



Churches Together in Alresford August 2019 Newsletter

Clergy celebrations

June was a month of great celebrations for some of the clergy in Alresford.

On Wednesday 12 June, Monsignor Tom McGrath celebrated the Jubilee of his Ordination, fifty years of priesthood. The following Saturday the whole Parish of St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs, of which St Gregory's is part, gathered to give thanks for this splendid milestone.

On Saturday 29 June, Curate Tasha Anderson was ordained Reverend Tasha Anderson by Bishop Dakin in a ceremony held in Winchester Cathedral. She was one of eight newly ordained Anglican ministers and was supported by parishioners from the Arle Valley Benefice.

To both we wish every blessing as they continue in their service to the communities to which they belong.

Pulpit Swap

This enriching tradition continues in our churches and on Sunday 7 July the community of St Gregory's welcomed Reverend Julia Myles as she offered reflections on the Gospel of the day. It is wonderful that we are able to grow in our fellowship in this way and we look forward to the next pulpit swaps.

Songs of Praise

The idyllic grounds of St Mary's, Old Alresford were the location of the CTiA Songs of Praise Service on Sunday 21st July. Eight hymns, chosen by the worshipping communities that form Churches Together in Alresford offered opportunities for prayers, thanksgiving, reflection and celebration. The service was preceded by a picnic and by the Annual General Meeting of Churches Together in Alresford.



Shoebboxes

Please, remember to save shoeboxes (those without hinged lids!) for the annual shoebox party, which will take place again at the beginning of November. We are delighted to support the Rotary Association in this project.

Further information will be provided and leaflets are available from James Pinniger (wjrp@hotmail.co.uk)