

Herne with Greenhill Ministry Team News
March 2019

- Thank you to everyone who was able to attend Choral Evensong on Sunday March 3rd when **John Scott** was awarded 'Reader Emeritus' by Bishop Trevor. It was a beautiful, well-attended service at which Nigel Collins, Warden of Readers, presented John with his Certificate and John was visibly moved.
- I am delighted to convey some news regarding **The Revd Stacey Rand**, who has joined us for worship recently and who I know many of you know already. Stacey is a Self Supporting Minister in Secular Employment (SSM, MSE) who was looking for a home in which to serve the remainder of her curacy. Following her exploration of this possibility here in Herne with Greenhill, with myself as training incumbent and Revd Cat as a clergy colleague, I am pleased to report that **Bishop Trevor will come and license Stacey to Herne with Greenhill parish within the context of the Confirmation Service in St Martin's at 5.00 pm on Saturday April 6th.**

Stacey's primary place of ministry is the University of Kent at Canterbury, where both she and her husband, Henrik, are employed full time. We can therefore anticipate Stacey being on duty here in Herne in some shape or form on two Sundays a month and being involved in the full round of pastoral ministry, i.e. Holy Communion, Baptisms, Funerals and Weddings, as well as adhoc visiting and administering Home Communion.

Stacey says, "It's been lovely to worship with you for the last few months. I'm delighted that I'm able to stay! I'm really looking forward to joining the ministry team and getting to know you better as I serve the rest of my curacy with you."

- I would also like to take this opportunity to confirm the arrangements for the weekend of the ordination to the priesthood of Curate, **The Revd Cat Darkins**. Cat's diaconal year seems to me to have flown! And it is hard to believe that very soon we will be preparing her for the priesthood. Her ordination will be at Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday June 29th in the afternoon (time to be confirmed) and her (by then!) husband, Michael, will have been ordained deacon in the morning of the same day. Although it is unlikely that everyone can attend, I hope that everyone will want to come to **Cat's First Celebration of the Eucharist** in St Martin's at **6.00 pm on Sunday June 30th**, when Michael will act as deacon. Please make a note of the date!

Every blessing,
Revd Carol, Vicar