

Announcement of Clergy Moves

Dear Friends,

I announced in November that I will be leaving Storrington in early January. My last weekend here will be next weekend (6th/7th Jan). I look forward to seeing many of you at the Masses, and the farewell Vespers and Tea at 3pm on Sunday 7th January.

Bishop Richard has appointed Fr Stephen Dingley, a priest of the diocese, to the two communities of Our Lady of England, Storrington and Our Lady and St Philip Howard, Arundel. Canon David Parmiter who is currently appointed to Arundel will remain there for a transition period of a few months, until he moves on to a new appointment in the summer. Fr Stephen will then have care of both Arundel and Storrington.

During this transition period, Fr Stephen and Canon David will work together, allowing Fr Stephen time to get to know both communities and also the workings of the Cathedral. Ultimately his residence will be at Arundel, but initially he will take temporary residence in the Storrington priest's house, and take the opportunity to get to know the community here. He will commence his ministry on the weekend of 13th/14th January. I am sure you will make him most welcome, as you did me ten years ago.

My own new appointment is to the parish of Effingham and Fetcham in Surrey. There are two churches: Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham and The Holy Spirit, Fetcham. After a short break, I will begin there at the end of January. My new address will be: Priest's House, Lower Road, Effingham, Leatherhead, KT24 5JP Tel. 01372 458263.

I should also remind you that the new Pastoral Plan for the Diocese will be published on 2nd January. This will set our very particular changes here into a much wider Deanery and Diocesan context. Neither I nor Fr Stephen in our new appointments will be operating entirely alone. No parish priest in this diocese will. But that's for next weekend after the publication has happened.

With prayers for us all, *Fr Charles*

30th/31st December 2023