

A Message from Canon John Deeny

As I begin my ministry among you, I am very grateful to God for the opportunity to return to St Peter's, where I previously served as parish priest, and also to begin this new chapter with the communities of St Peter's, St Thomas More's and Holy Cross, Yelverton. I appreciate that the past year has been a very difficult and sad time for the parish, with the death of Fr Jon, your beloved Parish Priest, and also the loss of the church of St Peter's.

I hope that together we can look to the future with faith and hope, trusting that the Church is built not only of bricks and mortar, but above all of the people who gather together in Christ. At the same time, we look forward to the eventual building of a new church.

I look forward to meeting you, getting to know you and sharing with you in the life of the parish.

My first Mass at St Thomas More's was on the feast of Pope St Gregory, who described himself as the Servant of the servants of God. It is a beautiful description of Christian ministry. Ultimately, that is what a priest is called to be: a servant.

I come with a desire to serve and to help us grow together in faith and in our love of Christ.

Please keep me in your prayers, as I will certainly keep you in mine.

A Prayer

May God bless the people of St Peter's, St Thomas More's and Holy Cross, Yelverton.

May he heal what has been painful, strengthen what is good, and guide us as we look to the future with faith and hope.

May Christ remain at the heart of all that we do, and may his love unite us as one parish family.

And may the Holy Spirit guide me in my ministry among you, that together we may grow in faith, in hope and in love.

May Almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Fr John