

A few words from the vicarage ...



A warm welcome aboard is extended to John McIntyre as he has now assumed his duties as churchwarden, serving alongside the enormous talents of Charlotte Johnston as co-warden. We are indeed fortunate to have such a willing and dedicated pairing at St Paul's.

Last month it was announced that we have a 'situation vacant' in respect of needing someone to take over the job of looking after the many and varied roles and responsibilities within the Parish Office. So far there has been very little interest shown from anyone and, unless this situation changes soon, a number of our current services may be seriously curtailed.

I feel certain that there are several people who have the relevant skills and the time to offer yet are hesitant to volunteer. Please do not wait – **YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!** Please contact either Charlotte or me to discuss what you may have to offer.

On Tuesday evening, 31 May, we acted as hosts for the annual Mothers' Union Deanery Festival. This was an undoubted privilege for me, to preside over such an occasion and I wish to record my thanks and admiration to our Branch members for the amount of time and hard work they put in to ensure it was such a success. I think the right note was struck in every area of the operation, well done ladies!

Moving on to the Summer Fair, scheduled for Saturday, 2nd July, we need volunteers for all the usual stalls on that day so, again, please get in touch as soon as possible to ensure that we have another great day.

Whilst it may seem a little premature to be mentioning Club Day, 2012, as St Paul's has been asked to provide the Rose Queen

and retinue, the PCC has agreed to set up a group of people to look into all that needs to be done in this regard. A few people have already been identified but, the more the merrier, I'm sure so, if you would wish to be involved in the preparations for 2012, please let me know. A start has already been made but we have a long way yet to go. If anyone is interested to learn more about being part of the group or about being one of our young representatives, please get in touch.

The various roles within this are: Rose Queen; Chief Maid; Train Bearer; Cushion Bearer; Flower Girl, and Maid of Honour. The duties are not confined to Club Day itself either as there are several other events at which attendance may be expected running through to Club Day, 2013 – there are those within the group who will be happy to discuss this fully with parents and girls who want to know more.

Fr D.

What is your favourite Hymn?

In discussion with our organist, Linda Carrington, we thought it might be an idea to ask everyone as to what may be their favourite hymn and, from your responses, thereby compile a list of your 'top ten'. The principle behind this is to seek to ensure that we don't ignore your preferences simply as a result of our not knowing or realising what those preferences may be!

So, please jot down your favourite (or two, if you can't decide between them) and pass your nominations to either Linda or me. The plan then, apart from producing a list of the results, is to introduce them from time to time during our services.

Fr D.