

Ginni's final service 19th June

Photographs by Rachel Morgan

We bade farewell to Ginni on Sunday 19th when she officiated at Parish Communion for the last time, followed by a convivial lunch and (for the hardy) Choral Evensong.



During the morning service Ginni was presented with a cheque for £632 and warmly thanked for her contribution to our spiritual journey.

This was followed by a lunch attended by some eighty people. Thanks to Ann Wilson, Helen Harvey Wright, Janet Bird, Janet Oldham, Marion Hassell, Renee Booker, Sandra Weedon, Sue Newbold, Wendell Newbold and all who contributed the excellent puddings!

Ginni writes:

What can I say!! It feels very strange that this day has finally arrived.....yes, I knew I was leaving and had a fab new post to go to but I don't think I actually realised that you lot wouldn't be coming with me!!

We have travelled a fair old journey together these last three years, haven't we? I arrived fresh-faced....or as fresh-faced as a 48 year old can.....straight from college with my lovely family in tow, all of us unsure of exactly what the next few years looked like. Would we fit in? Could I cope with all that ministry entailed? Would we be able to bond with the congregation.....would they like us.....would we like them?!!! We needn't have worried....All Saints felt like home from the very first day we arrived!

You welcomed us with open arms, you let us share your lives, your happy moments and your sad ones and you walked alongside us in return. Colin loved living in Hertford and he loved the people of All Saints. I will be eternally grateful that his last few years were spent in a place he was so happy and surrounded by people he cared for. It gave him a real sense of peace to know that when he could no longer be with me that I would continue to be loved and supported by all of you.



I have been comforted by the fact that you all knew Colin and that when I talked about him and the things we did as a family, you would know exactly what I meant. It feels strange moving on to a place where they have never known Colin and see me as a single woman rather than as part of a family of five. On the plus side, I'm not moving

All Saints Alive

very far so I can always come back to visit and get a dose of All Saints love!!!

There are so many people that I would like to thank individually for so many things but I know there isn't enough space here to do that.....you know who you are and I will do my best to write to you all although that may take a while.

My final Sunday was, in true All Saints style, as magnificent a send-off as the party thrown to welcome me!! Thank you all for the many cards and gifts and especially for the extremely generous cheque which I have already ear-marked for two long coveted items!! One practical item, an oil stock, which I will need for my future ministry and one....well, completely indulgent item, a hanging chair for my garden.....although it could be argued that relaxing in my garden is an aid to sermon writing!!!

Thank you also to all of you who worked so hard preparing food and co-ordinating things for my farewell lunch.....it was a truly fabulous 'do' and I am really grateful for all the trouble you went to.



I can't go without saying a couple of special 'thank you's'firstly to Jo for giving me the most amazing curacy. Whilst it may not have always been easy for either of us, the mutual love and respect that we have for each other has enabled us to form a pretty formidable team and I am grateful for her wisdom, patience and kindness over the last 3 years. I have learned a huge amount from her and although I am a little nervous, I feel that I am ready now to take on greater responsibilities and I thank her for preparing me so well for that.



Thank you also to Martin and Mary Penny and the choir.....they have nurtured and encouraged me and given me confidence and I will always be grateful that they helped me to find the voice I never believed would ever surface.

Thank you all for loving me and for letting me love you in return. I will miss you all but you know where I live.....so feel free to pop in and say hello!!



Much love
Ginni