

A Eucharist Celebrating the Renewal of St John's Church, Pool Quay

On Sunday 30th July, the Guilsfield Group of Churches held a joint service to celebrate both the renewal of St John's Church, Pool Quay, after substantial repairs, and the commissioning of Margaret Hague. Following the failure of a roofing contractor to complete the re-roofing project started in 2020, the church suffered widespread water ingress in Spring 2021 resulting in extensive mould and considerable damage to both the decoration and the organ. So, after much hard work by church members and wardens and many challenges along the way, with support from the Mission Area, the re-roofing was completed, the church decorated throughout and the organ removed and given a complete refurbishment. After 6 months away, all the work was finally completed with the return and re-fitting of the organ in June 2023. It was, therefore, such a joyous occasion for the congregations to come together and celebrate the end of a long and difficult journey, giving praise and thanks to the Lord, when the church had not only survived but gone from strength to strength.



It was a pleasure to hear the organ being played once again for the singing, with the church full and led by the church choir of St Aelhaiarn's, this was a truly happy and uplifting service. To add to the sense of occasion, it was wonderful to welcome the Archdeacon of Montgomery, Venerable Dr Barry Wilson, to commission Margaret Hague as a Worship Leader and Pastoral Assistant. After the service many people stayed for an excellent lunch provided by the members of Pool Quay Church, when we were able to continue the celebration and enjoy a time of fellowship together.

