

## **CHURCH REPORT    May 2011**

There have been some clergy changes during the last year. Our curate Ann Massey moved to Calne to take up a role as Vicar. She has been replaced as curate by Sue Rodd from Aldbourne who was ordained in Salisbury Cathedral on October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010.

We are also pleased to report that Reverend Candice Marcus has been appointed as part time team Vicar & part time Deanery post, she will be living in the Aldbourne Vicarage and her Licensing will be on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at 7.30pm at St Michaels Church Aldbourne.

Reverend Simon Weeden our Team Rector has already been with us for a year and is proving to be a very good leader for the Whitton Team. We still have our retired ministers Canon Peter Ball and Rev Joan Prout and also our lay ministers Tony Eyles and Jackie Hollander and we are grateful for all their service to the Team.

Baydon Church Congregation numbers have increased slightly over the last year with regular attendances from Villagers & repeated attendances from visitors, from other Parishes.

We have a good team of worshippers involved as sidespersons, intercessors, communion assistance, coffee & refreshment servers who all help the smooth running of services & will swap duties for their mutual convenience & we are very grateful to them all.

Once again we have had very successful family services throughout the year, most recent being Education Sunday in February attended by children, parents , grandparents & regular worshippers. The Mothering Sunday service in April was also well attended.

Church finances are still tight & we rely heavily on the generosity of villagers & worshippers to enable us to pay our Diocean share, team costs & building running costs. Joint fund raising with school was the annual fete in June which raised just over £2,500. This years fete is on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2011 from 1pm in the School Paddock and featuring the Icknield Way Morris Dancers.

We had our Quinquennial inspection in November 2010 and our main serious problem is the leaking Nave Roof , which will cost

approximately £14.000 to do a proper repair. Our first Fund raising event is this Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2011 when a concert with professional musicians will be held at St Michaels Church Aldbourne at 7pm. More Fund Raising will follow during the year.

On behalf of the church wardens & PCC, I would like to thank everyone who has helped in the life of the church during the past year, in so many ways previously mentioned & also Organ playing, church cleaning, brass cleaning, flower arranging & outside church yard maintenance, including church yard grass cutting kindly provided by the Parish Council.

Thank-you for all the support & time you so freely give.