

*Hello from Simon and Heather (Apologies about the picture, not our best 'selfie'!!)*

*We are so looking forward to coming to live, work and worship together with you all at St Mary's.*

*It's a bit like coming home for us. Simon used to practice Morris Dancing in the church hall, we both worked in Bedford and our first home was in Dudley St.*

*Our sending church was St Mary's Wootton where we were married 33 years ago and where our children Becca and Chris were baptized.*

*We left the area to begin our new lives 21 years ago and although things have changed it's great to know the area.*

*We'll tell you more about our 'journey' when we arrive but thought you might like to know a bit about us. We both enjoy getting out for walks with our dog Millie. She is a little rescue lab who barks at the front door to say hello and will then expect a cuddle. We both love history, the countryside and family time. Simon loves making and mending and DIV and tinkering around with computers. Heather is passionate about singing and is hoping to find a local choir. She also enjoys gardening (not very well) and sees the new garden as her next challenge!!*

*Becca lives and works in Leicester as an English Specialist and worships at a joint Methodist/Baptist church (the nearest church to where she lived as a student where she was immediately made to feel welcome) and she leads the worship group She's looking forward to a much easier journey to us as she doesn't yet drive!*

*Chris is married to Sheila and they have two adorable children (well we would say that as we are biased!!) Thea is 3 and Timothy is 6 months. They live in Irchester and worship in Wollaston. Sheila is an accredited counsellor and until recently Chris was a church youth worker but is taking a break from it at the moment. If you shop at Morrisons he probably helped get your stuff to the store!*

*We plan to move around the third week of October. Our wedding sermon was from Romans 12 where we are told to 'show love in action and practice hospitality'. We took this to heart and have always had an open door. Please pop in for a cuppa any time.*

*See you soon!!!!!! Simon and Heather*

