



## Message from Ivan

A belated thank you to the members of the congregation of Bosley who came to my surprise “birthday party” – suitably social distanced of course – in my garden. I appreciated the Makaton signing of happy birthday which gave me the excuse to sign “How Great Thou Art”. The guitar was a great help and I am grateful for the beautiful cake and the unique card with all the photos. Thank also for the flowers.  
Thank you one and all. Ivan

The Vicar has given me permission to mention that on 28<sup>th</sup> September 1980 I was ordained Deacon by +Victor Whitsey (Bishop of Chester) and the celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary I had hoped to enjoy will be downgraded for obvious reasons.

Hopefully next year I can celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of being ordained Priest by +Gordon Strutt (Bishop of Stockport) at St. Michael’s Macclesfield on 26<sup>th</sup> September 1981. Looking through my records I realised that (providing I my health allows) I will celebrate a “hat trick” in 2022 as I was admitted Lay Reader by +Fred Mitchell (Bishop of Down and Dromore, Ireland) in April 1962 and further licensed in Chester 2 years later. 60 years in the preaching ministry – you might think I might have got the hang of it by now!!

