

Parish Community Letter - September 2025

Thank you to Gerald Blues, St Peter's Churchwarden, for taking the time to write for this month's edition, a piece called Jacqueline.

Jacqueline has been our incumbent for seven and half years and her energy, enthusiasm, knowledge and love for every one of us is immeasurable. She shall be sorely missed, but by no means forgotten. Between us we have had some sad times when friends or family have died and many, many good and happy ones.

I especially look back when we went again this year to Lee Abbey in Devon and went for a steam train ride. I suggest that it was or is the most expensive train ride in the country. Having been on it in the past I declined to join the party on the train, Jacqueline was not having that and held up the train and insisted I join them! The journey took all of seven minutes, from start to finish, and one mile each way. That return journey was £10, reduced from £12.50, but the cream tea afterwards was excellent!!

An example of how much we have loved having Jacqueline here with us, we had a collection which raised over £1300 out of which, certain gifts were purchased and £1000 paid into her account. Some of the gifts were a wrought iron table and two chairs for her new garden, a Dartington Glass fruit bowl engraved with a message from our church family, a very special picture of the church by Amy Bolton and a bouquet of flowers.

It has been said that our church is closing. This is far from the truth and I ask if you hear that please correct it. Our church is in capable hands, our competent PCC, Sandy, our four Worship Leaders, Christine our Parish Administrator, those that quietly do so much and myself, who with Jacqueline's already input shall help us endure the coming months. At the beginning of September, I and the PCC shall be meeting members of the Diocese to discuss the way forward.

In the meantime, please pray for Jacqueline in her new home and a different way of life in Weymouth. For our church and all that which is ahead of us.

Praise the Lord and Trust in God! Best wishes, Gerald Blues, Churchwarden
