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'Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith'
Hebrews 12.2

Dear friends

We leave St Peter's this weekend, and have loved the people of this parish and this place. We are so grateful for our time here, for being among so many special people seeking to love God, each other, and to bring God's love and goodness to those beyond the church community. We have had so much fun and laughter on the way, as well as some deeply special and moving times. At the heart of it all has been the joy of finding the difference Jesus makes to the whole of our lives.

For us leaving for retirement and for you as God's family, there is a continuity of purpose – to keep our eyes on Jesus. He is the author of each of our stories and we look to him to write and take us from one chapter to another. We begin a new chapter – exciting and a bit scary; St Peter's also begins a new chapter – perhaps a bit scary but exciting.

St Peter's is God's church.

Please pray for the church wardens, Terry and Alistair, during this time. They are also known as the Bishop's representatives, and they now lead St Peter's until a new incumbent is appointed. Pray too for Julia, our curate, as she continues to lead worship and pastoral ministry, sharing these roles with the Readers and others. Pray for the staff - Derek in his administrator role, and Jen as she coordinates the Hub. Please also pray for the PCC, who are responsible for preparing the way for the next incumbent.

John 1.6 it says, 'there was a man sent from God.' It is referring to John the Baptist, and that verse also encourages us all to pray for 'a man or woman sent from God' to follow me.

Please pray for the whole congregation to continue to be a great community, loving and caring for one another, and to be like a winning team helping to rebuild church after the battering of lockdown. One of my dreams is that St Peter's children's and youth work has enough volunteers. What a church that would be for a new person coming – positively inspiring!

But for all of us, the inspiration for our church life and every other part of our life is keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus – our goal, our inspiration, the source of endurance, our example to follow, and above all His presence with us at all ages and stages of life.

Thank you for your friendship to us both. Thank you for the many gifts and cards, and for your warm, kind, generous, well-wishing and goodbyes.

With our love, prayers and our deep gratitude

Kip and Sue

LOOKING AHEAD

The PCC has agreed to a new part time role being created mainly to cover some of the administrative areas that Sue has been involved with. The job advert will be posted on the church website early next week, so do take a look and pray for the right person to be appointed.