

## Celebration of 60 years playing the Organ.

On Sunday afternoon, July 25<sup>th</sup>, St Saviour's welcomed people from across the Benefice to join in a special Songs of Praise service.

The occasion was a celebration to mark Irene Belfield's wonderful achievement of 60 years organ playing at Wildboardclough.



Hymns were chosen by friends and family who had played a part in the life of the Church during Irene's 60-year journey, or who had travelled alongside her. Friends who were no longer with us were remembered.

We began with 'What a friend we have in Jesus' chosen by Doreen Dean who had accompanied Irene on the 3 mile walk to church, the first time she played. Long-time friend Sue Henshaw, who was a fellow Church-warden for many years, chose 'Make me a channel of your peace'. 'Now thank we all our God' was John and Jennifer Eardley's choice. John turned up with a new wheel-barrow when Irene first started looking after the churchyard. Family members Linda and Ian Hooley chose 'For the beauty of the earth' while



Janet Dean, who is on the flower rota, picked 'I, the Lord of sea and sky'. Irene's brother Frank chose 'O Lord my God'. The Waller family chose 'Give me joy'. Marshall Waller was thanked by Irene for the way he promptly sorts repairs to her cottage in his role as Trust Chairman. Louise Baylis, as present PCC Secretary, chose 'Be thou my vision'.



Our retired Councillor, Hilda Gaddum, presented Irene with a card and glass vase and after the Service, we made our way to the festively decorated Schoolrooms, where a large quantity of tea and cake were consumed.





The Belfield Family.



Irene is also the caretaker for the Village Hall 'The Schoolrooms'.