

## **Statement from Fr Peter Delaney**

It is with sadness that I must announce the conclusion of two ministries amongst you Fr Jeremy as Hopitaller and myself as Bishop's Chaplain to St Bart's. For both of us this has come earlier than we would have chosen but circumstances change and we need to respond to the present situation.

Fr Jeremy and I will be leaving at the end of July for pastures new, Jeremy has thought hard about his present position at St Bart's and the hospital and feels now is the time to step away from his ministry with us and develop his own pastoral ministry elsewhere.

I will have concluded my six months agreement as Priest in Charge and in view of Jeremy's departure have decided to stay a further month and will also leave at the end of July.

Our departure in no way reflects on the congregation and its warmth and friendship to both of us, for which we are grateful, we very much hope your personal friendship will continue. You will continue to be supported by the clergy team who are a part of this parish, Fr Bill Wilson Fr Martin Freeman and Fr Mark Young and we are indebted to them for their ministries.

The new appointments will be in the hands of the Acting Bishop of London and the Archdeacon we wish them well in their process of selection. Both Jeremy and I are very grateful for the opportunity to have served amongst you and pray that the proper discernment process produces for you in the long term a new Rector.

We hope to announce a special service in July so that we might both bid our farewells in a Christian way.