

Dear church family,

This morning I'm sharing with you all the sense I have from God that it is soon the right time for me to move on from being vicar at All Saints. 'Soon' means the start of 2022.

My wife Ruthli and I have been asking God about this from before Covid, and talking about it from the start of the year. So it isn't a snap decision. Nor has it been an easy one, - we have both so loved being called to Peckham and part of the uniquely diverse family of God All Saints is.

I feel frankly honoured to have worked with so many amazing people, paid and unpaid, united by Jesus. And humbled to be in a church with the heart to go out on a costly limb seeking God's justice for the oppressed and His hope for the disinherited, as Jesus did on earth. Such as through the ongoing work of CAP, (Christians against Poverty), or Listening for a change.

That Jenny will be leading All Saints through the transition-time after I leave encourages me. It's been an untold blessing since she first came as Curate, then Associate Minister, and since Covid-times in particular the person I have turned to more and more to help us find Jesus' way for us as His church.

In the coming weeks we'll tell you more about the very careful, prayerful interview-process that will serve to discern God's person to replace me next year.

Echoing the words of St. Paul to the church at Philippi, I can truthfully say, 'I thank my God every time I remember you.'

Jonathan