



*Archdeacon Steven Betts*

A message from Bishop Graham.....

I am pleased to let you know that Archdeacon Steven's leukaemia treatment has progressed well and he is now returning to work.

The treatment itself has taken many months and there have been some real challenges for Steven and Sarah, but all appears to be positive and his consultant is very pleased with progress. The most recent blood/bone marrow tests have been encouraging but for now Steven will still require close monitoring with checks every month/quarter. He and Sarah are very grateful for your prayers, best wishes and cards over the last six months.

Steven will begin what is known as a 'phased return' this week which means he will not be able to do everything immediately (so please have patience and care!) but will gradually return to day to day ministry, to which he is much looking forward. He will see and respond to emails straightaway but meetings and visits will be more gradual. Parish visitations and so on will be a little later.

Please continue to remember Steven and Sarah in your prayers, together with others facing cancer treatment at this time.

With all good wishes and every blessing

Graham

*Priest-in-charge*

To date there has been no further progress on finding a new priest-in-charge. With the return of Steven Betts we may get some idea of where we go from here but, as Bishop Graham pointed out in his letter, Steven's return to work will be gradual and we most likely be at the top of his 'to do list'.

## Events this week

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May, Pentecost

Readings: *Ezekiel 37 v 1-14* *Psalm 104 v 26-end*  
*Romans 8 v 22-27* *John 15 v 26-27; 16 v 4b-15*  
*Acts 2 v 1-21 (must be used as 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> reading)*

10.30am St James, Great Ellingham Morning Prayer  
10.30am Rockland All Saints Morning Prayer  
6.00pm St Peter, Little Ellingham Prayer and Praise

### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

10.00am Fellowship Group meets

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Morning Plant, book and cake stall next to Rocklands school in aid of RAS church.  
7.00pm Benefice Choir rehearsal in St James' church, Great Ellingham.

### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Morning Plant, book and cake stall next to Rocklands school in aid of RAS church.

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Morning Plant, book and cake stall next to Rocklands school in aid of RAS church.

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May, Trinity Sunday

Readings: *Isaiah 6 v 1-8* *Psalm 29*  
*Romans 8 v 12-17* *John 3 v 1-17*  
10.30am Rockland All Saints Benefice Holy Communion

### Looking forward.....

1-2 June Little Ellingham Flower Festival  
13,14,15 July Rockland All Saints Flower Festival

**If you have an event planned and wish it to be advertised, please let me know.**

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