

## **The Funeral**

John's funeral took place on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at St. Andrews Church, Temple Grafton – a church that he had regularly attended for many years as one of the congregation and also as a member of the choir.

On a lovely sunny day the church was full, such was the high esteem in which John was held by so many former pupils and their parents, his family, former teachers, staff and the many friends made during his working life and in retirement living in Ardens Grafton.

The choir in church was augmented by choristers from St. Georges Church in Barker's Butts Lane, Coventry where John was a choirboy in his younger days. The organist was a long term friend of John, Margaret Howells although there were also guest recitals by two former music teachers from CPS, Richard Wilby and Edward Dorricott. There were readings by Chloe Whitley and Geoff Eames and the main tributes were read by Greg and Quinton Deeley.

The wake was held at Billesley Manor Hotel where many happy memories were re-lived by family and friends in the ambience of a country hotel. It was one of John's wishes that those attending the funeral should be substantially entertained afterwards.