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To all members of St James'

Hallo Everyone!

There are a number of pieces of news and information of which I wanted to ensure that everyone is aware. So please take note of anything which is news to you!

The Revd Patrick Williams

Those who have not been in Church recently may not be aware that Patrick is currently serving his curacy with me, working in both St James' and St John's. Patrick was ordained Deacon on Saturday 3 July, and will work with us until the around the end of 2022. Please keep Patrick in your prayers in his early months of ministry amongst us.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Please note that on **Sunday 3 October**, we will be celebrating Harvest, and using the opportunity to support Wrexham Foodbank. Please see the separate flier for details of the items which are currently most needed. You can always make a financial donation instead, allowing the Foodbank to purchase what they need when they need it. If donating money through church, please place it in an envelope marked 'Foodbank', and leave it on the offering plate. If you would like to donate to the Foodbank directly, you can find details of how to do that here:

<https://wrexham.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>

Help for Afghan refugees

I believe that 10 Afghan families are to be relocated to Wrexham. These are people who have fled Afghanistan with next to nothing. The local Red Cross is working to gather clothing, household goods, cooking utensils and home comforts for these families, and is happy to receive donations on Mondays, 11.30 am – 12 noon, at Capel y Groes. Alternatively, contact Elinot on 07767 881175 if you would like to donate but cannot get to Capel y Groes at that time. (You may have seen a later time slot publicised elsewhere, but we have now been told that donations are received at this earlier time).

Blessings of Same Sex Marriages

You may be aware that the Governing Body of the Church in Wales met last week, and agreed to authorise a form of blessing for same sex couples, to be used in church. The Bill was passed by at least a two-thirds majority in each 'house' (bishops, clergy and laity). While I do believe that we need to repent of the church's history of demonising and persecuting gay and lesbian people, I remain convinced that marriage as defined by Scripture is a relationship between one man and one woman for life. So I will take advantage of the permission given in this measure for individual clergy not to lead such services. Whatever your own view, if you are at all troubled by this development, please do feel free to speak to me if you feel that would help.

And finally . . .

As well as the flier about donations to the Foodbank, this letter comes with a (link to an online) copy of the recent edition of the Diocesan magazine, *Teulu Asaph*, and of Bishop Gregory's Pastoral letter for September.

With my best wishes and love in Christ

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.