



# St. John's News Autumn 2010



## Harvest Weekend and Ben's Retirement 18th -19th September

Bishop David will be with us for our harvest celebrations this year as Ben retires after eight years of ministry at St Johns, twenty seven years in the diocese of Europe and forty three years as a priest. This Sunday will be Ben's official farewell, so we do hope as many of the family of St John's will be able to share in this occasion

### Saturday 18th September

18.00 Concert by our choir, including music from *The Armed Man* by Karl Jenkins, followed by an aperitif

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September

10.30 Harvest Festival Thanksgiving Service with Bishop David

**Harvest Farewell Lunch in St John's.** Chicken Coronation, Anne's favourite, will be provided please bring a delicious salad, not pasta!!! or a scrumptious homemade dessert.

Sign up in advance please in church or [anneaton@orange.fr](mailto:anneaton@orange.fr) 0494404861

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### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September

**This will be Ben's last Service At St Johns.**

*Celebrating the Eucharist has always been central to his ministry and we do hope that you will be here to share this final breaking of the bread together.*



Lunch in Ben and Anne's garden. We invite you after the service to our garden for a bring and share lunch to round off the day. Please let us know if you can come, and we do hope you can, so that we know how many to expect.

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*There is change all around. Change for us as we retire from active ministry and change for St John's as it moves into its next exciting phase. So perhaps these words from St Augustine are very apposite to us, and to St John's*

**"If you would attain to what you are not yet, you must always be displeased by what you are. For where you are pleased with yourself there you have remained. Keep adding, keep walking, keep advancing." ~Saint Augustine**

## Memory Book

Anne writes. "We have experienced so much together over the last eight years and I would dearly love to have a "memory book" to dip into in the years to come. You need to please help me make this book. If each of you would take an A4 sheet of paper, stick a photo of yourself on the paper, and then just note down some remembrances or perhaps what St John's means to you. I will collect the pages and make them in to a book. You could either send the page to me at, 62 Hameau de Valescure, 83600, Frejus, or bring it with you in September and put it into the book yourself. Thank you in advance it would mean a great deal to me."



## New Chaplain and Interregnum.

**Peter Rowson and Rob Ward the two church wardens write:**

As St John's is part of the Archdeaconry of France under the jurisdiction of the Diocese in Europe the replacement of our Chaplain has to follow a set procedure. It is the responsibility of the Church Wardens to ensure that this procedure is followed and completed in the timescales specified by the Bishop.

Your Chaplaincy Council has been meeting regularly to discuss the relevant issues and the Wardens have tried to ensure that all decisions have been taken democratically. The Council has elected to follow option A which is to follow the Full Procedure for a replacement Chaplain. Option B whereby the Bishop appoints his own replacement was rejected together with option C and D where Patrons are involved.

Part of option A is to produce a Chaplaincy Profile which has been completed and will be sent to all applicants who reply to St John's advertisement. This advertisement will be placed in the Church Times in early October. Short Listing will be in mid November.

The Bishop has specified that interviews for the new position will take place in London in early December which the Wardens will attend. The Bishop wishes that the successful applicant will be in place at St John's early April 2011.

During the time when Ben and Anne depart, i.e. at the end of September and next April when the new Chaplain hopefully will be in place, an interregnum at St John's will exist.

The Wardens are trying to ensure that suitable clergy and readers will be at St John's during this interregnum period so that the necessary continuity of services for the residents and visiting members is maintained.

### Contact details during the Interregnum

**Telephone St John's:** 0494954578

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#### Church Wardens

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## Paella Party Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Please remember that Margery is eagerly waiting to welcome you to her annual Paella lunch in aid of the Philippine Self help Foundation founded by her son Richard. St John's has now officially adopted this charity as one of its regular supports.



**The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you  
And be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you  
And give you his peace.**