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PRESS RELEASE

Annual Civic Service in Lepton



Emley Band playing outside St John's Church in Lepton before Kirkburton Parish Council's Civic Sunday in September 2010.

On Sunday evening Emley Band was assembled outside St John's Parish Church in Lepton providing an interesting selection of music for the benefit of Kirkburton Parish Council and the Chairman's Guests prior to his Civic Service.



Left to right: Mayor of Kirklees, Mrs Vivien Hirst, Cllr John Hirst, Vic Watson (Master of Ceremonies) and Cllr Rhona Bratt, Chairman of Holme Valley Parish Council, with Rory the trainee guide dog.

It was quite an auspicious occasion with more than 100 guests present, including the Mayor of Kirklees, Civic Dignitaries from the Councils of Denby Dale, Holme Valley, Meltham, Mirfield, Rippenden and Saddleworth. Past Chairmen of Kirkburton and members of the present Council were also in attendance along with Cllr & Mrs Hirst's friends and relatives.

The service was led by the Rev Anita Raggett, whose service was perfectly tailored to the occasion and had particular relevance to the Councillors present. To add to the occasion, the Church's Music Group provided the music within the service.

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Kirkburton Parish Council – Civic Sunday on 5th September 2010

The readings were by Cllr John Hirst and Cllr Sharon Dunford, Vice Chairman of the Parish Council.

Cllr John Hirst, Chairman of the Parish Council, said he had very much enjoyed the Day and particularly thanked the Rev Raggett and the members of the church, who had contributed to the occasion and made it so special. He also paid tribute to the Music Group, describing their contribution as “an excellent and unique addition to the service. The anthem they sang was both beautiful and poignant.”

Emley Band also contributed to the event providing music both before the Service and afterwards, as the guests partook of refreshments provided by the Parish Council.

The collection taken during the service was donated to St John’s Church funds.

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Editor’s Note: The Civic Service is an annual event held to mark the Chairman’s year of office. In the Kirkburton area it was held for the first time in 1951 – this was introduced by Kirkburton Urban District Council, forerunner to the Parish Council.

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