

# Messy Church marks Trinity Sunday



*After a seeing that water, ice and steam were three different expressions of the same thing, May Messy Church participants explored the power of three: God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.*



Former member of Burstow Church, Yvonne Riches (left), was pleased to receive the card of good wishes from her friends and sends her good wishes back to everyone in the Benefice in return.

**The next Benefice service will be a celebration of Lammastide at Hookhouse Farm, Outwood, on 31 July at 5.30pm following a bring and share tea from 4pm.**



# Windmill United Benefice

*The parishes of Burstow, Horne and Outwood*

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# Happy 90th Birthday, Ma'am

Members of CAMEO – several of whom are older than Her Majesty! – toasted the Queen's 90th birthday with an indoor street party at their June meeting.

They shared reminiscences to a backdrop of archive film of the Royal Family and enjoyed a party tea and a game of pass the parcel!



**The Benefice will be celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday on Sunday 12 June with a tea from 3.30pm at St Mary's, Horne, followed by Sung Evensong at 5pm. All are most welcome. This is the day when churches around the country will be marking the Queen's birthday, so listen out for the church bells ringing in the benefice and elsewhere that day.**

# Meeting the two assistant priests in the Windmill Benefice

Bishop Jonathan has asked Nicky Tredennick, who lives in Smallfield, to transfer her ministry from Godstone to the Windmill United Benefice and he will license Charles Sargent as an assistant priest in the Benefice at the end of the month



## Nicky writes:

Thank you all for such a warm welcome to the Windmill United Benefice. I look forward very much to getting to know you all, though can't promise how good I will be at remembering names at first!

As you may know, I have owned my rather strange bungalow in Smallfield for some years. I let it while living in St Matthew's Vicarage in Redhill, and used it for my family on occasions.

Nine years ago I retired from Redhill and was asked to help out in Godstone United Benefice (in particular, Blindley Heath) which I was very pleased to take on, and now I hope to feel more part of

Smallfield.

My history includes having trained as a nurse at a London hospital, and as a midwife, part of which was in the East End of London - and yes, it was just like 'Call the Midwife' in a lot of ways!

I trained as a health visitor, largely to be able to lead a more normal lifestyle, including caring for my parents and elderly relatives. I lived in Horley for a short while and then was able to purchase a small house in Charlwood where I planned to put down some roots.

However, that was not part of God's plan as I became more and more involved in church affairs and finally accepted the call to ordination as a deacon.

I was ordained deacon while living in Charlwood where I planned to continue to live but once a new Rector was appointed there, I was asked to become a stipendiary curate in Roehampton, where I covered an

interregnum and was ordained priest with the first batch of women. This brought enormous challenges as well as privileges - I believe I was the first woman to be appointed Area Dean. Those were difficult times for many people adjusting to womens' ministry.

My father, grandfather, uncles and a cousin were all ordained priests so I knew to some extent what I was taking on. I feel very blessed in my role and hope to be able to help out in this United Benefice.



Nicky Tredennick preaching in the Benefice for the first time at the joint service in Horne on 29 May

## Charles writes:

Being licensed into the Windmill Benefice is more of a "homecoming" than a new beginning. Some of you will know my story better than others!

I was born and grew up at Westlands Farm in Burstow, and baptised in St Bartholomew's in 1968. We weren't the most regular of church-going families but I do remember attending for Easter, Christmas and, of course, Harvest Festival! But we did have chapel to attend at school.

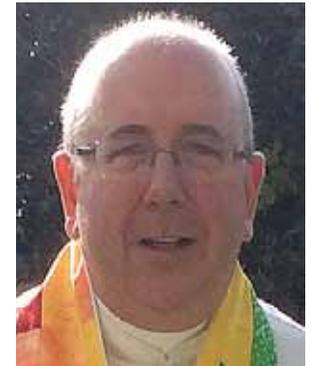
I was about 14 when I felt a sense of calling to ordained ministry and that became my focus. I went through school and on to King's College London to study Theology. Whilst at King's I was encouraged to volunteer at Centrepoint, a nightshelter for homeless young people; by my second year I was a paid locum worker at the nightshelter and in full-time employment during my final year. After university I continued

with my work with the homeless. And spent a year working as Chaplain in the Port of Rotterdam for the Mission to Seafarers.

I had always been firm that I would not be ordained until women were, and so it was in 1994 that I went through selection and on to theological college at Mirfield in West Yorkshire, at the same time studying for an MA in Religious Studies at Leeds University.

I was ordained in 1996 in St Paul's Cathedral. That was a day to remember: I took up a curacy in North Kensington, where they even got me dancing in the Notting Hill Carnival each year! I went from North to South Kensington and to my own parish and a chaplaincy with the medical school at Imperial College.

I had always wanted to be in chaplaincy work which led to my next move, to Brunel University and becoming



an Officiating Chaplain to the Military at RAF Uxbridge in 2004, then down to Cornwall and RAF St Mawgan from 2010, where I also set-up and ran my own catering company - "The Sargent's Mess" (one of my major hobbies/passions/pastimes is cooking as you might guess!)

I am passionate about encouraging young people to achieve and am delighted that my association with the Air Cadets is continuing, having just been appointed Chaplain to the Haywards Heath Squadron.

While I am sad to be leaving Cornwall and the sea behind, I know they will always be places I can return to.