

The Churchwarden's Letter



Dear friends,

The Vicar has left for his study leave and his instructions to the churchwardens were to treat his absence like a vacancy. So are we now struggling along like a floundering vessel adrift without a rudder not knowing which direction we are going in? No, of course we are not. Father Benjamin has taken command of the steering like any good co-pilot ably assisted by the support crew, namely Sheena Wilson and Carole Lewis, our Lay Readers.

Since the Vicar left all services, both Sunday and midweek, have taken place. We had a joyous Harvest Festival Service, proceeded on Saturday evening by a very sociable and entertaining Harvest Supper. The following Sunday evening there was a beautifully uplifting Choral Evensong at which we were delighted to welcome guests singers from Keith Beniston's former Church who helped to swell the volume.

St John's held and hosted Pray Hemel one Saturday morning when members of various churches from around the town come together to pray for the needs of the wider community.

Arrangements for the Countdown to Christmas Fayre are well in hand as is the planning for the Christmas Tree Festival.

So far from being a drifting vessel we are in fact forging ahead—people powered. The church is not the Vicar or clergy. Nor is it the building, impressive as St John's is, but it is us the people who give it life, heart and soul.

Lorraine Ioannou & Di Tovey (Churchwardens)