

the next twenty or so years". During his faithful and much appreciated ministry at St Mary in Castro, John has undertaken all manner of services his last one being a Battle of Britain Service but one of the most unusual being the leading of prayers for the Parachute Regiment of the French Foreign Legion who were on exercise with 1st Parachute Regiment. Asked whether he took the prayers in French John replies with a twinkle in his eye that was not necessary for the Legionnaires were an international body of soldiers and when he was talking with one "French" Officer and inquired where he came from he was told "Uxbridge"!

Despite being troubled with mobility problems, caused by difficulties he experiences with his legs, John still attends St Mary in Castro weekly with Kirsten and they both still actively play roles within the services from time to time, either leading prayers or reading the lessons. So, as the complexion of the church has changed, John and Kirsten provide an element of assurance of the continuation of the church's ministry

which is so valued by the dedicated members of the congregation and the many visitors who attend it. John's ministry has been appreciated by all who have met him and his infectious sense of humour and gentlemanly manner continue to inspire those who have had the privilege of knowing, or of having served with him. Bob Joslin states "he is loved by all his friends in the congregation who are most appreciative of his contribution to keeping the church on its feet, lively and welcoming, for many years. We all wish him well for many a long year yet". Tony Northey, a long term member of the congregation, adds "he is a good companion with an excellent sense of humour and a fund of light hearted good stories. His virtues as a priest are self-evident". Long may he and Kirsten continue with their tradition of service in this historic church which still retains its many links with the armed forces but which welcomes all comers to its services. The main Sunday service is at 10.00 and access is via the usual vehicular access to the castle for which there is no charge if attending the service.

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To commemorate VE Day
at the WWII Memorial