

Licensing of Rev Michael Windridge

Further to our announcement in August, Tim and I are delighted to inform you that the Rev Michael Windridge will be licensed by +Martin in his Chapel at the Place in Chichester on Tuesday 13th October. As a result of the current situation we are not able to hold a good welcoming service here for him but at some stage we will organise a special celebration.

His first service with us will be on Sunday 18th October at 9.30am celebrating St. Luke the Evangelist and Physician, ably assisted by Fr. Martin and Tony which Michael is much looking forward to.

Michael has asked us to share his following letter with you all:

Dear Sue and Tim,

As you know, Sabrina and I visited the Vicarage recently and were delighted to see renovations well in progress and the overgrown garden coming under encouraging control.

I broke away from an intensive session of curtain measuring(!) for some quiet reflection in Church. I cannot tell you how overjoyed I was to find the welcoming doors open and to breathe in the atmosphere of such a beautifully clean and well-ordered interior.

I have just returned from clearing out my office in Westminster, happily closing down a ten year chapter of a parliamentary assistant's life with all its attendant challenges and dramas.

However excited we are at coming to St Mary Magdalene, Sabrina and I are acutely conscious of the terrible impact the Coronovirus is having on both our national and local parish life. People will be asking where on earth is God in such a destructive pandemic.

May this holy place and this prayerful congregation continue to witness to the Light and Love that the world's darkness will never extinguish.

I look forward to being with you all in the very near future.

With my love and best wishes

Michael
Norfolk, 25th September 2020