



**Annual Parochial
Church Meeting
Monday 12th October 2020**

Annual Reports

Vicar's report

This is a strange report to write, as this will be recorded for the report for the year 2019, although as I write we are three quarters of the way through 2020. A year which has changed all of us individually and corporately so much!

If you remember back to 2019 it was a year of building great times of community both within and between our congregations and within the community of our parish.

I am immensely grateful to the Lord for his grace and mercy that he has shown me individually and us as a church through 2019!

It continues to be a privilege to be part of and serve the church here in Tiverton.

Sarah and I and our whole family, enjoy friendship and encouragement through your faithfulness and generosity as alongside you we seek to serve God here in this place.

The church wardens have worked hard to get more and more of the business of the church streamlined and theirs and the PCC's work and prayer have allowed us to function and thrive into 2020. I would like to thank them, Janet Norris, Peter Day and Sheila Hannallah. And also personally thank Chris lines who should have stepped down as warden in April but due to the pandemic and the APCM change has served faithfully until now. They have shared with me in the responsibility of the church through this hard time.

A huge thanks to Terry Norris for navigating the finances, his clarity of thinking and ability to manage our books and budgets is indeed a spiritual gift.

A big thanks to Rev Justin Montague with who we celebrated his ordination in a great service, Justin is a wonderful minister and colleague who stepped in and ran the youth club and Christian Union most of 2019 and has been instrumental in Alpha and occasionally dressing up for all age services!

We are ably served by retired clergy colleagues Rev Keith Gale, Rev Godfrey Bell, Rev David Widdows, Rev Simon May and our Associate Minister Rev David Lyddon this has meant we have been

able to fulfil occasional offices and their support and encouragement and shared pastoral care brings immense wisdom and learning to myself and of course the wider church.

Administration has continued to grow and I want to thank Verity for her hard work and determination in serving the staff team and the wider church.

It was a joy to welcome Jonathan Schnarr as our new Youth & Children's minister after a long search and discernment process, God led us to Jonathan and although his first year into 2020 has been interesting, he joined in very quickly and the young people enjoy his enthusiasm for Jesus and 'can do' attitude.

The PCC continue to faithfully carry out the parish business on behalf of the congregations. I am sorry to see faithful members come to the end of tenure on the PCC, I am grateful for their input and ask for their continued prayer. For the remaining PCC members and those

newly elected, it looks to be interesting times with plenty of key decisions, prayerfully and carefully needing to be made!

Some highlights of 2019 for me were (In no particular order)

- ◆ The appointment of a Jonathan Schnarr as our new Youth & Children's minister.
- ◆ Porridge on the go! A weekly offering of porridge, conversation and friendship during advent,
- ◆ The prayer tree that spoke of the hope we have in Jesus Christ.
- ◆ 'Thy kingdom come' prayer space at Easter
- ◆ The young people SPREE weekend in June.
- ◆ And with hindsight the updating of the Church computer system which has enabled us to do so much and work smoothly during this 2020 year.

This year 2020 has been a tough year in many ways, we have lost so much, through not being able to spend physical time together worshipping, sharing communion and having fun! We also

experienced loss through the death across our community of people we loved and cared for. One such lady was a prayer warrior, Nancy Matty a lady who taught me this simple truth in a song, inspired by Joshua 1:9 "Be strong. Be brave. Be fearless. You are never alone."

‘No never alone,
No never alone,
He promises never to leave me,
never to leave me alone!’

During this pandemic lock down, we have all had to learn to rely on others, to be ready to ask for help and admit when we cannot do things. And dig deep in faith and know the reality of Jesus Christ as Saviour, that he promises ‘Never to leave us!’

Thank you to you, for your prayer, commitment and generosity, for your continued hope in the Gospel and for Jesus to be the centre of all things in the local church, our homes and lives.

Let me sign off with these words "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not onto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your path." Proverbs 3:5-6

Let me encourage you to try and connect with the family of God here at St George & St Pauls, however difficult, or uncomfortable or even if you might dislike it. Being church is part of what we are called to be and our witness and actions speaks volumes to those around us who do not yet know Jesus.

Let us proudly say we are believers of Jesus Christ, called to gather (Virtually and physically) and proclaim his name and to draw others to know Him, follow Him and serve Him.

Yours in Christ
Andy (Vicar)

Churchwardens

We give thanks to God for another fruitful and encouraging year in the life, ministry and worship of the church. As ever there have been a few challenges, but the blessings have once again far outweighed the difficulties.

2019 was the second full year of the new parish structure with all the things put in place generally working well. Certainly, with one Electoral Roll and one set of Audited Accounts, communication, management and budgeting have been more practical, not least for the members of the PCC to understand. ChurchSuite (the software used managing the database, rotas, bookings etc) is extremely useful and consolidates most of the admin in one place.

People:

Andy and Sarah have now been with us for over 3 years; Justin and Melissa for over 18 months and it has been great to welcome towards the end of year Jonathan Schnarr as our Youth and Children's Minister. We thank God for them; their enthusiasm, commitment and tireless service, not only to the church but the community of Tiverton. We trust that you remember them all in prayer daily for as Scripture reminds us 'nothing is achieved without it'. The theme of 'transformation' has been an ongoing one and of course should be a long-term goal for us all. The ministry of those who have responsibility for preaching and teaching is an awesome privilege but they can be encouraged that many people have been challenged and touch in a variety of ways.

We give thanks for David Lyddon's continuing willingness to assistance with leading services and preaching, and for all the retired clergy that fellowship with and participate in various ways, not least by officiating at funerals. We thank our Lay Readers, Tim Bradshaw and Judith Taylor and those who lead our musical worship week by week: Not forgetting those who operate the PA and Audio equipment. In addition Welcomes, hospitality hosts, children's leaders, and indeed all who serve in any specific way.

Our Treasurer, Terry Norris has done sterling work keeping the church accounts in order and we also express our gratitude to those who help by counting the cash etc each week and getting it to the bank. We also formally acknowledge the work that Sharon Bradshaw has done in her first year as PCC Secretary.

Property:

Maintaining and putting to use the two church buildings and the church rooms continues to be a challenge. We can confirm that we are more or less up-to-date with the main tasks outlined in the 2016 Quinquennial Inspections. The next ones will therefore be due early in 2021. At St George's there have been several incidents of vandalism with some lead and lead substitute being removed, wooded hand-rail damaged and graffiti being displayed on walls. The lead substitute has been replaced, thankfully covered by insurance, and the hand-rail replaced with stainless steel. At the suggestion of the police we have now applied for a faculty so that we can install CCTV cameras around the exterior. At St. Paul's we are in the process of obtaining quotes for rewiring the church and the installation of new, more effective and controllable lighting. Our aim would be to get this done during the current year and to also get the walls redecorated. These tasks will not come cheap but will we trust continue to enhance the building not only for services but the variety of other uses we continue to develop as we seek to reach people for the Kingdom to His glory.

Throughout the year St George's Church and particularly the extension has been used for some church activities including '*Charge*', *Women's ministry* events and quizzes, whilst community groups and external organisations hire them on a regular or ad-hoc basis. The need to apply for a faculty for the PA/AV desk in the church (mentioned last year) did not become necessary as following a meeting with members of the Diocesan Advisory Committee they have agreed that it can remain whilst possible plans for more regular use of the building are considered.

Apart from some general tidying up outside at the back little has been done to St Paul's Church Rooms during the year but they are still in regular use by various church groups such as young people's ministry on Sundays, *Fusion* and *Tiddlers & Toddlers*, plus a number of outside organisations including the Scouts. We have now begun the process of having plans drawn up with the aim of getting the rooms totally refurbished during 2021. Some work has also been done in the church flats in order to bring them up to currently acceptable levels. Some further work will be actioned during the current year.

Prayerful Remembrance:

We give thanks for the lives of those of our congregation who passed away during 2019 including Betty Edwards. There were not so many funerals and/or thanksgiving services conducted in our churches during the 2019 as there were in 2018, but we are pleased to be able make the church available for the families of the bereaved in the local community. We continue to remember in prayer the couples who were married or had a wedding blessing in the church, and those who brought their children for baptism.

Possessions (Church Valuables):

We can again confirm that our church valuables (chalices, patens etc), including some that formally belonged to St George's, are being regularly used within the parish week by week and if or when not in use are securely stored.

Provision (Brewin Trust):

The Brewin Trust, whose objectives are the support of mission and ministry of the Church of England in the Parish of Tiverton St George and Paul, has again helped by contributing funds towards the parish administration, and latterly the work of our new Youth and Children's minister. We are grateful for the availability of this valuable financial resource to assist the church with our outreach within the community.

Finally:

The work and responsibility of Churchwardens (we are the Bishop's Officers) extends far beyond what you may see on a Sunday. In recent years there have been many new regulations brought in by

the Church Synod, government or the Charity Commission such as those relating to GDPR and Safeguarding besides the need to produce policy documents for many areas of church life: all taking many hours of our time. However, we thank God for His help and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the support of the PCC and you the Church Family for your prayerful support too. It has been a privilege to serve as your churchwardens during another year.

Peter Day, Sheila Hannallah, Chris Lines and Janet Norris.

Bellringers

During 2019 under the captaincy of Lynda Smith our team of ringers increased in number to seven members, all of whom are fully committed to St Paul's. Four worship here regularly.

We are all learning all the time, but our three most recent recruits have come on really well over the year, and are now ringing at a good standard for services.

Our Friday practices continue to receive support from other ringers in the area, notably those from St Peter's with whom we work closely. The mutual fellowship and support amongst ringers is one of the best aspects of the art.

During 2019 we also started to ring for evening services twice a month, specialising in Devon-style 'call changes' unique to this county. Again this also attracted ringers from other places, and we established a team who could enter competitions. With up to twenty teams typically entering these competitions from all parts of Devon we acquitted ourselves well for a first year.

At the ringers' AGM in January 2020 Lynda stood down as Captain, but fortunately agreed to stay on as deputy. Personally I should like to thank all at St Paul's, and particularly the clergy and wardens, for their support and encouragement. My commissioning during the morning service in January was a memorable and uplifting occasion. Please continue to encourage interest in ringing because it can be a great way into church for those on the fringes.

We would welcome new learners of any age from about eight upwards.

Our latest project is to install a simulator system in the tower which allows us to 'ring' without anyone outside hearing, a facility which we hope will prove useful for learning. We look forward to 2020 with enthusiasm.

Tim Jones

Breakfast on the Go!

In the lead up to Christmas during term time, we launched a Christian reach into the community on a Thursday morning. Providing tea coffee hot chocolate, porridge and various toppings to passers by in the Garden of St Paul's.

We had a team of 10 all ages to help carry out this act of kindness, providing food, meaningful chats and occasional prayer. We sited a 'Prayer tree' next to where we set up, this sparked conversation and many (80+) prayers were written on paper lanterns, by local people.

We prayed over every prayer on the tree promising the community we would do this. The prayers spoke of themes of broken relationships, anger, absence of fathers. Loss within families both old and young. For help with disease, and help with finance.

Observations...

As a group we felt privileged to have insight into and direct contact with this community, build friendships and be able to pray over apparent real heartfelt needs. The tree was a wonderfully accessible and respected tool for this.

The porridge was a visible and welcome show of love from the Church, to all sorts of people, local business people, school children, high and primary. Those passing through recycling. A few visiting elderly in the area.

The team also felt blessed/energised by this joyful ministry and discussions with community members indicated that they would like to do this again.

Plans and ideas...

Create a Hope garden, a more welcoming space for the community to sit, for church to run groups, with the option to cover (canopy) in bad weather.

Place a small permanent prayer box outside to show the community we care all year.

Run an Easter 'Breakfast on the go' for 5 weeks. Planting a cross where the tree was, as a symbol of Christ's love for us.

As a church, celebrate, explore and involve the community more and Pray.

Claire Curtis

[Deanery Synod](#)

The synod met during 2019, trying a new format of open meetings with guest speakers and then towards the end of 2019 introducing a process to develop a deanery plan. Aimed at bringing encouragement and support to all across the deanery and encouraging us to live out the diocesan vision of Pray, Grow Serve.

New clergy colleagues were added to across the deanery and a good report of new people coming to faith.

More lay people are being involved especially in the smaller more rural congregations across the deanery

Many churches report finding it harder and harder to make their full Common Fund payment as congregations age and a greater number of participants who also have to fund personal care.

Some rural churches continue to struggle with infrastructure issues around running water, parking and toilets.

Andy Humm

Electoral Roll

We are encouraged to see an increase in numbers to our Electoral Roll.

The St George's and St Paul's Electoral Roll for 2020 stands at 228, of which 128 are non-resident and 100 resident.

We have had 15 people decide to join the Electoral Roll.

We have had 5 people removed from the Electoral Roll, some of which have moved to another area, now attend another church or are not attending St George's and St Paul's anymore.

Anyone who wishes to go on the Electoral Roll but missed the deadline, the Roll can legally reopen after the conclusion of this meeting. Please contact Sonia Moore, Sue Lines, Andy Humm or the parish office for more details.

Friends and Fellowship

I am pleased to report that numbers have remained steady over the past year, with some months seeing an increase, we now have 23 ladies and gents joining us regularly .

We had another varied and interesting year with visits from Gideon Bible Society and Forget me not Cafe (our chosen charity for the year) we were able to donate £61 and £100 respectively.

“Homegrown” talent was uppermost with Keith Gale, Justin, Andy, Rod and Laura Parvis, David, and Sian Tucker treating us to entertain and insightful talks, not forgetting Lynn Lyddon and singers at Christmas.

Quizzes, wordsearches and crosswords kept minds active at each meeting along with cakes .

We celebrated some BIG birthdays and Birthdays cards were sent to all Friends.

Sadly toward the end of the year we lost a much loved member, Betty Edwards she will be sorely missed .

We approach a New Year seeking to continue our outreach and provide a safe, caring environment.

Rita Janes, Coordinator

Fusion

Again fusion has been a fantastic and exciting part of church life. A lot has changed in 2019 we have said goodbye to Ali Padfield as Fusion leader and Mark continued through 2019.

We have seen an average attendance of about 30, with a good mixture of our own church families and those from other churches or none.

The programme continues to be a mixture of wild games, craft, songs and bible stories. But seeking to contextualise faith in the everyday and encouraging memory verses and discovering more about prayer.

The young leaders team has grown and those involved are vital to the ongoing work, the rest of the team is a mixture of ages and gifts and all try to get alongside in sharing God's love with the children.

It was great to have Jonathan get involved in the end of December and beginning of 2020 and is a crucial link for the young leaders and the rising fusion children.

Fusion Team

Junior Church (eXplore)

First a big thank you to the fabulous team of leaders and helpers and also latterly for the support Jonathan has given us following his appointment in November.

Following the introduction of the new look Explore last year we have built a solid, committed team of leaders and helpers (although we could always use more!). We now have termly leaders meetings to talk about planning and decide who is leading

each week; this gives us more time to pray, think and plan our sessions and all agree it works well.

We continue to run the sessions as a whole group across the age range of 3- 11.

Our over arching theme this year has been God's Amazing plan which took us through Gods promises through the old testament and how the old testament events led up to the birth of Jesus and the first Christmas and then a look at the characters in the Christmas story - this term we have used new testament stories to find out about Jesus leading to Easter.

Our aim continues to be to introduce children to Jesus as a personal saviour through stories, song, fun and example and to encourage those who already know him to reflect and share their faith. We all believe that this firm foundation is the future of the church.

Cari Bright

Men's Group

Once again a varied programme has been enjoyed by good numbers at each event. The season began with a trip to the Brecon Beacons National Park with great walks, good food and plenty of time for meal time banter and great fellowship. The season continued with a curry evening, a cider tour with tastings and huge pizzas, the usual fun annual cricket match between young and not so young, a most enjoyable breakfast and quiz, a breakfast with speaker and last but not least the always enjoyable skittles and buffet evening.

Unfortunately the BBQ, games and swimming evening was cancelled due to inclement weather and the Dad's and Kids Camping and Raft Building weekend was also cancelled as it was decided it was too close to the Spree South West weekend.

Aubrey Mizen

Mission Support Group

Church Mission Society. Our link is with the Shin family, who have been serving for three years in a South East Asian country. They visited us on leave early in 2019.

Lynne Lyddon is in regular email contact and we receive quarterly link letters to keep us updated.

Bible Society. The inter-church fund raising coffee mornings are now on the first Friday of each month in the Extension. Please come if you are in town then between 10 and 11.30. Other ecumenical events included a well-attended Supper, a Sankey evening and AGM with visiting speaker

Tearfund. At the Mission support group, we have updates and pray for specific ministries. Again we had a fund raising quiz in the church

CHAT. Several of our church members are involved in this wide-ranging local ministry, helping to prevent homelessness by giving and helping in a variety of ways.

Mission Associate Ellie Fotheringham whom we have supported through training has now been serving in West Africa for a year. She works at a small school and is exploring ways of reaching the muslim people there. She sends newsletters and we have email contact

Mission giving. Details are in the accounts and was set at 5% of the total congregational income last year.

Mission Support Group

Meets mostly in the home of David and Lynne Lyddon about every six weeks, to receive updates from our partners and missions and to pray for them. Dates in the Notices. Please come to support and hear more of the church beyond Tiverton.

David Halestrap, Missions Secretary

Open the Book

Two of the stated aims of the Open the Book organisation:

1. To present the Bible in primary schools in an accessible and enjoyable way.
2. To encourage links between school and church in a local context.

The St. George & St. Paul OTB Team aim to do this each Thursday as we go into Heathcoat Primary School. A team of would be thespians perform Bible stories, including small groups of children, in their dressing up and acting activities. There is a prescribed introduction and conclusion for each story.

We arrive at St. Paul's school rooms at 12.15pm. We collect props and costumes. We then pray and prepare for each Assembly. On arriving at the school, we book in at the office, which keeps a record of our DBS certificates. Armed with our lanyards and feeling very important we go to the school hall to prepare scenery and to have a dress rehearsal. Each assembly lasts no more than ten minutes. Children who take part are rewarded with the coveted Open the Book sticker. We then return to the school rooms to put everything back in the 'props' room. Everything is completed by 2.30pm. Please pray that the seeds sown in the hearts of the children, will produce much fruit.

Steve Hirst

Pastoral Care Team

Team members continue to visit the housebound, sick and lonely and have attended Friends & Fellowship to meet with some of our older church family.

We continue to welcome at funerals, following-up with a phone call to the bereaved soon after. Sometimes leading to one or more visits. Our annual Thanksgiving Service took place this year in November and was well attended by the bereaved, their families and members of our church family. Tea and cake afterwards

provided an opportunity for the team to engage with the families and to offer a sympathetic ear. I felt humbled by some of the comments I heard of how special the service was to them.

In May we held another Dementia Awareness Course which was well attended.

If you have any pastoral concerns you think we could help with, please let Andy, Helen or Valerie Pocock know, or if you would like to know more about this very rewarding ministry.

Helen White, Team Leader

Prayer Ministry Team

Our prayer ministry team offer prayer at the front of the church by the side chapel after the 10.45am and sometimes the 9.00am services. We love to pray for people to help minister to their needs and requests, both for themselves and for others. Our heart is that those being prayed for will experience God's healing love and as they step into His presence their faith will deepen.

The team has received appropriate training and follows the guidelines set out for prayer ministry. We are committed to being good listeners and seek to be led by the Holy Spirit and by Scripture.

Those on duty for a service meet to pray beforehand and when possible other team members join them. There are always two people rota-ed on, ideally one of each sex and other team members are at hand should there be a need for more to offer prayer ministry

We meet as a team at least once per year for continued training and to review what we do.

Sarah-Jane Seymour and Janice Kitchen

Puppet Team

Last summer, we undertook another video series for the summer AAW services this time based on the Back to the future films. This pushed the production values further than before, but were great fun to make. There was positive feedback on the series from a range of ages and we hope that they helped with getting the message across.

Outside of the summer series, the puppets are not making many appearances. There are various reasons why this is the case. I would hope this can be rectified, as they are currently an underused resource. We are always on the lookout for puppeteers, so please approach us. Don't wait to be asked!

The team always appreciates your prayers and words of encouragement. Please pray that we can make an even bigger impact with the puppets in the coming year!

Bob Syers

Safeguarding

The team consists of:

Jenny Tower (lead), Verity Yeates, Sheila Hannallah, Charles Harrison and Rose Chamberlain. Rose has recently been brought onto the team. Welcome.

We hold meetings at least once every two months, more at times and communicated in between times.

The Safeguarding policies for children and adults have been reviewed and agreed.

The team has also had involvement with other policies including: Ex Offenders, Lone Working and GDPR.

For a while now we have been working on a single central record to hold information about team members and the status of their safer recruitment including DBS checks and levels of training and due dates. There is now a system in place for this and all data has

been added. All current DBS checks are up to date and almost everyone involved in teams have received the appropriate levels of safeguarding training. The rest are on our radar.

The team have run 3 x C1 level safeguarding training sessions at church this year and invite other local churches to join us.

The team are looking at revising and simplifying the paperwork for the process of safer recruitment for all volunteers. The paperwork for the children's teams is almost completed. The adult teams' paperwork will then be reviewed and revised later in the year. This paperwork will form part of a pack which will be given to all team leaders to assist with the recruitment process. Members on teams will need to be updated soon. The Living Room project is now all safer recruited.

The Diocese/church Safeguarding checklist has been completed during the year and all is up to date.

There have been no major safeguarding concerns this year. We have chased hall hiring organisations to produce their Safeguarding checks as per our policies. There were 3 other incidents the team looked into to ensure all was processed correctly and support given where necessary.

It is important to remember that we all have a responsibility for safeguarding and to report any concerns. The team and the Diocese team are there to help with this.

Jenny Tower

Small Groups

We have 14 Small Groups at the moment with about 120 members with another group due to start again at some point after Easter when restrictions allow.

Two new groups started after the 2019 Alpha course run by Simon and Marjorie May and Martin and Liz Howe alongside Becky and Johnny Hardy. Both of these then acquired extra members.

In September 2019 David Lyddon retired from his Monday evening group and after failing to find a replacement Jude then took the group over. Here again the group has increased with 4 new members.

2 further groups have had leadership changes and carried on while a further group is hoping to re - form after Easter.

We have no people waiting for a group at present apart from the Easter members.

Throughout the year the groups have used many different study guides, with virtually all the groups completing the Bible Society Bible course and many groups have used the Lyfe studies for at least a term.

Judith Taylor

Take Note Community Choir

Take Note continue to meet regularly on a Monday evening to sing together under the direction of Katy Baker. We currently have around 65 members on the register. Our aim continues to be to learn how to sing, to learn songs, to perform and support other groups and charities in Tiverton and to be a welcoming and accessible part of the church family.

We have had a busy singing year, with highlights including singing at a wedding, becoming regular visitors to Oak Tree Court Care Home and other local care homes and fundraising concerts for Devon Air Ambulance, CHAT, Citizens Advice and Chernobyl Children's Lifeline. We were delighted to join Tiverton Concert Band, Exeter Railway Band and The Wyndham Singers for their concerts and had a busy Christmas season of singing.

We have also held regular social events through out the year, including a quiz, an afternoon tea and a Christmas Party. A few members also attended the UK Choir Festival in Exmouth and a Gospel Choir workshop. It has been great this year to see choir members coming to church events and becoming members of our regular congregation.

The highlight of the year was our trip to perform at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. We had the most amazing time, that exceeded every expectation. This year we are looking forward to celebrating our 10th birthday.

We continue to be very grateful to the Brewin Trust, and for the support of St George's and St Paul's Church.

Katy Baker

Tiddlers & Toddlers

Tiddlers & Toddlers continues to thrive with new children joining. We meet on Monday mornings in the church rooms, from 9 - 11am. Average weekly attendance of 25. Building relationships is a key element of what we do. Giving support through the ups and downs of life.

Team members are: Pat Dalby, Norma Davies, Diane Fraser, Sue Houseman, Sarah Humm, Jan Hutchinson. Sadly we said farewell to Chrissie Maynard in April and Laura Turnbull in July last year. Both will be missed.

We continue to try and build links between the group and church. We head into church at the end of each term, (Christmas, Easter and Summer), for our story, songs and a picnic. Most of our families are from none church backgrounds.

Each week has a time for playing, snack time, a Bible-story and some fun songs, and a Bible themed craft reflecting the story.

We always need more team-members. People who will be able to fill in when regular team-members are ill or on holiday. Please pray for our families and our team. Thank you.

Sarah Humm

Womens Ministry

Since March 2019 the team has organised 8 events which have been attended by women of all ages with an average attendance of 25-30 and each time the group is different. Most of the events have also attracted non church members from friends to neighbours.

These have included topics such as:

Focus on the Cross

Two Wetherspoon breakfasts and a walk to Knightshayes

Barbecue at Hollowmoor Farm

Christmas event

Bake Off

Quiz night and a

Half day Retreat at Bradleigh House.

We were sorry to see Chrissie Maynard retire from the team in September, and we all owe Chrissie thanks for her many years of support. A new team took over consisting of Sarah Jane Seymour, Jude Taylor, Marjorie May, Becky Hardy, Liz Harrison, Liz Howe, Rachel Mead and Zoe Benson. The aim was to spread the load and to have a range of ages represented.

From six months events the team have seen a demand for both social and teaching events. We are aware that women with demands on their time from working and being carers, appreciate a time for worship, chat, specialist teaching for women and fun and laughter which is just for them.

Looking forward we had plans for more teaching, a Curry evening, a summer event and Labyrinth event with prayer. As soon as allowed we will be back and running.

Please can we encourage all women to contact the team with their feedback on this years events and requests for new ones. We are here to listen and try and facilitate what is wanted!

Judith Taylor

Worship through Music

We continue to provide a more traditional style of music for our 9.00am services and a more contemporary style for 10.45am.

At 9.00am we have enjoyed a variety of musical styles, including traditional hymns as well as more modern songs and chants, such those from Iona, Taize and by Margaret Rizza. Most weeks we are led by a singing group with a couple of wind instruments and piano, but once a month and sometimes on special occasions we are led from the organ.

We are very grateful to all our dedicated and gifted instrumentalists and singers who share their time and talents so gladly and willingly.

Janice Kitchen

Youth Work

It has been an exciting and eventful year for youth work in the life of our Church. It has been a real blessing to see young people (11-16) coming to faith in Jesus, exploring, growing and seeking to go deeper in their faith and a willingness to share that faith with friends through invitation and encouragement and many of the youth serve as young leaders at Fusion.

We welcomed Jonathan Schnarr as the youth and children's leader who arrived during November. His impact has been immediate and far reaching, with his passion and desire for young people to both know and walk with Jesus being clearly felt across the whole of the church, as well as the ministry leadership team. We are very thankful to God and excited to support and pray for him as he continues to exercise his ministry in this key and valuable aspect of church life.

Event wise, we had Spree - the hugely popular Christian camping and activity weekend at Westpoint Arena. Over 30 young people from our church joined 1500 other 8-17 year olds in worship, discos, teaching, sports, funfairs, and so much more. For those

young people with a passion for Tech and gaming we visited “Geek factory”. Both events are in the diary for 2020-2021.

Other events included a Youth for Christ event in Taunton, bowling, trampolining, clip and climb, fire-building, swimming and two beach-themed parties. These form part of the range of activities offered through our fun and vibrant Charge Youth Group gatherings on Fridays. Regularly 25+ young people attend this weekly group at St George’s extension and for movie nights at St Paul’s. We couldn’t do any of this without the great support of our volunteer leaders and such welcome additional leaders to support this growing Friday group.

The Christian Union (CU) goes from strength to strength, with Jonathan taking over leadership from Justin at the turn of the year. Whilst we said goodbye to the outgoing yr11’s, it was great to see half a dozen new yr7’s join the CU.

Also, at the high school, the school pastors have had a tremendous impact providing invaluable pastoral support to both the school pupils and staff alike. Andy, Justin and Jonathan have each led pastoral intervention workshops throughout the year. Please continue to pray for these relationships.

On Sunday morning Anna & Olly Roberts and Luke Broomfield lead an inspiring, enthusiastic and thoroughly engaging teaching ministry for the youth. This has been steadily growing, but even more important is seeing the young people encounter Jesus, showing a willingness to go deeper and grow in their faith. We are immensely grateful for each of these leader’s gifts and efforts and the impact they continue to have on the spiritual lives of the church youth.

Impact, a new Sunday evening youth worship evening has begun, giving young people the opportunity to study the bible together, share food, games and discussion. Lots of new and exciting plans for 2020-2021, including a youth mentoring initiative providing one-to-one mentoring support for young people. Please pray for these initiatives as we seek to both provide and train mentors to encourage and support young people.

Justin Montague

Administrative Information

The Parish of St. George and St. Paul, Tiverton has two venues, St. George's in Fore Street and St. Paul's Church in St Paul's Square respectively. It is part of the Diocese of Exeter within the Church of England.

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PCC members who have served since April 2019 or earlier until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio members:

Priest-in-Charge:

The Reverend Andrew Humm (Licensed 05 September 2016;
Chairman)

Assistant Curate:

Reverend Justin Montague

Associate Minister:

Reverend David Lyddon

Readers:

Tim Bradshaw

Ian Brannam

Judith Taylor

Wardens:

Peter Day

Chris Lines

Janet Norris

Sheila Hannallah

Elected Members:

Nick Baker

Wendy Boundy

Barbara Brannam

Amelia Carling

Stuart Chamberlain

Tracy Cullerne

Mark Ferdinando

Ian Frazer

Val Hicks
Julie Hingston
Josh Lines
Ollie Roberts
Ruth Shaw
Bob Syers

Co-opted Members:

Terry Norris (Treasurer)

Approved by the PCC on and signed on their behalf by the
Reverend Andy Humm (PCC Chairman).