

LISTENING TO YOUTH AND BUILDING THE FUTURE

St Martin's Church, Liskeard was packed for the annual Civic Service on Sunday 2 July, with many local people joining visiting Mayors, Honoured Burgesses, Town Councillors and representatives of local organisations.

The theme of the service was Building the Future and it focused on listening to and involving young people, as well as the contribution people of all ages can make to building a strong community life.

Deputy Member of the Youth Parliament, Lily Crocker, spoke about how young people will be given a stronger voice through a new Youth Council. Lily is working with the Town Council to set this up and it will be open to local young people aged 10-18.

Liskeard's new Mayor, Rachel Brooks, said that we need to listen to what young people are telling us about what's important to them both globally and locally and that she was really looking forward to working with the new Youth Council this year. She also announced that the Town Council has agreed to establish a Youth Network of local organisations that work with young people, to provide a way for them to network with each other, to share good practice, encourage joint working and enable them to pool resources.

Deputy Mayor, Sandra Mitchell, talked about how important the church community has been to her, what she has done to build community activities, and her commitment to continuing to work with community organisations in her new role.

The service was led by the Rector of St Martin's, Steve Morgan, who spoke about the importance of shared community values and teamwork.

The occasion also featured a parade with banners from the Royal British Legion, Royal Naval Association, Scouts, Guides and Brownies. The Silver Band led the parade as well as contributing music for the service including a memorable rendition of the Bob the Builder theme tune. Other music was provided by the church choir and band.

After the service councillors and church volunteers served tea and cakes and many people stayed to talk more informally.

The photographs were taken before the start of the parade and show the new Mayor and Deputy Mayor with the mace bearers Daniel Keddle and Jake Hibbin.



The Mayor, Rachel Brooks, with the Mace Bearers and The Deputy Mayor with the Sergeant of the Mace



Leaving for the parade.