



Dear Friends,

I am grateful to Vicki and her colleagues for receiving me into the Garth Ministry Area Team. Already I am enjoying worshipping with you in all our churches in what is my second retirement.

I was ordained in Llandaff Cathedral some 30 years ago and throughout my ministry I have been non stipendiary (self-supporting). My first curacy was in Fairwater for 5 years followed by service in Llandaff Cathedral where I was Chapter Clerk for 15 years. I was a Solicitor and Solicitor Advocate (specialising in child law) for 41 years, with my practice in Caerphilly.

On retirement from the law, Avril and I went on an adventure. I took up a house for duty priest in charge in Meirionydd in Bangor Diocese. We spent 8 years in a fine rectory in a beautiful part of Wales although I have to say rural ministry has many challenges.

The pandemic delayed our move back to our home in Caerphilly but we are now settled and able to have our grandchildren for regular sleepovers. On my return Bishop June asked me to help out in Llanishen for a short while and then the request came to help following the departures of Revs. Zoe King and Michael John in May. I feel now well embedded in the churches that make up our Ministry Area.

As a non-stipendiary priest a great part of my ministry has been spent in what I call projects: namely groups, Ignation prayer groups, Quiet Days and Retreats. In November there are to be four sessions entitled "Waiting on God" a subject which has occupied a great deal of my thoughts and prayers during the pandemic. Before the busyness of Advent and Christmastide I invite you to join me at Christ Church Radyr on Tuesday mornings 10.30 'til noon. This is a Ministry Area event and all are invited. We will start with coffee/tea, chat followed by an address, meditative reading and prayer. Hopefully it will be a time for you to relax and wait upon Him and let God love you.

This is not a course. Each session will be stand alone.

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