

# Greenways Group of Churches

*Praying... Loving... Growing...*


*Eph 6:18*

*Lk 10:27*

*Mtt 4:19*



## Clergy Report – for July & August 2019

Jesus 1<sup>st</sup> 

I don't get commission. But if you read. Read Peter Grieg's new book "*How to pray*". It's not a manual. It's actually the 1<sup>st</sup> book he began writing (but obviously not the first published). It's for seasoned Christians as much as for "new" ones. It is really helpful in thinking about, and practising, prayer 🙏

Friends, we enter another exciting season in the life of the Benefice:

- **Tom Ordained Priest on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June**
  - Luxury for the Benefice to have and support him in ministry in addition to Dave Kilmister.
  - The Benefice will still be organised and run as if only one Priest is available though 😊
- **Benefice Open Air Service** on 14<sup>th</sup> July (worshipping together & fellowshiping over food & games)
- We have a Benefice Visionary Strapline, developed since 2014 and offered by Si.  
**PRAYING... LOVING... GROWING...**
  - An "unpacking" of these words has been available since then
  - 2019 has seen a suggestion of including them into a phrase as our Vision statement "*Loving as Jesus loves. Praying as He prays, and Growing in Christ to make Him known*"
  - All three church fellowships have been encouraged from the APCM's in April 2019 to unpack the words a little more. Discovering what they actually look like, as they are lived out through our three fellowships. Accepting that it may be a little different in St Peter's, St Nicholas and St Paul's, whilst all being held together under the words themselves.
- **Benefice Services and Worship Patterns**
  - We are being brave and having wide and prayerful discussions on our service provision, content, focus and even timings.
    - Tom is instigating conversations and discussions, guided by the Priest in Charge.
    - It is not just about us, but about the Gospel, proclamation, and reaching and being accessible to our wider communities.
  - It is hoped that the Clergy can draw this together and so make proposals for 2020 at our autumn DCC/PCC meetings for discussion, support and action.

*"I want to be a God-Gazer" – from the book Risk Taker*

Malcolm Duncan

*"Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ"*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

*"Whatever happened to the Gospel"*

RT Kendall

4ming Disciples who make Disciples.

*"SO What"?! – a phrase to journey with daily, as intentional Disciples of Jesus Christ*

Yours in Christ

*Si*