

The English Church in Benidorm

25 years - So much to celebrate....

The English church in Benidorm is 25 years old this year (2009). We could write a book on the origins, developments, setbacks, challenges and growth of the church over the years but at this point we have simply written a 2 page resume which we're sure you'll find interesting! Whilst Lynda Hulcoop and June Whittle were in Benidorm in June, the occasion was celebrated. We in PCNI thank God for his goodness, provision and faithfulness over 25 years , for all the people who have met with Jesus in Benidorm and for those whose lives have been touched and transformed. We look forward to all He has ahead in the years to come and pray that God will draw many people to the English church.

Celebrating marriage!



The 25 year anniversary coincided with another lovely celebration held in the church on Sunday 14th June 2009. Barry and Julie Sharples from Rochdale came to church to celebrate their Silver Wedding anniversary and renew their marriage vow to one another and before God. We held a very moving service for this and it was a real privilege to get to know Barry and Julie and hear their remarkable story of courage, love and commitment to

one another, overcoming so much but living life to the full.

Thank you Barry and Julie for your witness to us all. You have found a place in our hearts.

Whilst in Benidorm, Julie took the time to write out the following poems celebrating the importance of marriage:



A Wedding Blessing

Take the ring for eternity
The Gold for the Sun
That will shine on you warmly
Now your journey's begun
May this joyous occasion
Mark the start of a life
Filled with love and contentment
Now to be man and wife
May the folk who surround you
Bless the service sincere
With the love that they give you
For they hold you both dear
Then when there are showers
For they're bound to come
Know that the rain clouds
Won't weaken the sun
This blessing's been written
This verse will, I pray
Bring you love everlasting
On your wedding day.

The wedding gift

A love that is special
Needs a gift that'd truly worth
All that God can give you
For your wedding here on earth
So take the gold of laughter
Take silver for your tears
Add diamonds for contentment
That will grow throughout your years
Let him give you understanding
Wisdom, patience, care
Strength when you are parted
And such great love to share
May you have many presents
But may we also pray
That the greatest surely comes from God
Upon your wedding day.

