**The Godolphin Edwards Charity**

Over the last few months the charity trustees have been reviewing the range of the trust and the grants it is giving and how we might widen the objects of the trust so that we can benefit a wider group of people. After consulting with the Hereford Diocese legal department we were put in touch with the Staffordshire Community Foundation (a group which, despite its name, includes Shropshire charities) who manage a large number of charities in order to take the pressure and ultimate trustee responsibility and legal obligations from them and take it on themselves. The agreement still allows for local involvement as consulting trustees and some of the current trustees will continue as such. This means that when an application for help from the trust is received, the Foundation will consult with the local trustees who have the necessary local knowledge. This has also come about because two of the trustees are standing down and joining the Community Foundation secures the long term management of the Trust in the future.

Once the transfer is finally complete in the near future, applications will have to be made through the foundation and when that time comes full details of how to apply will be made clear. In the meantime applications can still be made by letter detailing the need to Rev Geoff Garrett, The Rectory, Condover, Shrewsbury, SY5 7AA.

**CHURCHES**

The main news from the churches in Acton Burnell, Condover, Frodesley and Pitchford is that Rev Geoff Garrett is retiring on 31st July. His last service is on 23rd July 10am at Condover Church. Following his retirement the ongoing church services and activities will continue with the help of the current Lay Readers Jeremy Lowe and Ray Evanson ably assisted by experienced retired clergy from around the Condover Deanery as well as the Churchwardens and Parochial Church Councils of the Benefice. After July the recruitment process will begin for the next Rector of the Benefice.

**ACTON BURNELL CHURCH**

**CHURCHWARDENS**

After many years faithful service the two churchwardens of St. Mary's Church have retired and currently we do not have any replacements. Churchwardens serve on an annual basis and are re-elected annually at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and as such can stand down if wanted at each annual meeting. The qualification to be a churchwarden is that they must be 21 years of age or over, on the electoral roll of the parish (if not already this can be done very quickly) and a confirmed member of the Church of England or a church in communion with the Church of England.

**TREASURER**

Our treasurer has also retired after several years faithful service. We are looking for someone to look after our simple accounts. The main qualification is that you are able understand and produce annual accounts. We are set up with online banking and the outgoing treasurer has slim lined the accounting procedure.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about these roles (all of which are voluntary) please contact Rev Geoff Garrett (revgeoff@live.co.uk  01743 872251)