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I hope you are keeping well and will have an opportunity to enjoy the delights of the Summer. I am writing to you as a member of the Electoral Roll of St. Mary's with a number of things to share

You may have heard of a few changes with my personal situation. Gill and I became grandparents in April and we are delighted for our daughter Laura and son-in-law Dave with their new son Arlo. The other news is that I will be retiring at the end of January and my last service will be on the 21st of January. I will be delighted if you will be able to join us all on that day.

When a vicar leaves a parish there is a period known as an interregnum. It is a time for the parish to take a greater roll in the running of its life. It is also an opportunity particularly for the Bishop along with the congregation to reflect on the way forward. This raises the matter of the Church Wardens who are very significant people in the life of a Church of England parish. Whether a parish has Church Wardens will be a significant factor in thinking about the future ministry of a church and if it is viable.

With this in mind I would like to share with you a plan for arranging the role of Church Wardens. The intention is to have a team of six people who will serve for three years. In each of these years two of the members will be the nominated Church Wardens. The position will rotate so each person will get to be Church Warden for a year. The team will meet regularly, ideally once a month. Initially I will be present to establish the responsibilities and pattern of work. With a team the work can be shared and the Church Wardens of a given year will know they are supported in a very immediate way.

This was initially shared with the PCC at their last meeting who were supportive. I have also shared this with our new Archdeacon Ven. Allie Kerr who is pleased that there is a new opportunity to consider.

There will be a Special Parochial Church Meeting after morning service on the 17th of September which Allie will join us for.

Please do consider these matters. In particular if you might stand for the Church Warden's Team or if you know of suitable candidates. If you have questions, you are welcome to speak with Alan or other people who can help. Please also come and join the special meeting as we seek to take the life of St. Mary's forward.

Yours sincerely

