



**Dear Brothers and Sisters**

**June 2020**

I am writing this letter to you all from my study in Chichester, in the hope that I will be able to move very soon and take up residence among you in Worthing in order to be licensed as your new Vicar and Priest in Charge at the end of May. These are unprecedented times we are in at the moment and due to the current restrictions I will now be licensed in a private service by the Bishop of Chichester in his chapel on the 28<sup>th</sup> May. Please pray for me, as I most surely pray for all of you!

So, here we have it, God willing; a new ministry for your Priest and pastor and a new chapter in the life of St. John the Divine West Worthing and St. Andrews Worthing. I am rather hoping that you find me as your new Vicar and Priest in Charge, approachable, prayerful and above all, here to serve God as a Christian among Christians, and non-Christians too for that matter! I am looking forward to getting to know you and the community in which we live and serve our God, and I truly sense that I am in this for the long haul.

I am always open to new ideas and am excited to hear what you may have to say about our role as the Body of Christ in our community; I am also looking forward to being alongside you as you discover or continue to explore your own God-given vocation: be assured, as the baptised we all have one, nor is everyone's vocation the same, far from it.

Speak to me if you see me out and about on my bicycle. Introduce yourself if you see me walking to the shops or to visit a school or parishioner. I tend to walk about the parish quite a lot! And of course catch me in St. John's or St. Andrews. I am usually never too busy for a chat but if I am for any reason, at that particular point, I will explain why!

At the end of June our two churches will also receive a new assistant curate who I have been asked by the Diocese to take under my wing and train. Due to the current restrictions Josh Delia will now serve initially, for the first three months in our two churches as a licensed Lay Worker. He will then be ordained Deacon at Michaelmas, around the end of September in Chichester Cathedral. I am looking forward to welcoming him, together with Emily his wife and two young children to our churches and I hope you are too. Josh is currently finishing his studies at St. Stephen's House in Oxford.

So, exciting times ahead! Here's to the coming years friends, and let's journey together into God's future with joy & with fellowship in our hearts, aided by the prayers of our Lady of Walsingham, St. John the Divine and St. Andrew and the whole company of heaven. God bless you and keep you and your loved ones safe at this difficult time.

Love, joy and peace to you all.

**Fr. Tim**

### **A Note from the Editor!**

**We will continue to prepare a monthly magazine for St John's in order to be always ready to jump back into action as soon as the lockdown relaxes. Take care everyone!**

**Brian**