

## LEAVING

4 June 2017

For the past two years, one of our Readers, Mr Stéphane Javelle has been away from us attending theology school in the UK at Ripon College, Cuddesdon and the Oxford Ministry Course. Concurrent with his studies, All Saints' with Aix have been sponsoring him through the diocesan process for discernment for ordination into Holy Orders. In the autumn of 2015 Stéphane was endorsed by the national church's Bishops' Advisory Panel. Earlier this year we were informed that Stéphane has been accepted as a candidate for the diocese of Salisbury and his ordination date has been set, God willing, for Sunday 2 July.

But before arriving in Salisbury, first Stéphane has had to finish his studies, pass all his exams, and leave the Cuddesdon. This Friday, Steph participated with his fellow graduating classmates in the Ripon College "Leaving Service". All students were in attendance and those graduating were asked to bring the stoles that will be used by their bishops at their ordination services. Part of the Leaving Service is the "Blessing of the Stoles" by the Right Reverend Humphrey Southern, Principal of their college.



Looking over the shoulders of the students at the Leaving Service held in



Stéphane Javelle and his graduating classmate Dagmar Wilkinson holding their stoles. Dagmar is heading off to the Diocese of Sheffield at the end of this month.

We are so proud of our Reader Stéphane... but we do not look forward to his leaving from us. Several members of the All Saints' congregation will travel to Salisbury for the ordination service and our priest-in-charge, Fr David Greenwood and our Reader Mrs Jane Quarmby have been invited to vest and participate in the ordination service.



Bishop Humphrey Southern, Principal of Ripon College, Cuddesdon gathers with his students for the emotional 2017 Leaving Service.