

A few words from the Vicarage ...



It is hard to believe that Elizabeth and I have been ensconced in the vicarage for five years already – and, on 22nd September, we celebrate that milestone in terms of my ministry here at St Paul's.

Furthermore, it is my delight to say that, on that anniversary date, we have a special guest as our preacher and celebrant at the 10.30am Eucharist.

The Dean of Blackburn Cathedral, the Very Rev'd Christopher Armstrong, has very kindly accepted my invitation to be with us on this occasion.

You will recall that the Dean has been with us once before when he proved to be extremely popular, so I was particularly pleased when he agreed to return to be with us on this special date. Our paths crossed most recently during my week as Duty Chaplain at Westminster Abbey when he was attending a Cathedral Deans' Conference there – so it seemed to me to be a natural stepping stone to come from there to St Paul's (which is not to be confused with that other St Paul's, of course ... the Cathedral, that is!)

Elizabeth and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have sent us their good wishes upon what was for us yet another milestone anniversary when, at the beginning of August, we celebrated our Ruby Wedding. These were lovely to receive – by card, telephone and face-to-face – so thank you all for taking the time and trouble to get in touch. It is always good to be thought of kindly in this way and we have very much appreciated the warmth of your words and the depth of your support during our time here.

I certainly hope that we will see as many of you as possible at the service on the 22nd as we welcome the Dean and as remember these five years with you.

God bless you all,
Your Vicar,
Fr D.