

Dear Congregation

Buckfastleigh, October 2014

A year has passed since Carmel left and since I started here. Therefore I want to thank all those who have made it possible that The Christian Community can be active in Devon:

First of all thanks to those who serve at the altar:

Rory Valentine, who does the rota, Christopher, Cathy, Helen, Tom, Anne, Deborah, Gordon and Valerio. With them be also thanked those who come to the service with a presence of mind and devotion, that can turn an outer ritual into an inner reality.

Thanks to our faithful musician Robert and Anne and all those who sing joyfully!

Then be thanked those who look after the flowers at the altar: Jacqui, Betty, Margot and Kitty and the flowers in the house: Caroline.

Thanks to Caroline and Helen for doing the ironing!

Thank you Ardi for having started to bake the communion bread!

A big thank you goes to Elli and Ashley who have been cleaning the church and all the community rooms every week!

Thank you for those who prepare the coffees, bring the milk and wash up again! (sorry, I am not aware who are all involved in that!)

Thank you for those who have given talks or contributed artistically! (too many to name)

Thank you for those who have contributed to the colourful and seasonal displays on the walls of our community room! (Margot, Caroline, Jenny Tanser and Jenny Quick)

Thank you to the Council who meets monthly and helps steering our little community: Christopher, Cathy, Kate, Jacqui.

A big thank you to Christopher our treasurer, who collects all the monies and pays what needs to be paid! An equally big thank you to all of you who contribute money regularly that we can exist in the material world!

A big thank you goes to Kate, who looks after the guest rooms and the bookings. That has been a lot of work and without this income we would not survive financially.

A very big thank you also to Rosalynd, who washes and dries all the bedding for the guest rooms!

A thank you to Steve for keeping bed bugs at bay and all the other maintenance work, especially in the beginning when we moved in!

A thank you to Rory for various maintenance work and the new shelves in the kitchen.

And at last a thank you to those whom I forgot to mention and who can forgive me for that.

Greetings and strength for the approaching darkness!

Erhard Keller