

A letter by Rev Les Forester to the Lambton congregation

Dearest brothers and sisters,

I'm very sorry to let you know that I need to step down from being Locum in the Parish. The side effects from the chemotherapy leave me unable to continue in ministry with you.

Jennifer and I have enjoyed immensely our time with you, short though it was. Believe me when I tell you, that you have given more to Jennifer and I, than we were able to offer to you.

I have informed Archdeacon Arthur Copeman and he will be in touch in due course letting you know who will be ministering with you next Sunday and onwards.

This week I will be undertaking a second cycle of chemotherapy.

I have no authority any longer to make decisions for the parish, so urgent parish administration matters should be referred to Archdeacon Arthur, or whoever is the new locum. Urgent pastoral matters can be referred to Rev Daphne or Rev Paul, until a new Locum is in place.

Less urgent parish administration matters should be passed on to the church wardens, Parish Secretary or Parish Treasurer as appropriate.

Jennifer and I sincerely believe that God is at work amongst you, and we will continue to pray for your future together, in renewal of parish life and faith journey. There is so much potential.

In particular we hope that this Sunday's Annual General Meeting will be a turning point of vision, energy and hope. *(Unfortunately no AGM can be held on this date as intended, but this will happen at some time in the future to be determined).*

We have been blessed by significant conversations with you.

We continue to value your prayers and friendship.

Grace and peace to all

Rev Les and Jennifer Forester