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To the faith communities of St Andrew's Kyabram and St James' Tongala.

It is with a mix of sadness and excitement that I announce my time as your Priest is coming to an end. I have accepted the position of Incumbent for the Bellarine Anglican Parish (Drysdale/Clifton Springs, Portarlington & St Leonards). My induction service will be on Tuesday 19th October. This news is being announced in the Bellarine Parish this morning. Rosalind and I are disappointed that, due to current circumstances, we are unable to share this news with in person.

I am very pleased that at my last meeting with Bishop Matt, he spoke of already having plans for the provision of ministry for St Andrew's and St James' for both the short term and long term. Please pray for Bishop Matt and the Clergy involved in this time of transition. I will be taking 4 weeks of long service leave and 5 weeks of annual leave before I leave this diocese, so only a few weeks of ministry remaining among you. I will still be in the Parish until early October and it is our hope that Rosalind and Olivia can remain in the rectory to see out the school year here in Kyabram.

I wish you every blessing and the reminder that this is God's Church, and also of His love and care for you.

Your sincerely

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