

August 2020

Dear St Mary's Church congregation,

A quick note to update you all with how things have been going with my training and as I approach my licensing date.

I have now completed all my evening classes and passed all my assignments. I received a great end of year report and have been recommended to be licensed. This will be happening on Saturday 19th September at 2.30pm at Norwich Cathedral.

The current information that has been shared with us is that guest numbers will be sadly but understandably limited. We are unsure as to how many guests we will be allowed each. There are eight of us being licensed along with our training incumbents attending and the team needed to undertake the licensing ceremony. This won't leave much room for others to attend due to social distancing measures needing to be adhered to.

I am still waiting to hear about final arrangements and whether or not the service can be live streamed. I will keep you updated. I am however having an outdoor service on Sunday 20th September at 10am at St Marys. More details will be shared nearer the time. I am hoping numbers aren't as limited as family members are also wanting to attend.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and prayers in what has been a challenging time. My last module was delivered online and my leavers weekend was also online. It has been really sad not to be able to say goodbye to course friends and have a proper ending and the normal rituals.

Thankyou to those who have taken the time to send emails, phone or send cards. I have appreciated hearing from you and knowing I am in your thoughts and prayers.

It has been great to be part of the team to help bring you services from St Marys and the Wilds with Wild Church. Post licensing the hope is that I can do more of this pioneering work out in the community and wider Diocese.

Know I hold you all in prayer and I am looking forward to gathering again. I will be leading the first Outdoor service since lockdown on the 23rd August at 10am. See the attached poster for more details! Sadly numbers are needing to be limited but I hope you can come.

Wild blessings,

Charlie x