

Dear friends,

I know that some of you are already aware, but I wanted to share the sad news that our dear friend, the Rev'd Canon John Turpin, sadly passed away on Saturday.

John was a strong supporter of our parish, its traditional worship style, the music and all the people within it and I will personally miss his friendship and the sage council he gave throughout my life in this parish. He supported me both personally and, in my work, giving generously of his money and his time both to ministry and also pastorally to many of our family who needed caring attention whilst unable to come to church on a Sunday, especially during the past 18 month period of interregnum, taking communion to so many in their own homes, nursing homes and hospital, to those recovering and to those who were ready to pass on. From cradle to grave, his calming presence was always met with gratitude.

He was a kind, clever, humble, and thoughtful human being, with a sharp wit and a great sense of fun, and a true parish priest, and I'm so grateful that he played a part in my life and that of this parish. We were so lucky and better for having him in our daily lives.

It comes as no surprise that he was taken from us on the 29<sup>th</sup> June, not only being St Peter's Day but also on the anniversary of his ordination some 57 years ago, and I have no doubt he was fast-tracked through.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

When I have been notified as to the details of his funeral plans, I will share them with you so that, should you wish to attend, you will have the information you need.

Wishing you all a peaceful week,

Lisa Babb

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