The Parish of Halas

Together in Christ

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Dear Friends

At the end of this month we will be saying farewell to Katryn after over a decade of ministry in this parish, firstly as Assistant Curate and then as Team Vicar with special responsibility for St Peter's Cradley. Katryn's passion for the Gospel, her intelligence, her determination to the nurture the life and calling of every Christian and her kindness and care will be deeply missed by us here in Halas. She leaves with our prayers and best wishes for her future ministry in the Bredon Hill group of parishes.

We have known for a while that when one of the stipendiary clergy leaves they will likely not be replaced. We will therefore have three stipendiary clergy for the foreseeable future. This letter outlines the deployment of those clergy in the immediate future. But please remember that all clergy in the Parish are vicars of all churches and therefore your vicars.

From July:

Rob, as well as being Team Rector and Vicar for St Margaret's, will be Vicar for St Peter's Cradley.

Hazel will remain Vicar for St Peter's Lapal but will also take on responsibility for St Kenelm's with a particular calling to build up church-community links and Christian life in the communities of Romsley and Hunnington.

Dom will continue to be Vicar for St John's, building its town centre ministry and seeking to make best use of a fine but large mediaeval church and its adjacent buildings.

We will also be welcoming Mel Beynon as Curate in the Parish, with Hazel as her training incumbent.

This a plan for the short to middle term, allowing us time and space to think and pray through clergy deployment across the Parish in the longer term. At the same time we will be asking the whole Parish and each church to think and pray through what our particular calling is at this time: our part in God's mission of love for the world and what God might be calling us to be or to do.

If you have any questions please speak to any of the clergy.

With best wishes

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