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| Back to Church Sunday | Benefice of Atworth with Shaw and Whitley | Wilts | After weeks of encouraging the congregation to ‘invite a friend’ to church on Back to Church Sunday, there was a great air of excitement as the day approached. Balloons were blown, banners displayed and breakfast prepared. As the Benefice has different services throughout the year, we decided to run the usual communion and family services, on the same day, to give people a taster of what goes on in their local community church.The morning began with a more traditional Communion Service with familiar hymns led by the organist and choir. This was followed by a delicious buffet breakfast which sandwiched the two services, giving everyone the chance to have a chat before the less formal ‘Let’s Celebrate Together’ Service took place. The Let’s Celebrate Singers group, with flute, piano and percussion by the children, led the singing and celebrated the theme ‘Come to church just as you are’.Both Services were led by the Vicar, Revd. Jill Perrett, but the whole event was the result of team work at its best, as many were involved throughout from the planning stages, as well as on the actual day. There has been lots of positive feedback about the day and it’s hoped that people have been encouraged to see that church really is a welcoming place for everyone. | The Revd Jill Perrettrevjperrett@hotmail.co.uk |