

## **A few words from the Vicar ....**

*'O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.'* Psalm 118:1

Many thanks for all your prayers during my recent illness. Thanks for all the 'get well' cards too – I've never seen so many!

Many thanks also to those who worked hard to keep the show on the road whilst I have been off. Here at Christ Church we are blessed with many willing volunteers and an excellent leadership team. During my recovery it was a great comfort to know that Christ Church is in safe hands. With nothing to worry about, this allowed me to focus upon getting better.

It has taken a long time but I am now well on the road to recovery. Although I wouldn't recommend a heart attack followed by a bypass as a route to good health, I am actually slimmer, fitter and healthier now than I was before! A blessing in disguise you might say!

However, there is still a way to go yet and I am on what is called a 'phased return' to ministry. The idea is that I start off by doing a few simple things and then gradually build up so that I am full time once again. No timescale has been set for completing this; it will take as long as it takes!

Being ill has allowed me to count my blessings and being your Vicar is certainly one of them. I have already mentioned some others and there are plenty more, far too many to mention here.

God blesses us in so many different ways and Harvest is a good time to recall them. But just as God blesses us, we are called to be a blessing to others, something to bear in mind as we prepare for Harvest Sunday (9<sup>th</sup> October).

Every Blessing

*Dave*