

*I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to the church family at All Saints' Church for my leaving present. David and I were overwhelmed by the generosity of your gift last summer. As I didn't initially have a job to go to and we didn't have any tenants for our house, we were grateful to have the money to see us through. As Tom was starting at university there were expenses to be met and the money you gave us was a tremendous help. Now that I am working and we do have tenants in the house, we have been able to use the rest of the money to make some significant purchases. I thought you would like to know how else your gift has helped us.*

*We have bought ourselves a new mattress which is incredibly comfortable and means that we are both sleeping better. We have bought a new washing machine for the flat and I have bought myself a laptop so I won't need to keep borrowing Dave's. We are extremely grateful for your generosity.*

*These are difficult and unprecedented times. I am so happy to hear news from Milford and Everton from time to time. Thanks to everyone who has kept in touch and helped me to remain connected. I think of you often and with love. Thank you all for the many blessings that were poured upon me during my time in Milford. It was a pleasure and a privilege to journey with you. I have so many happy memories to treasure.*

*Blessings and love,*

*Sheila Hopkins*