

Hello everyone! I do hope that this message finds you and your families keeping as well as is possible during this really challenging time. I've been able to speak to and even see a small number of you during the pandemic but of course there are many of you that I haven't. I've really missed seeing many of you regularly at the Centre and missed being able to welcome new members in person, rather than over the phone. I know that so many of you have also been missing coming in. Some of you will be aware that I have been training for ministry and this has been able to continue throughout the pandemic, although in an adapted format. My course finishes soon and I will begin my curacy (a sort of three-year apprenticeship being trained on the job by a Vicar).

It is with great sadness that I have come to accept that the time has come for me to leave the Centre after nearly 17 years. I won't be far away, only in Tilehurst, based at St Michael's Church, and I'll be here for a few more months with my final day on Friday 30th April but I wanted to let you all know now. I really want to thank everyone - members, staff, volunteers and supporters for making the Centre such a special and truly unique place. You have made coming into work a privilege and a pleasure – it's so much more than a job, it really feels like family. I've been missing you all this year and I will continue to miss you but I will pop in often and Paul and I (and Monty of course!) intend to continue to support the Centre with fundraising where we can.

I will write again before I go but in the meantime, thank you again and lots of love to you all.

Tracy x