

The people of High Halstow and Allhallows pay tribute to their dear shepherd Rev. Stephen Gwilt

Stephen Gwilt has been Reverend at our Parish of High Halstow, Allhallows with St Mary's Hoo for over 20 years. He is retiring at the end of July this year and will be sorely missed by the congregation and all who know him.

Stephen's impact on the local community has been huge, he has been involved in some incredible works. Like being a founder of wHoo Cares, Friends of St Margarets, Friends of All Saints and the Relief in Need Charity, to name a few.



Stephen has worked tirelessly during his time here, taking over 380 funerals, 100 Baptisms and 50 weddings. He took regular school assemblies at High Halstow and Allhallows, where his Custard Cream song is legendary.

We will recall the wonderful Garden Parties, where he opened his garden to the public for them to enjoy affordable and fun entertainment. What people probably don't realise is the exhausting hard work that went into getting the gardens ready, something Stephen needed help with, in later years.

As a devoted Christian, his teachings and understanding of the Bible are second to none and he was a wonderful mentor to his flock. His insightful and interesting sermons will be sorely missed.

Unfortunately, when a Pastor retires, he is unable to stay in the Parish he served in, therefore Stephen and his wife Julie are off to pastures new, to the outskirts of Birmingham, where he was born.

Stephen will be delivering his last Sunday service on 28th July at All Saints church in Allhallows from 11am. This will be followed by a bring and share lunch afterwards. Everyone is welcome to come along and see the legend in action for the very last time.

We wish Stephen and Julie, all the blessings in this world and thank them for their amazing service to our parish and the Peninsular community as a whole.

Thank you

