

My Dear Friends

God willing the time of my ordination as Deacon will very soon be here.

Now that I have finished college and before I get caught up in the busy time of preparing for my ordination, I wanted to take the time to say thank you to each and every one of you, for all of your best wishes and prayers, but especially for every bit of love and support that you have given to me, not just during my three years of training but for the whole of the eight years that I have been at Saint Luke's. I have been both blessed and privileged to have been part of such a very special and loving 'family'.

As you all know once I have been ordained on the 29th June 2008 I will be moving to Saint Mark's in Bandywood Crescent to become assistant to Father Philip Calvert.

I am very much looking forward to the next stage in my journey of faith and ministry, but at the same time my heart is tinged with a little sadness at the prospect of having to leave the people and the Church that I have come to know and have grown to love and which has been such an enormously important part of my life for so many years. But a very significant part of answering God's call to service is that of obedience to God's will and it would appear that God has different plans for me and my ministry than I had first anticipated and therefore it is in obedience that I follow where God is leading me and in obedience that I am doing what God is asking me to do. I do however take comfort in the thought that we will not be losing contact altogether, because in the short term Peggy, Cheryl and Margaret will not be making the move to Saint Mark's, they will continue to worship and to be involved at Saint Luke's and so through them and hopefully any future joint activities between Saint Mark's and Saint Luke's we will still have a certain amount of contact with each other.

May I please ask you to continue to remember me in your prayers as I will certainly be keeping you all in mine.

I pray that God will bless you all and be with you all always.

All my Love and Best wishes - Patrick

NEWS & VIEWS

Welcome to everyone who joins us for our Mass today. Please do come into the parish centre after Mass and make new friends.

Today Craft Sale - please do go into the Church Centre and see some of the lovely items that have been handmade for you. All proceeds go towards our building fund.

Rosary – Wednesday 25th June at 6.15pm in Church. Please do come along and experience this lovely form of prayer and meditation.

P.C.C. Meeting – the next meeting of the PCC will be on 26th June at 7pm. If you are unable to attend then please give your apologies to Sylvia Orme.

Llandudno 2nd August – Ann is always happy to receive full payment for this year's seaside trip.

Leprosy Mission – Walk of Hope on the 19th July. If you would like to join us or would like to sponsor the Luke's Team then please see Margaret who is collecting names.

Birmingham University Welcome Bag for Overseas Students. Please see the noticeboard in the entrance hall and if you are able to donate any items then please hand them to Mary.

Christmas is coming!! - The Christmas Pantomime this year is Robin Hood at the Hippodrome on the 8th January 2009.

The approximate cost is £25. Please see Ann Babington in the parish centre with a £5 non returnable deposit to secure your place.

DIARY DATES

29th June – Ordination of Patrick & Br. Leonard

2nd August – Llandudno Trip.

12th August – Mary Poppins

17th October – Saint Luke's Day

12th-19th November Nile Cruise.

8th January – Robin Hood at the Hippodrome.

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Monday 23rd

7pm Mass

Tuesday 24th

10am Mass

followed by coffee

Wednesday 25th

7pm Mass

Thursday 26th

10am Mass

followed by coffee

Friday 27th

7pm Mass

Saturday 28th

10am Mass

6pm Evening Prayer

Next Sunday 29th June 10.30am – Mass