

## View from the Pew

Andrew Povey-Richards

I hope those of you who were at the Team Eucharist on 27 May enjoyed it as much as I did. It was an amazing experience which I have heard only positive feedback from and Jeffery John preached an excellent sermon (*the text of this appears on pp 4-6 Ed*). It must be hoped that team worship can be arranged again before too long, as I believe it shows that we are united and committed in our worshipping of Christ together. Very many thanks to all those who put in considerable amounts of time to ensure it ran smoothly, particularly Martin and Jo.

Unfortunately the weather on June 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Jubilee celebrations was terrible, but this did not stop us having a very enjoyable bring and share lunch, attended by over 40 people in St. John's Hall. The weather also meant that the Churches Together service was held in All Saints.

Very soon after you read this our **annual BBQ** will be upon us and I would urge you to come along and enjoy food and fellowship together hopefully in the grounds of **St John's Hall from 12.30 pm on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July**.

You may have noticed that Helen Wright has started a **New Prayer Group** on the third Tuesday in the month (next meeting 17<sup>th</sup> July) at her flat in St. John's Court at 10.30am. If you would like to know more then please contact her on 534535. Thank you Helen for starting this.

On a similar front Jo, Janet and others have starting visiting Bircherley Court once a month (last Tuesday of every month – next service 31<sup>st</sup> July) to take a **Songs of Praise** service for the elderly there. They would very much like members of All Saints to join them, and would very much appreciate your support in chatting to residents afterwards, as we try to encourage them to join us. This gives us a new opportunity to outreach to the more elderly in the parish and to spread God's word to them. We have residents Don and Joan Allum there to help us.

This month sadly we will be saying goodbye to Graham and Annabelle Miller and their daughters Sophie and Alice as they are

emigrating to Canada. They got married at All Saints and have been regular worshippers with us for at least 10 years. We say goodbye and wish them every success in their new life and hope that if they return they will come and visit us. Please remember them in your prayers.

We have been sad to learn that Bill Kemm (our previous Vicar) has been in hospital recently and I hope you will pray for his rapid recovery and for Jean and their children as this worrying time.

We are getting a large number of new worshippers coming through our doors and it is possible that if you are relatively new and become a regular member you may not have been approached to join our regularly giving scheme yet. Please would you consider this, it can be done either by using a set of yellow (weekly) envelopes or by standing order. This is very helpful in planning parish finances and also at this time when we are thinking of what improvements we can make to the inside of the church.

Love, Andrew

## New Hall Manager

Following our appeal for a volunteer to manage the bookings for St. John's Hall, we are pleased to announce that Miss Megan Roworth has appointed as our new Booking Manager for the Hall.

Following some time travelling the world, she has now spent several years working with her mother in the family business but is keen to expand her outside interests. She is a keen runner, at present training for a half marathon race later this year, but she feels that she can bring a new dynamism to the Hall management by working with and also expanding the number of the groups using the Hall.

Megan's full contact details are on the back page of this magazine