

St Michaels Church, Wincle

June 5th 11am	Said BCP Communion with Phil Williams
June 12th 11am	Morning Prayer with John Harries
June 19th	No Service
June 26th 11am	Holy Communion with John Harries

Flowers

June 12 th	Angie Page
June 26 th	Elsa Goodwin

Church cleaning for June

Susan Brocklehurst

Ivan Whinton's 'Second' Retirement!

On May 8th, local parishioners joined together at a service to commemorate 60 years since Ivan became ordained. John Harries presented Ivan with a watercolour of Wincle Church, on behalf of the PCC, completed by our talented local artist Christine Heath. A special cake was made which was served afterwards with a cup of tea. It gave everyone chance to say 'thank you' to Ivan for all the years he has been helping and supporting St Michael's.

In April 1962 Ivan was admitted as a 'Reader' (a lay person authorised to officiate at some services) in Ireland. On arrival in England, he worked as a Mental Health Officer, and continued as a Reader in the Chester Diocese. His last job in Social Services was Leader of the Team working with disabled and elderly people. Ivan was ordained as Priest in 1980 and after 2 curacies he was appointed Vicar of a small Parish (Birtles) and Chester Diocesan Chaplain for Deaf and Disabled People. He retired in 2000, and came to live in Wincle and since then has helped with the churches of this benefice. Having completed 60 years "in the pulpit" (as it were) Ivan feels the time to finally retire has arrived at the age of 87. However, he may be asked to help from time to time in the future, and we will certainly be very pleased to hear Ivan's voice once again as he delivers his interesting, thought provoking and often humorous sermons.

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