

## Report for the Annual Village Meeting from the Parochial Church Council

It has been an eventful, busy and exciting year for St Michael's Church with the resignation of the last Vicar, the Revd Gavin Tyte, and the appointment of the a new one, the Revd Kate Woolven, with all the work that that involved, culminating in her Licensing by the Bishop of Crediton in the church in January.

Besides this the work of the Church carried on, with amongst other things, all the usual celebrations of the festivals, Harvest, followed by lunch, all the special services for Christmas enhanced by the amazing Christmas Tree Festival and recently the sorrows and joys of Easter. Another highlight of the year was the Licensing of Hilary Harron as a Reader in Exeter Cathedral. Messy Church for families with young children is proving most successful.

Maintenance of the building is an on going problem but the recent boiler repairs have been a great improvement to the heating of the building. However it was very disappointing that our application for a grant from the Heritage Lottery was turned down. The PCC is most grateful to Malcolm Henty for the loan of microphones as the sound system is in need of urgent attention – there is nothing worse than attending a service or any form of meeting and not being able to hear - and of course the same applies to television programs as the BBC discovered recently with “Jamaica Inn”!

The PCC is most grateful for all the wonderful help and support that the Friends of the Church and other members of the community give to them and Kate hopes to be able to spend more time in the parish and so further strengthen and widen the links of the Church with everyone so that we may “all live in His joy”.

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