



CELEBRATING CANON TONY

On Sunday 18th August, in anticipation of the retirement later this year of the Revd Canon Tony Kaunhoven, who has been our Vicar for 17 years, a Benefice service of Thanksgiving for the Sharing of Ministry Together was held in Ashford Church. The church was packed with parishioners from the Benefice, friends and family who gathered to give thanks for all that Tony has given to us during his ministry here. Beautiful music, chosen by Tony, was provided by organist Andrew Cummings and the combined choirs of Ashford and Bakewell, led by Director of Music Richard Swift.

Afterwards a buffet lunch in the Ashford War Memorial Institute was attended by over 100 people. Speeches were made by John Foster, Church Warden at Ashford, and Nigel Bartlett of Bakewell to thank Tony for his ministry, and Rachel



for her love and support. Gifts were presented to Tony from the congregation of Holy Trinity Church Ashford, including a beautiful Ashford Marble cross, and a bouquet was presented to Rachel. Hilary Bartlett of Bakewell had made a special retirement cake which Tony and Rachel cut together.



Thank you for everything Tony. We are glad we are not losing you just yet!

