Dear friends,

It was nice to prepare with some of you for World Mental Health Day at St Michael’s Wellbeing Fair on Saturday, which brought together groups like Exeter Community Builders, Devon Wellbeing Hub, and many more. If you’re on Facebook, you can see some pictures of the fun, stalls, and miniature pony(!), here:

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I’ve also blogged some pictures from *The Gathering: Kids*, which we took some pupils to recently, so do check out what happened and let me know if you want to book in for more like this:

<https://ashleightonplom.wordpress.com/2022/10/07/the-gathering-kids-with-swym/>

Meanwhile, a highlight of this week was the commissioning service for our new Head, Alison Bourne! A blessing for Mrs. Bourne, from the commissioning service:

*Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me*

*will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”*

*Mrs Bourne, now a part of the St David’s School family, may*

*the light of God be kindled in your heart and shine out in*

*your life and work among us.*

Thank you again and welcome Mrs Bourne!

Looking ahead, after half term we are hoping to resume Breakfast Club (trying Fridays at St Michael’s next door to school, with an earlier start at 8.30am so pupils can come too), and Afterschool Alpha (on Wednesdays at St David’s Church near Exeter College, from 3.45 to 5.15). If you’d like to drop your young people off, or come along, or even join the parent volunteer team, please do get in touch!

Peace and blessings, all,

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