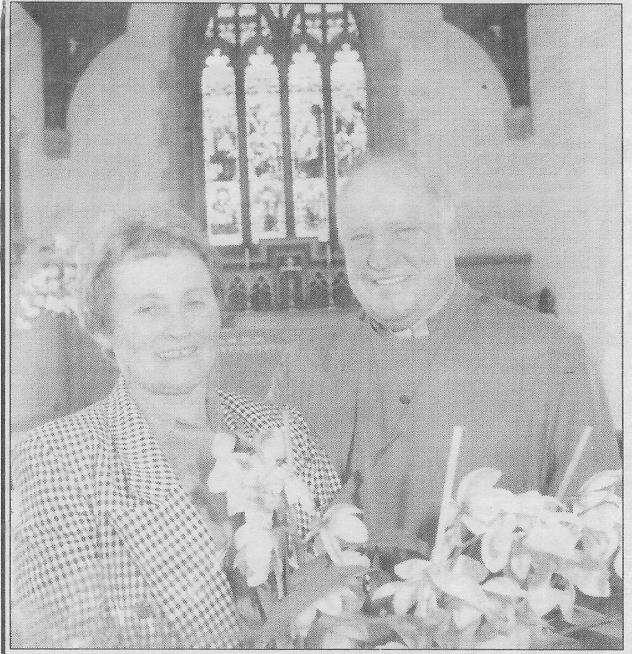
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Parishioners' fond farewell to vicar

PARISHIONERS from three Gosberton and Quadring churches are saying a sad goodbye to their vicar Canon Tom Williamson, who is retiring.

Canon Williamson (65) has been looking after Gosberton Parish Church for 11 years, and has also taken responsibility for Gosberton Clough and Risegate and Quadring Parish Church for the last five years.

On the the vicar's last day at all three churches and the Gosberton Clough congregation joined those at Quadring for a joint retirement presentation.

A further service was held to give the congregation at Gosberton a chance to say goodbye.

Church warden of the parish church of

Gosberton Clough and Risegate Harold Hill said parishioners would be very sad to see the couple go. He said: "Canon Williamson was very

He said: "Canon Williamson was very well liked, with a great sense of humour. He and his wife will be missed.

The couple are currently in the process of moving to the south west of the county.

Mrs Williamson said: "We are moving exactly 11 years to the day since my husband became vicar at Gosberton.

"We have spent many happy years here and will be very sad to leave. Thank-you to everyone who has wished us well and for the beautiful orchid I was presented with. It was really lovely."

• RETIRING Canon Tom Williamson and his wife Lorna. (P3036/9)