

*Hello dear friends of Pilsdon*

November 2024

### **We have a new Warden**

Last week we interviewed for the Warden position, and we are delighted to share with you the wonderful news that the Trustees have appointed the Rev'd Helen Lynch to be the next Warden of the Pilsdon Community.

We are all thrilled about this and very much look forward to working with Helen who has a real heart for community, a wonderful sense of humour and a deep empathy for people. We hope that she will be able to start here at the end of January.

We are grateful for the ways in which you have all supported the community over this past year, and continue to ask for your prayers during this time of transition into a new season here at Pilsdon.

Mary and James

### **Celebrating Henry's 40 years at Pilsdon**

Henry joined the community on

Henry has made such a contribution to this place, in everyday but essential ways: keeping us in bread, cleared of rubbish and recycling, innovating with leftovers on Wednesday breakfasts, and seeing to it that we have enough beans in the freezer over the winter. His care for our farm animals, and the wild birds who come to visit, comes so naturally to him. Thank you Henry, for everything!

Some words from Henry himself...

*I think I am very privileged to have lived at Pilsdon for so long, though I have developed health problems as many of my age do. Particularly sleep problems and waking early, but someone will always kindly find me if I don't wake up in time for meals. I think I live in a place where people are kind and tolerant.*

*It is a privilege to live in beautiful countryside, immersed in nature...even the rats that know their way into the chicken house...and the owls you can hear in the darkness but rarely see (hoping they knock off a few rats!).*

*I have looked after the cows for 25 years, and I am grateful for that. I am constantly learning about them and have recently learned to talk to them, and they tolerate my singing.*

*But I would also like to mention all the cooks and varied people who have come through, and helped me in my mental health. It is good to be able to constantly perfect and learn about even cooking roast potatoes and baking bread.*



### **CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR AT PILSDON**

Our Carol Service will take place on **Sunday 15th December at 6.30pm**, we are delighted that we will be joined once again by the Broadoak choir. Drop us an email [Pilsdon@pilsdon.org.uk](mailto:Pilsdon@pilsdon.org.uk) or give us a ring 01308 868308 if you'd like to come

On **Christmas Day** we will be having our **Barn Service at 11am followed by mince pies** —all are welcome but wrap up warm as the barn is chilly.

Our dates for wayfarer stays over the festive period will be for Christmas: **Tuesday 24th to Friday 27th**, and for New Year: **Tuesday 31st through to Friday 3rd January**.