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Dear All,

further to a request by Roger to me this morning for clarification on my mention of moving last night; following an observation on the Bryant's welcome suite sitting on the parsonage footings and why that was such a cause for frustration for the churches Together in Cambourne, I append the following to you. this email is confidential at present to the Resident's Association executive, a more public announcement will be made through the Crier in March/April by which time it will be clearer as whom my successor as minister will be, after the five churches who are participant in the appointment have been able to meet the candidates who at present are writing in for details.

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It has never been completely clear to me whether I would end up as the long term full time minister of Cambourne owing to a number of factors. I envisaged with the appointing body an initial contract of 12-18 months before moving to the position of a long term appointment with the benefit of the parsonage as an office and other facilities in the spring of 2001 (the third date given for completion after April 2000, and September 2000...when I came on board as Cambourne's first minister.

a) It was never clear to me as to the viability of not being resident long term in Cambourne. Church ministry is conceived of differently than a School Head, or a GP surgery. Lots of our work is done 'after hours' and availability is really important in this line of work. Residence particularly for Anglicans is of primary importance, and there are good arguments for this. My family home is in Elsworth where we moved 18 months ago into a tied house with the parishes my husband is responsible for. It is a lovely home, my children are well settled into their schools, and friendships, so moving into Cambourne as our main residence was not a real option.

2) As the ministry in Cambourne has expanded, and the community facilities have remained rather static, I have come to the place where I have felt that a residential ministry in Cambourne should be brought forward asap in order to provide the appropriate level of pastoral care, both for new incomers into the community and the natural increase in ministerial engagement with those who have been in Cambourne longer.

3. After much thought and prayer I have provoked the appointment of a full time residential minister from after Easter so that the second issue can be properly addressed. It is most unfortunate that the parsonage will not be ready for whoever is appointed, but I hope that pressure on Bryants can be maintained so that the new minister (and any family which may or may not attach to the person appointed) can move in as quickly as possible to the new Parsonage. In the interim the churches will see what can be done about alternative housing.

4. I shall be very sad to leave, as I have enjoyed my time in working with

the young community of Cambourne, and meeting and growing in friendship with many. I have had the immense privilege of pastoring and of being some limited help to some people who have been hurting, welcoming others, rejoicing with those who have rejoiced and generally seeking to be helpful and neighbourly as the gospel invites me to. My apologies to any with whom I have fallen short, or failed in their expectations.

5. I shall still have a presence I hope in the ministry in Cambourne, as it is an inter-denominational church, and the next appointment may well not be Anglican, so my participation as a neighbouring Anglican should be on the cards for occasional events...but that is for the new minister and the church council to work out, and my future work to see if feasible.

6. I am thrilled in the way that the Churches Together have grown in organic relation to the Residents Association and been able to develop some clubs and associations of wider benefit to the community, as well as a strong Council for running their own interior life. I pray that the warmth and mutual hospitality of groups from all perspectives, youth, retired, parents and tots, Res Association, WI, yoga, health service, school and church etc can work together for the benefit of the whole community, which is Cambourne. We are more than a sum of our parts when this occurs.

7. I thought the Resident's Association should know about this development as we spoke about the seriousness of the parsonage issue, and the delay in the build time. I had intended to let the February meeting know when the appointment process would have been further underway. there is a lively response to the advert currently, so that is excellent news for the community. I shall write something for the March issue of the Crier, as the least disturbance with the disturbance generated by the inability to meet in at the School Hall, the better.

Thank you for your welcome and support over the last 14 months.....I look forward to my remaining 2-3.

Warmest

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