I would just like to say thank you for all the gifts and messages I have received as I retire from being Bishops’ Chaplain. I served as a curate in Southwark diocese and then as Director of Lay ministry in St Mary’s Reigate, before moving to the West country. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in posts in Bath and Wells, as Rector of Walcot, Bath, then Director of Reader Studies and Lay Training Adviser with Canon Russell Bowman-Eadie. I led the School of Formation for a time and then helped the reorganisation into Ministry for Mission and continued as Discipleship Team Leader, before finally serving as Bishops’ Chaplain to both bishops over the last four years.

As with many retired priests I intend to take a break and then hope to pursue three projects – one in the area of music with people with intellectual disabilities, one with a charity that helps vulnerable people with their IT needs, and to continue to finish a book on a different style of theology, with the working title, ‘Songs of Disciples’. Pauline continues her work within the Education department and, as we live locally, I shall still be around in the diocese for other things, as and when…

Many thanks for all your messages of support and love.

Graham