

**A MESSAGE FROM THE VENERABLE ANDY PIGGOTT  
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The year 2012 has been one of great celebration ... and rightly so! The nation has had much to celebrate!

We've celebrated the successes of our athletes in the Olympic and then the Paralympic Games, not just the medal winners of course but all the competitors and their 'backroom staff' who've helped, exhorted and encouraged along the way. In some communities post boxes were even painted gold instead of red to honour the success of the medal winners!

And Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee year has been filled with all kinds of special events and celebrations as our Queen has visited cities, towns and villages across the country. In many places bells were rung as part of these inspirational celebrations. It's been wonderful!

And of course, week by week people in the towns, villages and hamlets of our diocese, are summoned to our churches by the bells you faithfully ring. Celebration lies at the heart of our Christian faith. In our praise and worship of God our heavenly Father, we celebrate His faithfulness and His love. And in our daily lives we seek to live in celebration of all He is.

An Annual Report provides an occasion to look back with thankfulness and to celebrate success and also to learn from past mistakes, and to look forward in anticipation.

I hope there will be much to celebrate and want to express my thanks to all our ringers for the part they all play in the life of our churches.

And may there be much to celebrate as you look ahead to next year. May God bless you all in His service.

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