

**The Rev'd Toby Wright**  
**Area Dean of Witney**

To Churchwardens and Treasurers

Saturday, 23 October 2019

**Witney Deanery – Thank you!**

I wanted to write and say a farewell as I step down as Area Dean. It has been a huge privilege to walk alongside you and to see so many good things going on across the deanery.

I began the journey on 1 December 2013. In my letter at that time I pledged to ensure that the views of Witney Deanery would be heard in the diocese and that I would try and ensure we support one another in the tasks of ministry. I also referenced Ephesians, that the supreme task of The Church is to be Christ's instrument for the universal reconciliation of each human being, one to another. I want to thank you for all you have done during my tenure to make this a reality and to further the in-breaking of the Kingdom.

It is a great joy that the Rev'd Dr Tess Kuin-Lawton will succeed me as Area Dean and she will be in touch next week (we hope) to make contact and inform you who will be taking over Mandy's role (although the email should stay the same).

Tess will be commissioned by Bishop Colin on Monday 09 December at Clanfield Church at 7.30pm and I hope very much that you will make it a priority to be there to support her at this time. In the light of this, the planned meeting on 28 November will no longer be happening as we hope everyone will prioritise the 09 December.

I should also reference that I would not have been able to do this ministry without the support of Ron and Mandy, and more recently Tess, Simon, Margaret and Kirsty. They have been immense.

Thank you all, and may you be richly blessed as we pray for the universal reconciliation of each human being.

Yours in Christ,

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