the best way to achieve that is to do it together as a united team.

Now a request! I am looking to draw up a list of all the street names within the parish in order to include them within a daily prayer cycle. Whilst this is for my own daily discipline, I would propose to include such a list through this medium in order that anyone may similarly use it if they wish. So, if you happen to have such a list already and are willing to share it with me, please let me know – in truth, this is to avoid duplicating

effort if the information is already available. If it isn't – I'll trawl through the **A-Z** alongside my parish boundary map and draw one up. Should it come to that, please let me know of any discrepancies within the most recent **A-Z** as I am aware that there are pockets of new housing which may not yet have been identified.

Now, the final postscript is written and we are looking forward to our move to Kirkham. Very soon you will be looking to welcome a new priest into the vicarage and I pray that he or she will be happy as we have been here amongst you.

Many words of thanks have already been said and it would be foolish to replicate them here - so I will close and wish you and the entire church family of St Paul's every blessing with my grateful thanks for affording me the privilege of being your priest.

God bless you all,

Fr D.