

## DURHAM HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

### PRESS RELEASE

#### Service in Durham Cathedral – Wednesday 11 May 2011

A thanksgiving service was held on Wednesday 11 May in Durham Cathedral for Mrs Ann Templeman, Headmistress, and the departing Upper Sixth pupils. Mrs Templeman will be retiring in August 2011 after 13 years of distinguished service to work as a priest near Reading in Berkshire. She will move with her husband who is at present, Vicar of St Cuthbert's Church in Peterlee. From the Autumn the Revd Peter Templeman will support his wife, serving as her curate.

The service, which was produced by the Upper Sixth pupils and Mrs Templeman together, concluded with an address by Mrs Templeman (Sermon enclosed) in which we saw two pupils cartwheeling down the aisle. This is actually the second time Durham Cathedral has seen this happen as gymnasts performed cartwheels in 2009 when celebrating the school's 125th birthday. Amy Tinkler (England Espoir Champion and British Schools' Champion) and Matilda Hamilton (member of GB Gymnastics Tumbling Squad) were the gymnasts. (Picture enclosed)

Mrs Templeman said "I found the service immensely moving and a wonderful way to celebrate all the community at Durham High School means to so many of us. It was particularly special to share the service with the Upper Sixth and give thanks together for all the lasting friendships we have made at school".

A retiring collection was taken for the cathedral and for Durham Diocesan Lesotho Link projects.

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