



“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Mt 28:19

Letter from Fr Luke Goymour, Parish Priest, to all Parishioners of Brandon and Mildenhall

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In September 2018 I began my first appointment as Parish Priest in our wonderful parish of Brandon and Mildenhall. You soon accepted me as your own, for which I was truly grateful, and indeed I have come to see you all very much as my parish family. These last few years have been challenging for all of us with many joys but also some significant sorrows and losses. Trying to navigate the parish through a pandemic was not something I thought I'd ever have to do! Nevertheless, we have survived and thrived as a parish. We are a small but rich and diverse community, and it has been a joy and privilege to serve as your parish priest these last three and half years.

A priest, however, is never his own, first and foremost he belongs to God, and he must go where he is sent. The time has now come, for me to be sent elsewhere. Bishop Alan has asked that I take up a new appointment in Ipswich. This Autumn I will begin a new appointment as Parish Priest of St Mark's and Parochial administrator of St Mary Magdalen Ipswich. I will be assisted by Fr Paul Chan who will be living in the presbytery at St Mary's. It is with a heavy heart that I leave you, but I am hopeful for what the future holds.

At present, it has not been decided who will replace me here at Brandon and Mildenhall. Bishop Alan and his advisors are working very hard to arrange pastoral provision for our parish.

I already have a holiday booked in September, so my last Sunday with you be Sunday 11th September, I will then go on holiday and begin my new parish on the weekend of the 1st/2nd of October.

Please keep me in prayer over these coming weeks and months, pray for the people of St Mark's and St Mary Magdalen's and pray for all our priests moving this autumn.

Be assured of my prayers and my love for you all,

Yours devotedly in Christ,

Fr Luke Goymour

Given on Sunday 3rd July 2022