RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Friends

I have been Chaplain here for six very full, happy and quite extraordinary years. You may not know that I shall be sixty next year and I have taken the difficult decision to retire.

My last Sunday amongst you will be 20 February.

I appreciate that my news will be unexpected. However, we do still have four months together, including Christmas, and I look forward to all that we shall share In these next months.

You will wish to know that discussions have already started about the process to look for my successor and to manage any period of vacancy.

Please pray for those on whom additional responsibilities will fall as part of that process and in the vacancy; Faith, Susan, Marjorie and Nicolas, Debbie Robson, Matthew Mees and our Archdeacon Alastair.

It has been an immense privilege to serve as Chaplain to the Old Royal Naval College and I hope that there will be opportunity to celebrate our time together in February. As it will not yet be Lent on 20 February, I hope that will include cake and a glass of something.

Be assured of my continuing love and prayers for you all.

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