## **GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL**



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## Sisters welcome the Mayor of Godalming

Ladywell Convent in Godalming hosted, for the first time, the Mayor of Godalming's Civic Service on Saturday, 13 June 2015. The Civic Service is an annual event where the new Mayor chooses to dedicate her year of service and a blessing is invited. The service was conducted by Father Gerard Bradley from St John's Seminary in Wonersh.

The Mayor, Councillor Anne Bott said "The Sisters and the lay staff at Ladywell are a very important part of the Godalming community and it was a wonderful opportunity to share my Civic Service with them. It was also a highlight for me when the children of St Edmunds Primary School carried symbols of the community including a Godalming Town Football Scarf".

All those who attended, which included the High Sherriff of Surrey, other local Mayors, Godalming Town Councillors, guests from local organisations, family and friends enjoyed afternoon tea in the beautiful gardens as the sun shone down.

Ladywell Convent is the Motherhouse of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood, an international Religious Congregation since 1956, whose missionary outreach, in the spirit of St Francis and Clare of Assisi, extends to ten countries around the world.

Sr Jane said in her welcome: "It is our honour and privilege to host this special occasion and to support our new Mayor and town councillors in this way."

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