

18th May 2020 Guest Editor

Bonjour all!

As Fr Tom mentioned (threatened you with?) last night, I thought I might be in touch with you while he is taking some well deserved rest.

I thought that not because I had such earth-moving things to say, but because I had the idea that this would be a good opportunity to introduce myself and the family to you - and, maybe to get to know you a bit better... At least then you are pre-warned about what that new curate is going to be like.

In addition, I have to say that I have been so moved by your show of solidarity with each other and the wider community through Tom's regular messages, your replies and suggestions, your care for the homeless people around you, and much more..., that I really wanted to get in on the action and be part of it all. I couldn't be happier about moving into your parish!

Colin and I met quite a few of you when we came to Ascension with All Saints in February for a parish visit. Of course, since then, I lost my notebook. (you will soon learn - well, now - that this is just like me. The children in my class have mainly been busy finding my phone, re-locating that exercise book or unearthing my glasses from behind the book shelves.....amazing what that does to their school reports.....).

And because I lost my notebook, I now have to start all over again with putting the right names to the right faces.

Just on the off-chance that this is the same for you - I attach a photo of us (and my mum smuggled herself into it as well).

So, who are we?

Colin is a retired aircraft mechanic from Derby. I am a teacher, and currently life coach to a young autistic man, from Bonn / Germany (zats vy zee akzent....), and our daughter Sally is a 17-year old Sixth Form student to be, born in Geneva and brought up in France (yes, she does speak 3 languages :o)).

But that is not it. Our family counts 17 (sic!) more members, answering to the names of:

Tilou, Henrietta, Snow-white, Coco, Maisy, Jimjams, Fluffy, Brownie, Star, Happy, Harriet, Husky, Clover, Hope, Suumu, Gilbert, and Gordon.

Swiss-themed prizes will go to the first 3 best guesses as to who they are (be creative....). 😊

It would be lovely to hear from you and your families - maybe even receive a photo of you if you wish.

To keep everyone's minds at ease though, please be mindful of just sending any replies to me personally rather than to the whole list.

And, of course, if you don't really want to hear from me again, please let me know (I won't be offended) and I take you off the distribution list until Tom returns.

With all blessings for a good week- and maybe

à demain,

Julia