

Farewell Thoughts

Thank you – I'll keep this brief.

When I came to Salisbury there was only one reason – I was called here. God promised me He would open doors and I would meet my wife in this city, and that's exactly what's happened.

The week before I arrived, I had no job to go to, nowhere to live, and everyone was panicking except me. Because I knew God had called me, and He would provide. And He has, and He will.

Soon after I arrived, someone was impressed by my title, saying 'Ooh, you're in a powerful position'. I have never, NEVER thought of it like that.

This has been a labour of love, a very personal thing, communicating with other people. I've not just wanted them to read and understand, I've wanted them to FEEL it. People remember how you make them feel.

So, this whole time, I've been working for God. He's opened another door now – I'm being redeployed to a parish just up the road from where I live, to face new challenges and serve the people.

I will miss you. More than almost anywhere else, this place – and you – have been the making of me.

So, when you ask me how I am, and I say, "I'm alive and awake", it's been something to raise a smile, but it's always had a deeper meaning –

I'm alive in Christ and awake to His leading.

Thank you for the opportunity.