

## PARISH A.G.M. 2024. PARISH PRIEST'S REPORT

### Statistics:

**Parish population:** Regularly attending our churches

Weobley 40-45. Kington 25-30

Baptisms: Harry & Isabelle Phillips

The Sick: Shiela Mundy, Roger Nichols, Betty Evans, Catherine Williams & Bill Davies. Special thanks to Tricia for visiting them.

Deaths: Patrick Hanley, Monica Mullett, Rev. Brian Gill, Pat Buckley

**House blessings:** 4 Keralan families in Kington (names not clear at the time) with excellent curry supper to follow! Also the new house of John and Amoi Cochrane in Kington.

**Churches Together :** See reports by Pat Roberts for Kington and Patricia Stuart for Weobley. All churches enjoyed the recent Pentecost Praise at the Baptist Church in Kington with copious tea to follow, giving us the idea that we should reciprocate at St. Mary's (Angl.) and St. Bede's (R.C.)

**Archbishop's visits:** March 7<sup>th</sup>. at Belmont Abbey. A presentation about the proposed merger of the Archdiocese of Cardiff with the diocese of Menevia. This was followed by the Lenten Station Mass led by Archbishop David. The Archbishop returned more recently to a clergy deanery meeting on Wed. May 22<sup>nd</sup>. To report the results of his 'sounding' in the 2 dioceses. With nearly every group now consulted, the overwhelming opinion is in favour of the merger.

Meanwhile, on a lighter note we had a very successful barbecue on our new 'Jubilee' Lawn, and a parish lunch with quiz on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Some of us found Frank's questions quite challenging!... or were they his?

As per old custom, I invited the 3 Belmont novices for lunch at Jules on April 4<sup>th</sup>. (My cheaper option, the Bells at Almeley having recently closed for food). Then last week I invited our Peruvians with their chauffeur F. Joseph and a guest priest formerly from Peru to a similar lunch.

It was a privilege to have Fr. Alex Echeandia from Peru leading our celebration on Corpus Christi.

Proposals for renovation work proceed apace, even if the pace is that of an historic Churches snail. My thanks to the restoration committee for their work. Above all, our special thanks to Pat Roberts, Andy Palfreman and Joanna Helme for all the extra work they do for us "off stage".

My thanks to all who have attended our churches during the year, especially members of the P.A.C., the Special Ministers of the Eucharist, Musicians, our Mass servers Philippa and Samuel, our readers, florists, cleaners, welcomers and counters, finance committee, book-keepers.... and everybody else.

Finally, should you die, we think we have found a place for our 'Columbarium'.

