

Ginni Dear



On Sunday 13th March the following announcement was made :

"We are pleased to announce that the Reverend Virginia Dear (Ginni), currently Assistant Curate in the Hertford Team Ministry, based at All Saints Church, Hertford, has been

appointed Vicar of the Benefice of St Ippolyts with Great and Little Wymondley.

This is subject to the completion of legal formalities and when these matters have been completed we will be able to announce the date of Institution.

Please remember Ginni in your prayers."

Have I really been here almost three years already?!! It seems like it was only yesterday when you all welcomed me with open arms as your new curate. I remember walking into St. John's Hall following my ordination at St. Albans and being completely stunned to find the hall full of people and a cooked meal on the table, I thought I'd gate-crashed someone's party! That was my first experience of a proper 'All Saints welcome' and one that few can replicate.

And now, it's almost time for me to move on, something I do with mixed emotions. I have loved my time at All Saints, you have become my family and walked alongside me through some of the most exciting and also the most challenging times in my life.....and I hope I have done the same for you.

Your care of me and the many things I have learned from you all have prepared me well for this next phase in my life and you have given me the confidence to look ahead in excitement. But.....I will miss you and that is the flip-side of the coin! It feels like I am leaving home and part of me really doesn't want to!

So....where am I going? Well, fortunately, not too far away.....so there's no excuse

for you not to visit!and you'll be pleased to know that they all seem lovely too!

The benefice is situated between Stevenage and Hitchin, 3 lovely churches in a semi-rural setting but not too far from a town and very close to where my children are living.

But.....you haven't got shot of me yet!

There's lots of preparation to do before all the legal documents are signed and plans made for my move so I will be here until around the end of June. I'll write more next month with an update on what's happening and hopefully have a date for my licensing for you to put in your diaries.....which I really hope you'll all be able to come to.

In the meantime, I shall continue to enjoy being part of the All Saints family and I thank you all for your love, prayers and support.

With love,
Ginni

