

Parishes of Higham with Merston and Perry Street

Bishop's Announcement for Sunday, 17th April 2022

The Bishop of Tonbridge, in consultation with the Bishop of Richborough, is pleased to announce that **The Revd Canon Clive Wesley Jones** is to be appointed Priest-in-Charge of the benefice of Higham with Merston and Priest-in-Charge of the benefice of Perry Street.

Fr Clive comes to St John's and All Saints from St Augustine's in Belvedere where he has served faithfully as their incumbent for almost 20 years. We are fortunate to have a priest of Fr Clive's considerable experience coming here to lead us as we look to the future, strengthening our worship and prayer life, and building on our existing outreach to the communities we seek to serve.

Alongside his parish ministry, Fr Clive serves as a Chaplain to the Sea Cadets and Chairs the Rochester Diocese Forward in Faith group. He also acts as the Bishop of Richborough's representative in our Diocese, as well as the Bishop of Harare's Commissary.

He has a keen interest in the education of our young people and has served on the Board of Governors of his local Church School for a number of years, including 12 as Chairman of Governors.

Fr Clive plans to move in early June. We hope Bishop Norman and Archdeacon Andy will lead a Mass to welcome him to our parishes on the evening of **Wednesday 29th June**, but we will keep you informed as and when arrangements are confirmed.

In the meantime, please do hold Fr Clive in your prayers as he prepares for his new ministry amongst us, and for the church family at St Augustine's Belvedere as they face their first vacancy in two decades.