

THE BISHOP OF BEDFORD The Right Reverend Richard Atkinson OBE

The Churchwardens

for the Benefice of Woburn with Eversholt, Milton Bryan, Battlesden and Pottesgrove

19th October 2022

Dear Churchwardens

I am delighted that we are now in a position to confirm that Revd Dr Rachel Snow is to be your new Rector. Please could you announce this to the congregation at your churches this Sunday, 23rd October 2022.

Rachel has recently finished serving her curacy at St Paul's Letchworth with All Saints, Willian and St Mary's, Old Letchworth. Before ordination, Rachel was a secondary science teacher. She trained for ministry at St Mellitus College, and at St Mary's, Redbourn, and believes in the transforming power of God for individuals and their communities.

In her spare time Rachel enjoys cycling, walking her cavapoo Alfie, gardening and spending time with her family. Both Rachel and Derek, her husband, are very excited to be coming to serve the parishes in Woburn and are looking forward to living in such a beautiful part of the diocese.

I will be licensing Rachel as your Rector, at a service known as an Institution, at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14th March 2023. In the meantime, you will remain very much in my prayers.

Thank you for all the hard work that you and others have given and will continue to give to the parish and the mission of the Church during the vacancy.

With best wishes

+ Richard Bedford.