

Vacancy Update – 22 June 2021

Mark Goodman and Rosalyn Holiday

This is the first of a series of vacancy updates that we will be issuing over the coming months – please let us know what information you would like us to include in future updates.

What's been happening?

Mark and Rosalyn have started to visit LIFE Groups as an initial attempt to garner opinions of where we are as a church. If your LIFE Group hasn't already booked a date for Mark or Rosalyn to visit, please feel free to contact Rosalyn to book a slot. Thank you for the input we are starting to receive.

We have been asking groups to consider 5 questions before we visit so that you can give us your considered opinions.

5 Questions for St Paul's family members to consider:

1. What are the strengths of St Paul's?
2. Where do we think Jesus is leading us?
3. What would it be like for someone to minister and live in the parish?
4. What might be the challenges ahead?
5. What are your concerns for the process of selecting a new incumbent?

Martin's News

It's great to be able to tell you that Martin has secured a house to rent that the whole family is happy with. It means that Hannah can continue at her school easily and both Martin and Wendy can commute to their places of work. This is a real answer to prayer.

Martin has been given the good news that he will be based in Aldershot for two years. He will be padre to the Grenadier Guards.

Please book the date for Martin's leaving party – Sunday 18 July 2021.

Go to saintpauls.co.uk/martin for more information & to book.

Meeting with Archdeacon

Mark and Rosalyn met with the Archdeacon, Martin Breadmore, to gain an understanding of how the diocese would like to be involved in the vacancy process. It was an especially useful meeting, where the Archdeacon answered our many questions and offered us as much help as we would like during the vacancy process. He agreed to attend the first part of the July PCC meeting to answer any questions members of the PCC may have. He stressed the importance of all of us taking the time to listen to God as we create a clear and comprehensive parish profile.

Zoom Meetings

If you aren't in a LIFE Group and would like to give your input into the process, Mark and Rosalyn will be hosting Zoom meetings after some of the Sunday services.

This will also be an opportunity to ask any questions about the process and seek clarification.

The first two Zoom meetings will be on Sunday 11 and 25 July following the service.

Watch out for ...

We will be visiting LIFE Groups again in the Autumn to find out what you think we should include in a person specification for our new incumbent.

Prayer meetings in the Autumn – if we want to find the person God has planned for us as a church family, we need to meet regularly to pray together and seek His guidance. Please watch out for these dates and make them a priority.