The Cuttings are moving from Copthorne to Henfield

After 14 years thoroughly enjoying ministry at St John's, The Rev'd Alastair Cutting, with Kay, Hannah & Laura, are to leave Copthorne. Their last Sunday will be Pentecost, 23 May, starting in Henfield on Friday 2 July 2010.

Alastair has been appointed to the united benefice of Henfield, staying in Chichester Diocese, as vicar of Henfield, rector of Shermanbury and rector of Woodmancote. Henfield is a busy Sussex village between Horsham and Brighton and the two neighbouring hamlets, parishes in their own right, became part of the united benefice in the 1970s. Each of the churches is of ancient foundation; a couple are ancient settlements mentioned in the Domesday Book.



St. Peter's in Henfield is the main church, with a variety of services and styles. The other two parishes also both still have regular services, mainly of a more traditional nature. Each church building, considering their age, is not only in good condition, but each is about to have, or has recently had some major fabric work done. St. Peter's had a major reordering in 2008, making the medieval building warm & welcoming in every way. There are two curates, and several retired clergy to support the ministry across the churches; and there is a Church Aided Primary School.



Kay remains at Court Meadow School; Hannah will be continuing at Southampton & Laura will finish off college in Horsham before hoping to go to Bristol University in September. Alastair has also been encouraged to maintain some of his Chichester diocesan and General Synod involvement - his journeys to Hove should be somewhat shorter. We're all looking forward to it!