

September Letter from our Rector Nicki McNelly

Dear Friends,

Doesn't time fly when you're enjoying yourself! I can't believe (as I write this) I am in my sixth week at St. Cuthbert's and looking forward to planning Harvest Festival in October (among other things).



My service of Institution was a wonderful event and my thanks to all those who were involved in the planning, preparation and production on the evening. It was lovely to have friends and family from far and wide to support me and even lovelier to have so many from the congregation of St. Cuthbert's present to welcome me into post.

Ceri has settled back into Edinburgh life very easily and is enjoying catching up with old school friends and meeting new ones. Iain's life has become much easier as the airport is only 15 minutes away, so his business trips to London are not such a burden. He has also enjoyed the opportunities to get out golfing, as generally, in Oban it was too wet. My thanks to those who have supported him in this. We have all enjoyed being nearer to Anya and seeing her so often, along with our other friends and family who live in the area. The dogs are certainly enjoying the walks around Colinton and life in the Rectory.

Personally, I have been overwhelmed by people's generosity in welcome, love and support. So many people do so much at St. Cuthbert's; it is an absolute delight to join such a well-functioning church. It will take time but I hope to be able to visit you all in your homes over the coming months.

If you are house-bound or sick and would like Home Communion, please let me know, as nothing would give me greater pleasure than to support you this way. Personally, Communion is vital in my life and I know I would struggle if I could not receive it, so, please do not hesitate to get in touch should you require the Sacrament.

Please remember to keep telling me your name when we meet: I have learnt some and look forward to learning more. I hope to see you throughout the month of September and getting to know you all better.

With love.
Nicki