

ST. ANSELM

Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

A season for everything.

A sad goodbye.

This is not an easy letter to write. But when God calls, we must answer.

A few weeks ago the Bishop of Plymouth invited me to take up the post of vicar of St. Luke's, Milber and St. John's in Bovey Tracey. I have accepted this offer and subject to the usual legal and safeguarding checks will be leaving St. Anselm on Easter Sunday before taking up my new post in mid-April.

This news was shared at mass on Sunday in both St. Anselm and in the parishes in Exeter Diocese.

Catherine, Edmund and I have shared the most amazing 4 and a bit years with you. I was writing

letters and covering masses from October 2019 and was put in officially in July 2020 in between lockdowns.

It was a tough old time for everyone, but we pulled together and over the last 3 years in particular have seen a huge resurgence in St. Anselm.

We have re-grown the congregation and worshiping community to over 100 people, we have sorted the finances, we have two new amazing church wardens and a keen PCC. We have a new Mission Priest and we have



‘unsuspended’ the parish - meaning a new Vicar will be with you after I leave.

St. Anselm is in a strong place and I know that my departure will open up new opportunities, ideas, and thinking.

We love you all very much and look forward to sharing the next few months together; celebrating what has been achieved and working to look to the next season of praising God at St. Anselm - where will the Holy Spirit take us next!?

Fr. Matthew, Catherine & Edmund. x

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Please let us know of illness or other need as soon as possible.

Prayer focus

For the parish of St. Anselm and for its future under a new parish priest.

For Fr. Matthew and his family as they prepare to move in March.

Worship focus

The Baptism of The Lord offers us a chance to renew our own baptismal vows, to take a moment to reflect on the call God places on our lives. Come to Mass.

This Sunday

Sunday 7th January

The Epiphany of the Lord - Solemnity ◉

10am - Parish Mass

Divine Office Psalter Week 1, Year B(II)

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Notices

There will be an announcement at Mass this Sunday.

If you would like to read at Church on Sunday Mornings please be in touch with Susan Chick. We've loved hearing from new people and hearing new languages. There is a rota on the display board at the back of church to sign up.

Sunday School returns for the new year NEXT week (14th). We're so grateful to our volunteers but it would be really helpful for others to help out. If you've got ideas on more we can be doing to encourage children to be a fuller member of our family, please be in touch with Fr. Josiah or Susan Chick.

Fr. Matthew will be offering home blessings this coming week as we celebrate Epiphany. If you would like your home blessed please be in touch with him directly or use the sign up sheet at the back of church.

Please support the church generously through your giving at www.stanselm.co.uk/giving

Years Mind

8th - John McKie
11th - Tony Bernard
13th - Bill Keyte
14th - Violet Hall

Pray This Week For

Wayne Campbell, Mavis & Daniel Sibley, June Boughton, Verity, Laura & her twins, Deborah Annabelle Potts, Susannah Mansa, Omeeta Dunrad, Elijah, Julie, Oliver Joseph, Khuan, Linda, Carmen Artrey, Rajkaran, Permit, Freya.

Monday 8th January

The Baptism of the Lord - Feast ◉

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: Our online family

Tuesday 9th January

Tuesday of Week 1 in Ordinary Time ●

[Offices said privately]

Prayer focus: For all religious

Wednesday 10th January

Wednesday of Week 1 in Ordinary Time ●

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer & Rosary

Prayer focus: For Charity

Thursday 11th January

Thursday of Week 1 in Ordinary Time ●

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: New Christians

Friday 12th January

Friday of Week 1 in Ordinary Time ●

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

Prayer focus: Struggling Mothers & Fathers

Saturday 13th January

St. Hilary, Bishop, Doctor ◉

[Offices said privately]

Prayer focus: Priests & Bishops of the Society

Sunday 14th January

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ●

10am - Parish Mass

11:30 - 12:30 - Sunday School

Divine Office Psalter Week 2, Year B(II)