

Clergy Appointments

Shaun Atkins, Senior Chaplain of Bedford School, to retire.

Guy Edwards, Vicar of Paulton, High Littleton with Hallatrow and Farrington (Bath & Wells Diocese) to be Rector of Bushey.

Paul Hughes, Archdeacon of Bedford to retire.

Neil McCleery, Lay Succentor at Christ Church Cathedral Oxford, Assistant Chaplain at Christ Church College and School Chaplain to Christ Church Cathedral School to be Chaplain of Bedford School.

Dave Poultney, Pioneer Minister and Associate Vicar & Assistant Rural Dean of Watford to be Team Rector of Bedworth All Saints and Saint Andrews (Coventry Diocese)

Reuben Preston, Rector of Sharnbrook, Felmersham with Knotting and Souldrop, to be Priest of St Margaret's, Renfrew and St John's, Johnstone (Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway, Scottish Episcopal Church).

Michael Roden, Team Rector of Hitchin and St Paul's Walden Team Ministry to be Canon Chancellor of Bristol Cathedral (Bristol Diocese)

Retirement of Administrator with "Servant Heart"

Helen Chilton has retired from her post as Administrator of St Pauls Church in St Albans after 13 years of dedicated service.

During her tenure there have been significant changes at St Paul's, most notably the planning and work on the church's major building development. Helen was involved not only in managing much of the project, but also coped with working in a cabin in the grounds during the 18 months of building work.

Canon Tony Hurle, Vicar of St Paul's Church says "Helen is renowned both for knowing everything but also for her servant heart - she covers for when others fail to do things, remembers what needs to be done, and has such grace.

Her heart for mission, evangelism and prayer ensured that anyone coming into the church has been welcomed and, when it was appropriate, prayed with and helped in their journey with God. We are so grateful that though she is retiring she is remaining in the congregation!"



Helen's retirement day was celebrated with a tea party at the New Wine festival, and as a surprise tribute, all the guests turned up wearing masks of Helen's face!

Vacancies & Volunteering

Pastoral Assistant Posts

Are you 25 or under and exploring your call to ministry within the Church of England?

We are looking for up to three pastoral assistants to work in the parishes of Bishop's Hatfield and the University of Hertfordshire Chaplaincy, living in a shared house just off campus.

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Pastoral Assistants will start in January

2019 and be appointed for an initial term of 8 months which will be extendable.

For more information and an application form, search 'StAlbans Young Vocations' or go to: www.stalbans.anglican.org/ministry/youngvocations/
Closing date: 19th October.

Volunteer Chaplains Wanted

Treehouse Bedfordshire are looking for volunteer chaplains to work with students and university staff.

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