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NEWSLETTER

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Dear People of St. John's,

By the time you read this I expect you will all have heard the sad news that we shall be losing Fr. Barry sometime after Easter. He will be going to a second curacy in the Parish of St. Lawrence, Frodingham, Scunthorpe, after serving here for three years.

His departure will be a great loss to our Church and Parish which he has served so faithfully under no less than three vicars! I wonder how many other curates can claim to have had three vicars in three years? But in spite of what must have been difficult times, both Fr. Barry and Anne have come through them all with flying colours, and I know how grateful you are for all they have done for St. Johns and the Parish during their stay here.

Their departure will also be a great personal loss to me. For, although I knew before I came that the time would come for them to move on, they have been very good friends to me. Their kindness and help have been the greatest assistance to me in settling into the life of the Church and getting to know the Parish.

I am sure we should all like to express our thanks and appreciation to them in a practical way contributing gift for their new home. If, therefore, you would like to contribute towards this gift, please give - or send - your donation to one of the Churchwardens, either Mr. Thomas, 83, Laughton Way or Mr. Moore, 97, Browning Drive, by Sunday, March 26th (Easter Day). Meanwhile I would commend Fr. Barry's future ministry in Scunthorpe to your prayers, and also ask you to pray that God will send us a suitable successor as soon as may be possible.

Yours sincerely, John Allen.

P.S. I still have no idea as to when I shall be able to move into the Vicarage, but I hope it will be before Easter.

