

## **Welcome To Our Parish Assistant**

***“Through the love of the Father, Son and Spirit, our parish will be the Body of Christ in Godalming”***

***(Parish Vision)***

Over the summer the Divine Renovation team met on a number of occasions to discuss how we can best move forward. The first initiative, a second Alpha course, was announced formally last week. I would like to encourage you all to bring somebody to the course and, if you haven't yet attended the new course, to come along yourself. Alpha is an important first step in our journey together as missionary disciples.

The second initiative on which the Divine Renovation team worked was to consider how more of my time can be released to allow me to concentrate more on leadership. Early in the summer we announced that we were looking to employ a part-time Parish Assistant. I am delighted to announce that our search has been successful. Over the summer we advertised the post and held interviews. We were blessed to be faced with a number of excellent applicants. Towards the end of August, we offered the job to Sarah Stilwell. She accepted and formally started in the role this week. Initially Sarah will be employed for around 10 hours a week, at the moment she is working Tuesdays and Wednesday. I am currently working with her to establish precisely how she can best help. I am sure that many of you know Sarah and will be greatly encouraged by the skill and expertise she brings to help us all. Welcome Sarah.

I would also like to record my sincere thanks to Susan Strudwick for the many years selfless service she has given the parish. The good news is that Susan and Sarah will both continue to work together on our behalf. As and when we sort out precisely how this can best operate, suitable announcements will be made.

God bless you all.

Father David.