

This weekend will be special for us as one of our members, Glyn Jenkins, is being ordained as Deacon on 25th June at our cathedral. Glyn is the husband of Audrey, our NSM priest, so there will be 3 of us "Golden Oldies" serving the parish and the wider area.

Our wider area is not just the Deanery, because we are part of an eleven-church ecumenical partnership – known as Cardiff East LEP.

Last Sunday was Covenant Sunday when we remembered the day when the Covenant was signed back in 1975 by four denominations in Wales [Church in Wales, Methodist, United Reformed Church and The Presbyterian Church in Wales, with a few Baptist congregations coming in as well a little later] pledging to work towards a more visible unity. One of the fruits of that Covenant is that we have three ecumenical churches within Cardiff East under that joint denominational oversight. They were established in what were new housing areas at the time, and we held a celebratory service at one of them last Sunday afternoon.

A new ecumenical venture for me is setting up a chaplaincy team in our local high school in readiness for the new term in September. Our two local high schools were under subscribed due to current demographics so were combined on one site last September. The Llanrumney school has already been demolished – it almost demolished itself as no money has been spent on it for years because a new building was promised but never materialised. We are now faced with trying to raise the attainment levels of the pupils under new management and a new staffing structure in September and the new name of Eastern High. Four of us from local churches are volunteering as school chaplains going on duty for just one hour a week but with a commitment to pray for the school. A daunting task as the catchment area has areas of severe deprivation, including parental apathy, but one that I feel will truly benefit from prayer support. Quite exciting really, and we are now about to design our own 'uniform'!

When you pray for us would you pray for

- Glyn Jenkins as he begins a new phase of ministry within the church
- For the eleven churches within the Cardiff East Ecumenical Partnership to fully embrace the vision of ecumenical co-operation
- For Eastern High School - pupils, staff [and chaplains!] as we work together to build a better future.
- For God's blessing on our link partnership

With all good wishes from St. Dyfrig's