## **Birthday Message October 2025**

Happy Birthday St Anne's! We have no doubt that our late father, whose vision it was to see this building built, would be so proud to know that 50 years on, it continues to flourish. A physical reminder of the unending love and grace of God.

In 1971 on this very site, there stood a large black and white church hall, a nightmare to maintain and heat, a target for vandals and due to its size, it obscured the view of the red brick St Anne's. Our late father's vision, aided by a supportive and generous congregation, was to knock the hall down and build a church in its place, linking it with the old church which would become the church hall. In 1975 that vision became a reality. To his credit our father remained in post for another 6 years ensuring all had been paid for, so that his successors would have no building debts to pay.

We wish St Anne's God's blessing for the next 50 years. Long may this church be a beacon of light and hope.

David Weller and Janet Lee - son and daughter of Rev John Weller who served at St Anne's 1971-1981