



THE BISHOP OF BEDFORD  
The Right Reverend Richard Atkinson OBE

The Churchwardens of the Benefice of Silsoe, Pulloxhill  
and Flitton

24<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Churchwardens

I am delighted that we are now in a position to confirm that husband and wife, the Reverends Simon and Louise Moore, are to be your new Priest in Charge and Associate Vicar. Please could you announce this to the congregation at your churches this Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Simon and Louise are currently job sharing Rectors and Deanery leads for leadership and discipleship development in the parish of Sutton St Helens, in the Diocese of Liverpool.

Prior to this appointment, Simon and Louise have ministered in four different parishes in Hertfordshire. Simon trained for the ministry at St Johns College, Nottingham, and Louise on the St Albans and Oxford Ministerial training course. In addition to these roles, Simon works to encourage and train people in preaching and is training as a pastoral supervisor. Louise runs her own counselling and pastoral supervision practice. Before ordination Simon was a secondary school teacher and Louise an occupational therapist, this took them to work for two years in Kenya and five in Zimbabwe. They have three daughters and one grandson. They enjoy long distance walking, all things outdoors and have two dogs of intriguing lineage, Bo and Belle.

I will be licensing Simon and Louise as your Priest in Charge and Associate Vicar at 7.30pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2022. In the meantime, you will remain very much in my prayers.

Thank you for all the hard work that you and others have given to the parish and the mission of the Church during the vacancy.

With best wishes

+ Richard Bedford.

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