

## ❖ Finchampstead women head to the well

THE Parish of Finchampstead and California joined the Women's World Day of Prayer.

The service included readings about life in Egypt and the importance of the River Nile, as well as a re-enactment of Jesus' meeting with the Samaritan woman at the well. It was led by the local branch leader Sarah Owen.

The Revd Stephen Thatcher, Padre at Arborfield Garrison, gave a very interesting and wide-ranging talk.

He spoke about how the status of women in Egypt had changed over the centuries, how life is currently very difficult for many women throughout



**Sarah Owen with the Revd Stephen Thatcher**

the world and how Jesus' interaction with the Samaritan woman teaches us about God's love and mercy.

The service was held St Mary & St John's Parish Centre, Billing Avenue, Finchampstead and was followed by light refreshments.