**Announcement concerning Gail** As you will all be aware, since last May our Benefice Administrator Gail Wellings has been on long term sick leave.

Following a period of reflection Gail has decided to retire. We are immensely grateful for everything that Gail has done for our Benefice during her time as our Administrator and pray that God will continue to bless and support her in her recovery. It is our hope that Gail will continue to flourish within our Church Community, and she will be taking the lead on coordinating pastoral care for those who are ill or housebound as a volunteer.

Those of you who know Gail well will not be surprised when I say that she is one of the most positive and resilient people I have ever met and I know that she is grateful for the prayers and support she has received from so many. It is my hope that when she is able to return to Church we shall be able to celebrate her service here together.

As for what this means for the Office, for the time being there will be no immediate change as the PCCs and Joint Standing Committee shall need to reflect on the office and our administrative processes so that we can start making plans to find someone to be a new Administrator for the next chapter in the life of our Churches.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding and I shall keep you all updated in the coming weeks and months.