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# Guild of St Stephen Celebrations – Okehampton

**Hugh Wallace, of St Boniface Parish, Okehampton, celebrated 65 years as an altar server on 25th November 2012. This means he had been serving for 5 years when Queen Elizabeth came to the throne!**

Hugh first served as a 10 year old at the Sacred Heart Church, Eden Grove, London, and has moved on through more than 10 parishes, including in Aden and Germany while with the RAF. He moved to Devon in 1994 and came to St Boniface 12 years ago, where he is a valued member of the parish team. As well as serving himself, he is now training the next generation of altar servers.

The parish marked the occasion with a reception in the church hall, with a specially commissioned cake, at which Hugh was presented with a medal and

plaque by Fr Darline Marianathan MSFS, Parish Priest, marking his time from Altar Boy to Senior Altar Server.

Celebrations continued on Saturday 29th December when, during Mass, Katherine Manchip was awarded the silver medal of the Guild of St Stephen. Katherine,

who is now a qualified vet, first served at St Boniface 17 years ago; she is now based in London, but still serves whenever she returns to Devon.

**John Lucas,  
Okehampton Parish**

