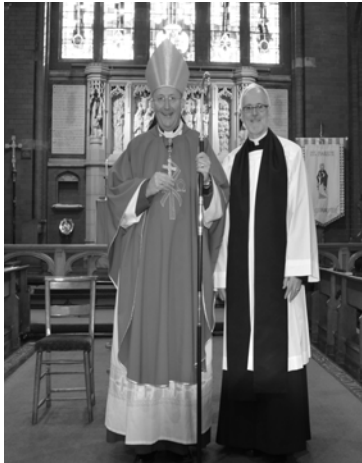


A few words from the Vicarage ...



This is just a short note this month as I have recently taken a few days holiday and so have abridged my 'few words' accordingly. *'Not a bad idea'* I hear you say, *'the less written, the less to read!'* I must say, though, that I was very grateful for my time away – however, it is already (and very sadly) all but a distant memory. No doubt for many of you, your own holidays will also be mere memories, now tucked away until another year! That said we all need these occasional changes of routine and changes in scenery from time to time ... if we can manage it.

We need to refresh ourselves to be able to continue apace over the ensuing weeks and months. I am sure that this is indeed what happened as I spent some time away from the parish – with time to relax and to reflect and prepare for the challenges ahead as we make progress with the parish Mission Action Plan process.

As I have now entered my fifth year amongst you, I feel that we have come a long way together – but the road is not ended, and who among us knows what twists and turns lie ahead? The only thing we can do is to try to be prepared as best we can for all and any eventualities. We travel this road together – and an exciting one it is too as we seek to serve God and each other.

As we now look forward to October events, we have the privilege of leading the Sunday worship at Trinity Hospice in Bispham at 3.00pm on the 28th. It is hoped that we will be able to take a number of parishioners along on this occasion to share in this experience as we join with staff and patients there.

God bless you all,

Your Vicar,
Fr D.