

## Notes from the Churchwardens July

As we begin a new chapter in our church life, following the retirement of Rev. John Bennett, we welcome visiting clergy to take our Sunday services during the coming months.

It was a delight to have the Choir involved in John's final Evensong at the end of June, when 65 singers filled the chancel and sanctuary to sing music that had been chosen by John.



During the Summer Holidays there will be outings on each of the six Wednesdays for all choir members. They hope to go to Sutton on Sea when the weather permits, and various indoor venues if the weather is not so good! This year there are 45 children and 10 adult helpers taking part in each trip, which (due to the large numbers) will involve travelling by Cropleys coaches.

[www.stmaryandstnicolas.org.uk](http://www.stmaryandstnicolas.org.uk)

[www.spaldingparishchurchchoir.co.uk](http://www.spaldingparishchurchchoir.co.uk)

During the coming months the Parochial Church Council (PCC) will be circulating information about the church finances, and various ways in which we can all help with the rising costs that our church faces. The PCC generously supports the music of the church and the choir financially, but due to the large numbers in the choir, this will not cover the cost of all the choir activities this year. The PCC Finance Team has suggested that church members be asked to consider whether they might help support the choir summer outings by giving a donation.

Generous donations have already been received from the Round Table and Philip Hall towards the cost of the coaches.

If you feel able to offer any financial support towards choir activities then we would be extremely grateful. Please have a word with Nick Pitts or one of the Churchwardens for further information. Any contributions will be very gratefully received and will, in turn, help with our church finances.

If you wish to make a regular contribution towards the costs of running the Church then please take a Parish Giving Scheme information pack.



We all wish John and Mary a long, happy and healthy retirement in their new home in Bridlington, and thank them both for all they have contributed to the life of our Parish.

*Jean Hill & Val Fairbanks - Churchwardens*