

Gracious and Eternal God,

We thank you for your call to Andy and De to minister to our All Souls parish so many years ago. We give you abundant thanks for their long and loyal ministry to us, and to the wider community who know All Souls as their spiritual home. On this day when they leave us for a new journey in a new place, we give thanks for De, Max and Zoe too, and for their generous sharing of Andy with us. Especially we thank you for Andy's faithful and humble leading of us; for his wise and insightful teaching; for his patience and compassion; for his generous sharing of himself; for his commitment to justice for all your people; and for his goodwill to all who come here. We are the richer for his leading, and we are conscious of the rich legacy he leaves us.

Andy, De, Max and Zoe ...

Go with the strength you have;
Go simply, lightly, gently,
In search of love and offering love.
and...

May God who is both our Father and Mother, lead you purposefully to the horizons of your unfolding futures and surprise you with Joy;

May Jesus your friend and companion be always present to you and walk beside you and give you courage;

And may the Holy Spirit hover lovingly over you as a mother over her children and give you life.

And now as we part...

Grant that we *all* may walk in your presence, your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills;
and may the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the peace and infinite mercies of God, and the presence of the Holy Spirit go with us all.

Amen