

### Clergy Appointments

**Canon Christopher Beales** has retired and been appointed Canon Emeritus

**Linda Bond**, presently Vicar in the benefice of Bromham with Oakley and Stagsden, will be retiring to Northamptonshire at the end of June.

**Donald Brewin**, presently retired with PtO, has also been appointed Canon of the Diocese of Boga, the Province of the Anglican Church of Congo.

**Kaushal David**, presently Curate in Training at St Mary's Church, Nantwich in Chester diocese, is to become Assistant Curate with responsibility for the benefice of Totternhoe, Stanbridge and Tilsworth.

**Mary Fane de Salis**, presently Curate in Training in the benefice of Clothall, Rushden, Sandon, Wallington & Weston, is to become Vicar of the benefice of Holwell, Ickleford and Pirton.

**Jairo Nyaongo**, presently Assistant Curate in Training in the benefice of Mill End and Herongate with West Hyde, is to become Vicar in the benefice of St Augustine, Limbury in Luton.

**Diana Young**, presently Assistant Curate in the benefice of St John-at-Hampstead, is to become Vicar in the benefice of Woburn Sands.

**Canon Peter Wadsworth** has retired and been appointed Canon Emeritus.

### Celebrating 50 years as lay leader

Reader Nick Alexander recently celebrated 50 years of service, having been Admitted and Licensed at Ripon Cathedral on Saturday 15th April 1967. At a specially adapted Choral Evensong service at Christ Church Little Heath last month, he (bottom row, centre) was joined by (L-R back row) Revd Dominic Newstead, Revd Alan Harding and Revd Hugh Walker, Louis Spring (below left) and Richard Osborn (right).



### Welcome Joy!



On Wednesday 26th April, a packed church at St Mary's Eaton Bray witnessed the Revd Joy Cousins licensed by Bishop Alan as the new Vicar of Eaton Bray with Edlesborough. Joy was previously Priest in Charge of High Hoyland, Scissett and Clayton West in the Diocese of Leeds. She trained for the ministry at Ridley Hall, Cambridge. Prior to ordination in 1992 she worked as a Youth Worker in London and Sheffield. Joy is married to Dave, a Yorkshireman who enjoys cricket and real ale. They have a dog, Barney, and both enjoy walking. Joy and Dave are settling in at the Vicarage in Eaton Bray.

### Walkern confirmations following Fresh Expressions services



Ten youngsters and adults from St Mary's Church Walkern, were recently confirmed by Bishop Alan as a direct result of Fresh Expressions Services. The candidates, along with their families and friends, joined with eight more candidates and a church full of joyful worshippers at St Mary's Baldock.

One family, Mark, Claire and Francesca, said: "We were excited to be confirmed together as a family, to broaden our knowledge and experiences within the Church and to take the next step in our journey together".

Looking to the future; the new members, youngsters and adults will be nurtured and supported by fellowship groups in Walkern and Stevenage.