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For my part, I take aboard that there has been a lack of clear leadership. I'm afraid I can't give it more of my time, but I can give it more of my leadership in the time that I have and I'm going to try to make that leadership clearer in the second half of this year. A parish does – and perhaps should – reflect the Churchmanship of its vicar and, while I don't aspire to create a parish in my own image since we're all made in God's image, I will endeavour to make that Churchmanship clearer.

So, finally, a comment on theology and ecclesiology (more commonly known as churchmanship). I'm not fond of denominational labelling, but I'm in the tradition of liberal anglo-catholicism. That means that I'm comfortable in the beliefs and practices within the Anglican church that affirm liberal Christian perspectives – on matters of gender and sexuality, for instance, and in the interpretation of the gospels in the context of the world in which we live rather than in the context in which they were written – while maintaining the traditions culturally and liturgically associated with Anglo-Catholicism (the Book of Common Prayer, Sung Eucharist, sacraments, vestments and prayer, for instance).

We can go into this in the house groups that I hope to get going in the second half of this year, but it's no good pretending that my “brand” of the Church of England isn't at odds with Evangelicalism (especially conservative Evangelicalism) and traditional and/or Roman Catholicism.

So, in that regard, I can't pretend to be what I'm not. But that is what is at the heart of my leadership of this parish, as I lead it in what I hope will be its growth to accommodate a full-time Rector, living in the Rectory, by 2020, that absolutely everybody can love.Amen.