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Sunday 21st April 2024:

After a wonderful sabbatical time of rest, refreshment and receiving a renewed sense of calling from God, I'd like to take this opportunity to announce that I will soon be leaving SIM's Sports Friends ministry to respond to a new ministry calling.

The Diocese of Bangor, (Church in Wales), in partnership with Rural Ministries, has appointed me as the new Outdoor Chaplain for Bro Eryri, (Snowdonia). It is a completely new, innovative, pioneer mission role with a focus on making a gospel connection with those whose passion is the outdoors. See <https://bangor.eglwysyngnghymru.org.uk/newyddion/> for full Diocesan announcement.

It feels like an exciting continuation of my calling and service in cross-cultural sports ministry as I'll be moving to Llanberis at the foot of Yr Wyddfa, (Snowdon), learning Welsh, and seeking to reach out to those who love being active in the spectacular beauty of Eryri (Snowdonia National Park).

After 15+ years with SIM's Sports Friends ministry and 27+ years at St Andrew's it also feels like a big move, it will be hard to leave all you dear friends in the St Andrew's family!!

I will be welcomed to the Diocese of Bangor and Llanberis Ministry Area in an outdoor Licensing Service on Saturday 15th June led by the Archbishop of Wales. You are most welcome to attend, and I'd love to have your support in this new ministry adventure. (More details to follow).

PRAISE

- I'm grateful for the privilege of serving with Sports Friends/SIM, in partnership with St Andrew's these last 15+ years and give thanks for the many lives transformed by Jesus through Church Centred Sports Ministry around the world.

PRAYER

- Please pray for good endings with SIM & Sports Friends and a good beginning as I prepare to move to Llanberis in June.
- Pray for wisdom, discernment and an ability to listen with humility as we seek to learn how God is at work in the Eryri Outdoor Community and consider how we might join in!

I'm not sure I can put into words my gratitude to God and to St Andrew's for all the loving support and prayers from the St Andrew's family over the years and the partnership in the gospel as I've been so generously supported to serve with SIM/Sports Friends. THANK YOU!

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