



## Church Family News

There were probably times during the summer when we complained about the weather (as we Brits are notorious for), but especially if the weather was bad whilst we were on holiday. However, what a lovely start to autumn with the mild weather and sunshine. How wonderful the trees are looking. The colours are breathtaking. Last weekend we came together in church to thank God for all His goodness to us and we were given the opportunity to share with others through gifts for the foodbank. As always, the response was amazing and it is good to know that we can continue to share by supporting the foodbank throughout the year as we think of those who are finding life difficult.

During September, two of our church families celebrated family weddings. **Hannah Gildert's grand-daughter** was married here in church and **Margaret Boston's son, Colin** was married in Whitewell. We sent our very best wishes to them both.

Congratulations to **Jamie** (son of **Pat & Bob Wright**) & **Holly Wright** on the safe arrival of their son **Oakley** and best wishes to all the family. Congratulations also to the **Williamson family** on the arrival of a little daughter, **Elsie**, to **Nicola & Christopher**, brother for Ethan. Love to you all. **Marion Halpin** received the wonderful news of the arrival of her first great grand-daughter very soon after the great sadness of losing her brother. Our love and sympathy were with Marion on the loss of her brother but it is good to be able to also share in her joy. God bless you Marion.

There are some special birthdays this month. Starting with the oldest, we think of **Peggy Rimmer** in a nursing home celebrating a 90+ birthday. We also think of **Jack Balmforth** who now lives in Tunbridge Wells but was member here. He too is celebrating a big 90+ birthday this month. Happy birthday (belated) to **Sheila Jones** who celebrated a big 'O' on 29th September and to **Jeanne Anderson** who will be celebrating her special birthday on 25th October. Our very best wishes to you both. Celebrating a very special birthday on 5th October was **Mike Owen**. I believe your party was a great success Mike & your parents' house has not been the same since! Congratulations & very best wishes Mike. A mere youngster, but celebrating a special birthday also on 25th October is **Kathryn Simpkin-Watkinson**. Love to all our special birthday people. (I am conscious that there must be many who slip through the net without a mention so please, please keep me informed).

It is lovely to welcome new faces into our congregation and we give a big welcome to the **Caslake family** with their little daughters **Florence & Madelaine**. Florence broke her arm recently & is a very brave little girl. We do hope it heals very quickly. Welcome also to **Leah (Woodward)** and her beautiful little daughter **Ella**. Lovely to have you with us.

Congratulations to **George Merone** on his recent retirement, though he did give himself a bit of a health scare around the same time. I am not sure what retirement is, George, but hope you manage to find out and you and Avril have a very happy, healthy and relaxing time together.

As I write this, **Jane Biggs** will be at Whiston hospital undergoing surgery to her finger. We pray that all will go well for her and we send her our love. It is great the **Darren Wright** is now back at work part time. It must have been pretty exhausting to start with Darren but we pray you will go from strength to strength. It was good that **Ron Rimmer** was able to attend worship last Sunday morning though we know he is far from well and awaiting hospital treatment. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Ron and we hope you will soon be feeling much better. Good to have **Pam Flatt** in worship again and we continue to remember **Francis Thomas** in prayer.

To any I have omitted to mention, especially our many friends unable to worship with us, please be assured of our love. Please keep me up to date with family news so that we can share together.

God Bless you all, **Dorothy Simpkin**.

### Next Issue

The next edition of **The Link** will be published on the **Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> of November 2015**. Therefore, items for inclusion in the next edition need to reach me by **Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> of November**. Thanks, Mike ([MikeOwen10@aol.com](mailto:MikeOwen10@aol.com))