

Farewell to the Bainbridges



On Wednesday 1st November, I went to visit the Bainbridges.

It was a sad journey because this was to be their final day in Greenford and I visited a rather sad and empty house.

Brian was busy hoovering away upstairs and I managed to capture the moment. It is typical of Brian and Margaret that the people who followed them in the house would find it ready for them, even thoroughly cleaned for them.

Brian and Margaret and their daughters Ruth and Judith have been a central part of Holy Cross life for many years. For them, the move from Greenford after 39 years must have been a wrench and created a huge change in their daily patterns. However, the family reasons for this move are paramount and although nobody wanted them to leave, we all knew it is the right thing for them.

Brian and Margaret have been part of the whole of Church life - singing in the choir, arranging carol singing at Greenford Station every Christmas, playing a strong role in Stewardship campaigns, joining in with Lent Groups and educational activities, leading educational talks, acting in plays, performing in Pantomimes, playing recorder solos, singing solos, visiting the Germans, being a Governor of Betham School, a tour of duty on the PCC, enjoying our social activities such as Treasure Hunts, two daughters married in the Old Church in the space of one year (how careless!!)... and all this squeezed into a very active working life until 65, plus a strong and committed contribution to other people, especially those with learning difficulties through the Dyslexia Association and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and all the other things of which I am ignorant!



All in all, when you had the Bainbridges, you had a full team with a wide range of capabilities and flexibility. So, for us, how sad to lose them to Leighton Buzzard, but for others, what a great boon for them to gain!

Brian and Margaret Bainbridge made a huge contribution to Holy Cross Church and so we wish to say Thank You and then to wish them every happiness in the next stage of their life and all that happens to them.

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