

## **REPORTS**

### **Churchwardens**

The "Quinquennial Inspection 2017" report was received in January 2018. This includes a comprehensive list of recommended repairs and alterations covering a 5-year period. We review this on a regular basis and have addressed many of the initial recommendations, whilst also maintaining our regular maintenance schedule. We were pleased that the largest item from the 2014 report – the repairs to the spire - were successfully completed, and thanks are due to the many people involved.

The "Commonwealth War Graves" sign is due to be installed shortly. The "Churchyard Regulations 2016 – Guidance for Families on Churchyard Matters" is displayed in a notice board in our car parking area. These have been sent to local Funeral Directors asking them to provide copies to families of the bereaved.

The statutory annual review of the Terrier (Church Property Register) has been completed which will be signed at the Archdeacon's Visitation in June.

We attended over 40 meetings in 2018 - it has been a challenging but exciting year and we would like to thank everyone at Holy Trinity for their support!

John Adams and Lyn Roe

### **Music**

Music in the broad spectrum of our services at Bradpole seems increasingly to reflect the buoyancy, optimism and joy in worship which we share.

Commitment and a deep desire to express the love of God in our music and worship are reflected in our well attended and lively Music Group practices. This in turn gives us the confidence to reach out beyond our own Bradpole church services. We were invited and privileged to lead the music before the licensing service in St Mary's Bridport of our new Rector, Revd Deb Smith and for some to join the Team Choir in singing an anthem. At Christmas, Music Group members sang and played at the Churches Together carol service and at St James' Park Nursing Home. Our own carol service was a joyful experience and much appreciated by the worshippers.

During the year since the last AGM, Bradpole has as usual shown itself willing and able to respond musically to the usual range of regular services, as well as special services, festivals, etc as required. Traditional, often organ led, communion services take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. Copies of the Mass responses have been requested by some members of the congregation, showing their desire to enter fully into the music worship. Music Group members boost the congregational singing on these Sundays and sit together near the piano for the communion hymns. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays are informal services with the music led by Music Group. Full music group practices take place twice or three times a month and valuable monthly practices for the instrumentalists are now in place. During the past year 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays have been informal communion services with the table forward, and music led by the Music Group, including the Mass in G. The music 'committee' meets about four times a year to review and plan and feeds into the worship committee.

My thanks to everyone concerned in any way with the music at Bradpole.

Wendy Carnell – Music Co-ordinator

### **Tuesdays Together**

It is lovely that people coming to Tuesday's together have an opportunity to meet all the clergy team at some time during the year, so thank you to all of them for giving their time. Also, a big thank you to all the tea and cake makers, we have a great variety of cakes. We have about 12 to 16 people attending the Book of Common prayer service on the first Tuesday of each month. If you or anyone you know would like to join us, they would be very welcome.

Daphne King

## **Women's Breakfast**

In 2018 three breakfasts were planned for March, July and November. Unfortunately, due to heavy snow the March meeting was cancelled at the last minute. The remaining two breakfasts went ahead very successfully with full capacity each time, that is how popular they are!

We meet in Walditch village hall at 8.30am on a Saturday to enjoy a time of fellowship together, along with an exotic continental style breakfast. We are served endless pots of tea and cafetières of coffee by our expert male waiters who look after us all very well indeed, AND they do all the washing up!

Our speaker in March was Diana Wright who enlightened us on her work as a volunteer at the Contact Centre in Bridport. In November we had two speakers, Reverend Janis Moore, and Mary Coles, each giving an account of their individual trips walking the 'Camino Way'.

We look forward to meeting three times during 2019 with dates, speakers and hall already booked. Do join us if you are interested, numbers are limited, so look out for the list in church to put your name down.

Lesley Dove – Organiser

## **Home Communion and Lay Pastoral Assistants**

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2018 Hilda, other LPAs in the Team and I attended a Day of Celebration of Lay Ministry in Salisbury Cathedral where we were re-licensed for a further three years. The role of an LPA is to assist and support the clergy and one of my favourite roles is to take communion to the homes of those who are housebound. Unfortunately, I have been unable to fulfil this role this year since being taken ill in May. However, dear Hilda Gudge I know has been a wonderful support to Janis. As mentioned in my report last year, one or two people have expressed an interest in this ministry. If you would like to know more, please contact Revd. Ann Ayling or the Rector, Revd. Deb Smith.

Marian Scott - Lay Pastoral Assistant

## **Tots @ Ten**

Our numbers remain steady averaging 26 children each week. Each year, on the Wednesday before Mothering Sunday we make up little posies for the children to give to their carers and at the end of November, we give the children advent calendars which include a little book with the Christmas story. We were delighted to see several of the Tots families at our Christingle Service again this year. After bubble time and a fruit snack the highlight of the morning is "Song Time" when Judith and Jackie, with her guitar, sing some lively songs. Pam King, Martin Whiting and Helen Thomas have joined the team this year and their help has been invaluable. Martin arrives at the crack of dawn to help John Adams and David Coe move the chairs and bring the toys down from the loft; Helen has had some wonderful ideas for the craft activities and Pam works hard in the kitchen. Phil Doughty also helps clear away at the end of the session. We have a brilliant team of helpers and I am so grateful to them for their faithfulness and support. I would like to thank Elizabeth Squirrell especially for taking over from me when I was taken ill in May last year.

Please pray for us each week, that we will be channels of God's love and grace and a blessing to all who come through the doors of the church each Wednesday morning at 10.00 am.

Marian Scott - Tots @ Ten Administrator

## **Bell Tower**

Ringling, like life itself, is a process of change and continuity; I write this report just after the passing of Ivan Andrews and Irene Barrett, two stalwarts of bellringing whose stories of dedication will be told for years to come.

Great, too, is the dedication of the present band. I thank them most warmly. Morale is somewhat better than in the past few years and this is reflected in both attendance and performance.

Our experiment with monthly practices has proved successful; the evenings have begun to attract visitors from other towers with benefit to all concerned. During the 2018 steeple project we were welcomed at Askerswell and

Symonds bury.

The 'Ringing Centre' is in no way a separate entity; it offers the facility of genuine ringing but with the bells silenced – an authentic sound being produced within the tower by sensors acting on computer software; so recent News Sheet references to bells 'open' or 'tied ' are relevant and well-informed!

The tied bell facility is as popular as ever, attracting 15 to 20 visitors every week. Bradpole's importance as a fine ring of eight bells is highlighted by frequent requests from visitors wishing to ring Quarter Peals – and indeed an increasing number of full Peals.

All of this activity entails work. It doesn't just happen. A great deal falls upon Wendy Carnell; as Tower Correspondent she arranges and records every single use of the Tower; Christine Green is a supportive Vice Captain; Roger Willis is a keen and efficient Steeple Keeper; and Jody Leaf clambers amongst the bells **twice every week** to apply and later remove the clapper ties. Thank you again, one and all.

Peter Carnell – Tower Captain

### **Lunch Club**

During the last year I am pleased to say our numbers attending have increased slightly. Don has continued to provide very tasty meals, especially suited to the winter weather. A thank you to our drivers, Kevin, Roger, Dave, Pat and Roy with back up from Vyv, without them the Lunch Club would not exist. If you know anyone who would like company at lunch time twice a month, please let me know. Cost £10, for two courses and coffee or tea.

Daphne King

### **Cleaning**

To everyone who helps keep the church clean, thank you, and thank you to those who have retired and those who have taken their places. In the coming year more may need to retire, so please think whether you could take their place. A further request to all church members, would you consider if you could take part in the annual special clean on Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am? A date to put in your diary please.

Daphne King

### **Deanery Synod**

In general, the meetings have a financial report and one major item. The October meeting brought a useful financial summary, see below.

### **February**

**Deanery Plan:** Rural Dean David Baldwin envisages four key areas for analysis - Tourism; Pilgrimage; Sacred Places; Children and Families. Discussion groups shared information on what is already being done throughout the Deanery, then reported back. The feedback was to be analysed at the next Standing Committee meeting. At the July and October synods other business precluded further discussion.

### **July**

**Ten Year Plan Presentation:** This identified the challenges to the Renewing Hope, Pray, Serve, Grow initiative. £10.4 million needs to be found over the next 10 years. The Lyme Bay Deanery will probably be asked to increase Share by between 2.5% and 6.1%. The Diocese appreciates that it is going to be difficult to ask for more at Share!

### **October**

**Treasurers Report:** The Treasurer reported that by the end of September parishes had paid £340 495 of the required £491 203 Share. There is to be a 2.5% increase in Diocesan Share for 2019 to £10 536 548 which is reflected as a 3.94% increase at Parish level. Fortunately, the Share for our Deanery will increase by 1.95%, less than the Diocesan average. Parishes were warned that the Diocesan forecasts for future Share indicate a large increase (presumably because of the Ten-Year plan, above) but as these will obviously be unsustainable a Diocesan Review of costs and Fairer Share has begun.

**Report on the Rural Hope Project:** this aims to build upon the notion that, although attendance at services is low overall, rural areas seem to hold significant sense that the church is at the core of the community. The intention is to consolidate this benefit by encouraging lay discipleship and by providing opportunities for

short-term clergy postings (including trainee priests). There is much confusion over what is a rural area (e.g. Dorchester) and what is urban (e.g. Bridport). There was some scepticism over the relevance of this project.

Peter Carnell

### **Bradpole Pre-School**

Janis, Harry Britton (from the Christian Fellowship) and I take part in this Outreach at Colfox School once a month and we thank you for your interest and prayers as we visit a group of children, some familiar from Tots at Ten, who gather round, eager to chat, sing and listen to a Bible story.

In June, Rosi Wilton kindly led the session when I was out of action and in January was a great help when Janis was unable to attend. The visit in January turned out to be rather special as the music corner in memory of Molly Doughty, purchased with the help of the yearly donation from Holy Trinity, was ready to use in the outside play area. Of course, we tried it out!

Bradpole Pre-school visits to the church are special occasions. In December the church was filled to capacity with excited adults full of expectation and wonder as their children presented their delightful version of the nativity. The summer visit is a time when we say "Goodbye" to the children who are moving on to Primary Schools and we give them a Bible story book. Following the usual monthly format, the children entertain parents and grandparents with a dramatized story and songs.

And as you would expect we finish the morning with a party.

Judith Baldwin

### **Lifts to church**

At the moment, there is only one person occasionally asking for a lift to Church for the 9.30 service. However, there are several who need help getting to the Tuesday's together service so once a month these lifts are organised and dealt with.

Daphne King

### **The Friends of Holy Trinity Church**

Thank you to all members of the committee for your continued support and hard work and thank you to all who have supported our many events during the past year. Newsletter 5 was issued in October 2018, containing a list of proposed events for the next 12 months. A further edition is now being planned.

Thank you to John Adams for continuing as promoter of the 100-club, with 71 entries reported in January, and a total of £426 contributing to our accounts. Profits from our social events include the Los Amigos musical evening (£513), the Paul Atterbury evening (£1,177, including £485 from the auction) and the Soup & Pud lunch (£419). Money donated via the Smartie Tubes was a little lower than the previous year, at £143 (reported in January).

The balance of the funding for the Spire Project was paid to the church treasurer in September 2018, the total amount being £32,245.30. It is expected that funding for some of the various works arising from the 2017 Quinquennial report will be required in due course. The number of members of The Friends listed in January was 76, including 4 new members.

Dave Kelley - Chairman of The Friends

### **The DIY Group**

Thank you to all who have contributed to the upkeep of the churchyard during the past year. The lion's share of the work has been undertaken by John Adams, resulting in large piles of material, which are burnt when conditions are right. Steve Dove strims the grass on a regular basis, whilst I, Frank and Martin do the brushing, weeding and trimming. The earlier 'forest' of bamboo has been kept under control, and the north wall is now almost clear of ivy. The wooden seat in the lower churchyard, donated by The Friends, now requires some attention.

Having recently acknowledged the work done by those who have 'retired' from the group, it is disappointing that there are now no ladies in the group.

We always welcome more volunteers to join the current team, and we still meet on every third Tuesday of the month (weather permitting) at 10am for coffee and allocation of tasks. Please join us if you can!

Dave Kelley - DIY Organiser

### **Projects**

The Spire project was started in April 2018 and finished in early August, on time and within budget. The successful fund- raising work ensured that all costs were covered. The 6-month inspection of the works is now imminent. A well-attended service of celebration was held in November 2018, invitations having been sent to the contractors, and to those who had made donations for the works. The list of donors and photographs of the project works will now be incorporated in a commemorative album.

The Handrail project resulted in a new handrail being installed up to the south porch in early September, the large yew tree having been removed in advance. The new rail having been produced to a high standard, work is now pending for H. Leaf & Sons to fit a removable section of rail at the bottom corner, to allow for the flagpole to be lowered for maintenance.

Dave Kelley

### **Church Flowers**

My thanks go to all the flower ladies in our team. The lovely flower arrangements are always varied and individual, and make the church come alive! We have a very dedicated team, with others helping at the three festivals during the year.

Our task is to clothe the church with colour and cheerfulness, in praise of our Lord. New volunteers are always welcome.

Jill Kelley - Flower Arrangers Organiser

### **Tuesday Prayers**

The prayer group still meets on Tuesday mornings from 8.30 - 9.30 am. We have been rather reduced in numbers since Christmas due to illness. We all feel very strongly that a church needs regular corporate prayer to be effective for God. Although we would love to welcome more people, we realise that our meeting time is not easy for many people so perhaps someone would like to start another group at a different time. Keep praying individually anyway everybody!

Jill Coe

### **Monday Fellowship Group**

The Monday fellowship group has continued to meet on the first and third Monday afternoons. After refreshments, we get down to looking at either a passage from the Bible or a topic related to living the Christian life. During the summer term we studied some of the minor prophets, which we found very interesting as we rarely hear them read in church. Last autumn we studied the letter of James and found his very practical approach to life very practical and helpful. This term we have followed the Holy Trinity Brompton's Prayer Course, which is very challenging. We have also had two social events, one in the summer and another at Christmas which were very enjoyable. There are 14 members of our group, but we could squeeze in one or two more.

David and Jill Coe

### **Men's Breakfast**

Thirty or so men have met for breakfast three times in the last year. Each time we have been given a superb full English breakfast thanks to the ministrations of a team of women under the direction of Lesley Dove. After the breakfast we have a speaker. We are always found the talk stimulating and thought provoking.

David Coe

## **Bradpole Brunch**

At the beginning of 2019 we changed the day for Brunch to the first Sunday of the month from the third Sunday. It seems as though everyone is happy with the new arrangement.

Although numbers fluctuated last year the majority of sessions were very well attended. We have a number of families who are very loyal and feel Brunch is their 'church'.

We continue to keep to roughly the same format which consists of activities for the children as they arrive, and bacon rolls and coffee for the adults. After about 40 minutes of the craft activities, which are linked to the Bible story which follows, the puppets chat about the relevance of the story to ourselves. We then end with prayers and a lively song or two.

In the past year we have been learning about Jesus' miracles, followed by some stories about Paul from Acts. In the New Year we started a series on Joseph which is giving plenty of food for thought as well as an exciting serial.

We wish to thank all those from HTB who help, talk to the visitors, or pray for us so that people will meet with Jesus at our sessions.

Jill Coe and the Brunch team

## **Wednesday Housegroup**

We began meeting in January 2018 when there were too many of us to meet in one home for a weekly evening meeting. Some members started afresh, and some transferred from the Thursday evening group (now the Tuesday evening group). We started as 10 but have grown to 13 and meet each week for a song, some bible focussed study, some prayer, a chat and cake! We got down to "serious study" after the Parish Lent Course but had a slow start as we agreed that a supper together would be a good start, it was a good idea.

Our first study was a seven-week series looking at Galatians – Gospel Matters, taken from a book written by Tim Keller where we studied passages and then considered questions which were posed. Following this we thought it was time for more food so had a joint supper with the Thursday group, this was held at the Salthouse, West Bay. Good food and good fellowship. Our second study was an eight-week series "The Holy Spirit – understanding His work in our lives", this was based on a range of passages from scripture and was very thought provoking and raised lots of questions which we were able to discuss. Following a summer break, we moved onto an eight-week series "Busyness – finding God in the whirlwind". Again, a range of passages and lots of discussion. We then picked up an online series (previously used and recommended by the Thursday group) about prayer, six videos designed to fuel discussion and deepen the prayer life of our church, this was introduced and led by Pete Grieg who has led the prayer ministry for the Alpha Course. Again, both thought provoking and encouraging. This led to a December supper – spot the theme? At the start of 2019 used another video-based study "The Purpose Driven Church" led by Rick Warren of Saddleback Church, California.

Our meetings have been based at the Whiting's at 2 Watton Gardens and have also been "on tour" through the Bowley's and the Thomas' with a number of members leading our discussions. We have been able to grow personally and as a group on our journey with Jesus Christ. If you want to know about any of the study material or even borrow some, please do ask.

Martin and Julia Whiting, Alan and Ginny Bowley

## **Tuesday Club**

With God's help Tuesday Club continues. Leaders are myself, Susan Soloman, Chrissie Mansell Kate Lee-Adler, Megan Lee-Adler and Sue Ainscough. I continue to be very grateful for this lovely team of ladies who are hugely talented in all sorts of ways; have such good ideas and give their time week by week to keep this long-standing club going. At the moment our numbers are very low, and we are considering our future. We are reluctant to stop but maybe this format needs to change to something more attractive to today's children. Our age range is 5 to 11; younger ones need to be brought and collected by their parents whilst the older ones are pushing the boundaries of childhood. We are listed in the 'Bridge Magazine' under Holy Trinity Bradpole and there is also a separate advert elsewhere in the magazine. We play games, have a story time or group chat; also, craft activities, cooking and such like - all within the space of one hour!

Since I joined the team this club has always waxed and waned in numbers. Our children come from the village and are mostly not 'churched'. We appreciate that Tuesday Club is sponsored by HTB so please remember us in your prayers. We aim to display God's love and kindness to those who come in whatever way seems appropriate; we

want Tuesday Club to be a place of safety and relative calm after their day at school; also, fun and laughter of which there is much.

Rosi Wilton

### **Tuesday Evening House Group**

Last year we met on Thursday evenings, this year we meet on Tuesday evenings.

Last year we struggled to accommodate everybody at 72 St Andrews Road, but this year there is no problem about accommodation.

With different leadership we have been able to experiment with different styles of worship and study, and with the use of more and different technology, can be more flexible. It has been encouraging to share leadership.

As I said last year, we all look forward to 2019 with even greater anticipation. Praise the Lord!

Phil Doughty

### **DCC Secretary**

Marion resigned from the post of Church Secretary in September 2018. She has faithfully served for 25 years which is an incredible act of ministry, for which we are all immensely grateful. Her years of service and dedication have been exemplary, and I am indebted to her for handing over meticulous files, and instructions on what to do when!

I was formally elected Church Secretary in November 2018, and have found that I have been well supported and guided by those much more knowledgeable than me about Church affairs, for which I give thanks.

I hope to also serve the Church community in an efficient, compassionate and gracious manner.

Successful completion of the Spire project was celebrated in a service in November which was very well attended.

This year we are focusing our attention on installing a new sound system which is an exciting venture and this will benefit all those who attend the services.

The work of the Churchwardens, John and Lyn, continues tirelessly, and we are grateful to them for ensuring that the requirements of the Quinquennial report are fulfilled.

Virginia Bowley

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Holy Trinity Church Bradpole

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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	65,311	28,304	0	93,615	44,828
Church activities	1,122	569	0	1,691	1,071
Other trading activities	6,557	0	0	6,557	6,886
Investments	151	0	0	151	119
Separate material item of income	0	0	0	0	0
Other	150	54,760	0	54,910	14,590
<b>Total</b>	<b>73,291</b>	<b>83,633</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>156,924</b>	<b>67,494</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	20	0	0	20	47
Church activities	54,987	111,615	0	166,602	38,727
Separate material item of expense	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,007</b>	<b>111,615</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>166,622</b>	<b>38,774</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)</b>	<b>18,284</b>	<b>-27,982</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-9,698</b>	<b>28,719</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>18,284</b>	<b>-27,982</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-9,698</b>	<b>28,719</b>
<b>Extraordinary items</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-10,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses):</b>					
Other gains/(losses)	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>	<b>8,284</b>	<b>-17,982</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-9,698</b>	<b>28,719</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward	75,408	24,839	0	100,247	
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>83,692</b>	<b>6,857</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>90,549</b>	



4.9 Repairs and Maintenance £6,225

## Balance

### Commentary

As has become our custom we allocate 10% of our net income, to be donated to various good causes both locally, nationally and overseas. This year we donated £4,300, your DCC agreed to give £4,785 so we have fallen short by £485, we must make up for this in 2019

Once again we have paid our Diocesan Fairer Share in full and have received a certificate to show for it. This is by far our largest expense, however I should point out that in 2010 the share was £30,954 that is £7,676 more than this last year. This coming year the share will be £24,164

I anticipate that our cost for this coming year will amount to around £50,000.

We have about 100 people on the electoral role; to achieve a regular income of £50,000 it would mean that, on average, each member would have to contribute either £9.66 per week or £41.66 per month or £500. These figures are only an average calculation, too high for some but counteracted by the generosity of others.

Therefore there is a need for each one of us to reconsider our regular contribution; the church is not immune from inflation.

The best way to donate regularly is by the use of a Standing Order to your bank and, if you are a tax payer, Gift Aiding your donation. **I have the necessary forms if you are interested.**

We have various ways of raising money to finance the running of the church and its many activities.

1. Bank Standing orders, this is a regular income that we can depend on every month/year.
2. Envelope Scheme which gives us a regular but variable income.
3. Weekly collection, very variable, but it does have its benefits. Under the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS) all individual cash contributions under £20 are eligible for a tax refund.
4. One off donations
5. Support Fund raising events run by both the Church and the Friends

Many thanks to every one for the different ways they are helping to keep Holy Trinity Bradpole active and viable.

**It is my intention not to stand for treasurer in 2020, if anyone has an interest in taking over this role would they please let me know.**

*I am happy to answer any questions or receive comments, either before, at or after the AGM*

*Roy King*

## Team Rector Report 2018/19 ADCM and APCM

I would like firstly to thank everyone in the churches and across the Bridport Team for your welcome and your patience.

I am very conscious that following my appointment in early December 2017 there was a longer than usual wait for me to arrive and take up the post. I was at the beginning of cancer treatment when I came for the interview and so there was a long interregnum.

I would like to thank all my colleagues – lay and ordained – for your generosity and support in my first six months in Bridport and for all the hard work that happened during the interregnum to build up the team.

I will direct you to Pete's report for a more comprehensive overview of the last year. You all know, and will see from his report, that he has played a huge part in ensuring that the interregnum was a time of coming together for the churches. Our church wardens started working together more closely, meeting up to support one another and share good practice, and that is still happening. I want to thank them all for all they do and their dedication and skilled leadership.

In these early months I have been impressed with the can-do attitude I have encountered in all the churches. There is an inspiring willingness and passion to serve God and his people in this team. A major strength is the diversity to be found within each church community. I believe we must celebrate each church's distinctiveness while looking at how we might work together as a team.

In the next few months these are some of the things we are exploring and planning for:

- Can we develop a team pew sheet – (with space for information relating to individual churches) to promote wider communication across the team and cutting down on a duplication of workload?
- Can we have a team-wide stewardship campaign? Each church might have a slightly different approach to one another but if we work together we can share expertise and good ideas and have a team-wide event to bring it all together.
- Lorna Johnson is to be ordained deacon this Petertide at Salisbury Cathedral – this is a great joy for the whole team and it would be wonderful if we could arrange for as many from the team as possible to come to support Lorna and mark this wonderful occasion. We have also put in an application for a stipendiary curate to train in the Bridport Team in 2020.
- The ministry team has had an away day to pray and plan together for our vision for where God is leading us. We have another arranged for early summer. I hope this approach will help us to work together and use all the strengths we possess in the team. We also meet as a team once a month.
- A centering prayer group (contemplative prayer) is starting up in the team this month.
- We are seeing growth in some of our mid-week services and the hospitality we offer reaches people who perhaps can not or do not come to church on Sunday. How might we build on this?
- We are working to build extra storage for Cupboard Love as we continue to see the demand for the food bank increase. We are also seeing more homelessness in the town.
- We want to explore Messy Church – perhaps run in St Mary's School
- Can we look at making some of evening services team wide? For instance choral evensong across the team (sharing resources of musicians and choristers)

- Martin Whiting is currently training as a Lay Worship Leader and there are a couple of people in the team who are considering training as Lay Pioneer Ministers. Martin is hoping to work with others to run a new inquirers' course in Bradpole.
- Our Lay Pastoral Assistants are meeting regularly and we hope to have a new in-house LPA course running in the team from May.

These are some of the things I have been working on with others. The six months have passed by in a flash and I still feel I have so much more listening and learning to do. It is wonderful and also difficult to be in a different church week by week because it takes longer for us to get to know each other.

I know I am blessed to be living, working and worshipping in this community. I hope I can serve you well and that together we may grow in faith and love.

My sincere thanks go to all who work so hard to keep this team flourishing and outward looking. Many people in our congregations ensure the smooth-running of the life of the churches by taking on a whole host of jobs which often go unnoticed but which are vital.

Especially thanks to our wonderful wardens, treasurers, sacristans and all church officers. To all who serve on DCCs and the PCC. To all who offer hospitality and encouragement. For choristers, organists, bell ringers and everyone who contributes to the life of this team community.

I am grateful to all LPAs, LLMs, and clergy colleagues. It is really wonderful to be part of this team with you all.

All of us have a part to play in the life of this parish – please consider what it is you can offer, working together brings us closer together. I look forward to what God has in store for us.

The Rev'd Deb Smith  
Team Rector

## 2018 Team Vicar Report for ADCM & APCM

At the start of 2018, there was a sense of hope and expectation around the team. Not only had we enjoyed a blessed Advent & Christmas, but there was a sense of what was to come in 2018. Our new Rector was arriving, and other things like roofs and spires were raising funds at a good rate, new ideas and initiatives were being discussed and it seemed people had a spring in their step when talking about our 6 churches.

In January, I led two SWOT analyses for the Ministry Team and Churchwardens, the idea was to look at the Strengths & Weaknesses and Opportunity & Threats facing the team. It was a way to break down our worries and look to the future. It also would give Deb a better idea of what she faced when she took her post. The Weakness & Threats, were not surprises, buildings, finance, personnel (lack of & our ages) were the worries, yet the Strengthens and Opportunities were very encouraging, coffee mornings, co-operation, new ideas and initiatives, a sense of expectation, and it felt a determination to get on with what God was and is calling us to do, to serve and bless Bridport and share the wonderful news of God's love for all. There was hope, maybe small, but there was hope.

It seemed that we were no sooner out of Christmas & Epiphany and into Lent, with the Pilgrim course being very popular across the team with 80 people taking books and around 60 attending each week, while the feedback commented on the cold of St Mary's (it did not help that the 'Beast from the East' was around at the time!) The value of gathering and sharing faith stories was well received across the team, I thank everyone for making it such a special time.

The team were heavily involved in the Lent Lunches and other initiatives in Lent and what followed was yet another joyful celebration of Easter across the team. ADCM's & the APCM took place and some new people took key posts across the team and churches. Within a short space of time, scaffolding surrounded Holy Trinity Bradpole & St Mary's Bridport, and other smaller scale works around are other churches took place, during the good weather.

Services, events, funeral's, wedding's, baptism's, pastoral care, DCC & PCC meetings carried on across the team, preparations at the Rectory took place for its new occupants and we prepared for the arrival of Deb in September.

The team supported Churches Together with the Melplash show & a Holiday club and then we welcomed Deb at a wonderful celebration on the 18<sup>th</sup> September. I then went on Holiday!

Since Deb was licensed to the team, it has been wonderful to work with her and support her as she gets to know the 6 churches and the town. Across the team, the Commemoration of 100 years since the end of World War 1 was honoured and remembered in various services and events. Advent & Christmas planning and events kept us all occupied and busy and then to 2019, which again it feels a year of hope for what is ahead.

Personally, I would like to thank the Church & Chapel wardens, treasurers, the DCC & PCC members, the LPA's, LLM's and Clergy for the hard work and dedication they showed in the whole of 2018, in supporting me during the interregnum and the support they have shown to Deb. I would also like to thank Deb for her support in what has been a busy time. And in a nutshell some statistics across the team for 2018:

- On average 198 people regularly attend our services on a Sunday.
- Across the team in 2018 we took 79 Funerals, 10 Weddings, 7 Baptisms & Thanksgivings.
- 470 people attended our Easter Eve & Easter Day services.
- 2117 adults and children took part in special, Advent Services, Carol Services & Christmas Events.
- On Christmas Eve & Christmas Day 752 people came to one of our Services.

In my own capacity, I have learnt a lot about myself and leadership during the interregnum, and I thank the many individuals who have helped & encouraged me. You know who are, and I do sincerely thank you. I took part in a fair few meetings and events, far too many to list, but I must admit, it was very enjoyable year. I had a good retreat and a wonderful holiday and a great time away watching Essie row for GB. My thanks to the many people from across the team who supported her. My commitments to the schools continued in a reduced capacity, but since Deb has

been in post my involvement in the schools have increased and my time at Cupboard Love has decreased. Personally, 2018 was a tough year, with my achillies slowing me down and the boot meaning I could not keep fit or fulfil all my roles with the Army.

I must thank the people of the DCC from both churches for all they do, as well as so many of you who contribute to the everyday running of the churches. Both St John's & St Mary's are good places to be part of.

I've been struck recently with what is ahead. Two things I continue to wrestle with are:

- How do we share our faith in a meaningful way with the community? A colleague shared with me this metaphor. In Britain, Shepherds, build a fence, get a dog, get a metal water trough which they pump water into or let rain water fill it up and make sure that their sheep stay in the pens. In Australia, the shepherds, dig wells, with no fences, and the sheep soon learn to stay near the well to receive the water. I wonder what sort of church are we trying to build, one where we set up boundaries and provide water, or dig a well, where the water of Life (Jesus) draws people to it?
- Hebrews 12: 1-3 says *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart."* Sometimes we get distracted, sometimes we concentrate on the small things, and fail to view what is ahead of us, sometimes we fail to grasp the amazing awesomeness of our faith, we fail in the way we speak, think and treat others. We must think a bit further ahead than our own agendas and interests and consider the bigger picture, we may have to look up and think differently.

### **St Mary's Primary School & The Minerva Learning Trust (MLT)**

It has been a very busy but good year for St Mary's & the MLT. There have been several personnel changes in 2018, with a few staff moving on to new jobs, and new staff moving to the school. Helen Farmer moved to Bridport Primary school to become their head teacher for an interim period. Kate Batorska took over as Acting head in Sept 18. While not in the scope of a 2018 report, in Jan 2019, she was appointed full time head of St Mary's as Helen is staying at BPS and retiring in Jul 19. St Mary's has continued to make good progress in its SATS, and this was reflected in it's OFSTED visit in November, when it was still rated a Good school. There was trust in the school's leadership and the direction that St Mary's was travelling in. The relationship between School & Churches continue to be strong. The foundation governors are still Clive Faircloth, Ros Westall (St John's), Chris Wellman-Herold (St Mary's Walditch) and me. They are working with Kate in reviewing the schools, values and vision in line with the new direction from the CofE, is this a distinctive Christian school.

The MLT continues to prove its worth, with co-operation across the 4 schools in the Academy, with continued budget pressures the centralisation of services has helped all 4 schools enormously. Progress has continued to be generally good across the 4 schools, alongside St Mary's, the Sir John Colfox received a Good in its recent OFSTED inspection. Dorset County Council have commended that the MLT has made good progress at Key Stage 2 (Final year of Primary school) and is in a very good position compared to other schools across Dorset.

I was appointed a Diocesan Trustee of the MLT in October and Deb Smith will become a Member of the trust in 2019.

At St Mary's, Bridport & St Swithuns we have hosted the Easter, Leavers, Harvest & Christmas services. St Mary's & Bridport Primary, both visited St Mary's to hear the Christmas story with hot chocolate and biscuits around the Crib. Ann, Deb & I along with Peter Clark (United Church Minister) have taken assemblies at St Mary's. In addition to the normal Governor & Trustee meetings, I've taken assemblies at Bridport Primary School & Burton Bradstock School. I've taken part in the interviews for the new Executive Principal for the MLT (Kay Taylor is retiring in Aug 19) and

took part in the Bridport Primary School head teacher interviews. I've been involved in some training for teachers about spirituality and liturgy, taught some lessons about World War 2 in all three primary schools and led Burton's Christingle Service.

**Rev'd Pete Stone – Team Vicar**

**8<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH BRADPOLE

### DISTRICT CHURCH COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**MINUTES** of the Annual General Meeting held in the Church on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> March at 10.45 am.

**PRESENT:** Chairman for the Churchwardens' Meeting – The Revd. Janis Moore

44 Church Members

1. The Revd. Janis Moore welcomed all to the Annual General Meeting of the District Church Council and opened the meeting with prayer.

### **THE CHURCHWARDENS' MEETING**

2. As Mr. John Adams had served a total of six years in the office of churchwarden a resolution was passed to extend his term of office by one year. John expressed his willingness to stand for a further year and had been nominated and seconded. The Revd. Janis Moore proposed that legislation be suspended to enable John to stand for a seventh year. Seconded by Judith Baldwin, the proposal was carried unanimously. Mrs. Lyn Roe had agreed to stand for re-election. She had been nominated and seconded in accordance with the Churchwardens' Measure 2001 and was unanimously elected. Janis added that we were very fortunate to have two churchwardens. She encouraged church members to think and pray about whether someone might be prepared to walk alongside Lyn this year and consider whether God was calling them to the role of warden next year.

### **THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

#### **3. Apologies for Absence**

These had been received from Vyv Haydon, Pat Frew, Mary Martin, Ken and Ann Holbrook, Rosi Wilton, Sheila Douglas, Hilda Gudge, Alan Bowley, Cecil and Doris Whichelo, Sylvia Harwood and Irene Drew.

#### **4. Acceptance of Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.**

The Minutes were approved and signed as a correct record.

#### **5. Presentation of the Electoral Roll.**

There were 101 members on the Electoral Roll. There had been four additions, namely Mr. Alec Collins, Mrs. Diane Stanley, Mr. Martin Whiting and Mrs. Julia Whiting. Four members had died.

#### **6. Election of Electoral Roll Officer**

Mr. Douglas Baldwin was retiring as Electoral Roll Officer as he had served in that office for five years.

Douglas was thanked for all that he had done. Mrs. Jill Henderson agreed to fill this vacancy. Proposed by Douglas Baldwin, seconded by Virginia Bowley the proposal was carried unanimously.

#### **7. Report on finances and presentation of the accounts.**

The Treasurer, Mr. Roy King, began his report by thanking everyone for supporting the church financially. He also took the opportunity to thank Mrs. Hilda Gudge for her invaluable assistance. He summarized the accounts by saying that donations and legacies totaled £53,197 of that regular donations totaled £32,961. Grants were received from the Parish Council amounting to £1,600 towards the upkeep of the churchyard. At this point Roy thanked John Adams for all the work he had done in the churchyard. The Erskine Muton Trust had given £7,000 towards the Spire Appeal, the Dorset Historic Churches Trust had given £408 and the All Churches Trust had given £1,725. Douglas was to be congratulated for all the work he had done in approaching the grant making trusts. The church's largest expense was the diocesan share which amounted to £20,541 last year but this would increase in 2018 to £23,277. It was anticipated that expenses for the coming year would amount to £45,000, excluding the Spire costs. If each member of the congregation gave £8.65 per week our expenses would be covered. Roy encouraged everyone to reconsider their regular contributions to the church. He

outlined the various ways of giving as shown in his report. There were no questions arising from the report. Roy was thanked for all of his hard work supported by Mrs. Hilda Gudge. It was proposed by Alan Squirrell that the accounts should be approved, seconded by Mr. Dave Kelley, the proposal was carried unanimously.

**8. Confirmation of the District Church Council's Deanery Synod Representatives.**

Mr. Peter Carnell and Mrs. Hilda Gudge had two more years to serve and were willing to continue.

**9. Election of the District Church Council's Representatives to the Parochial Church Council.**

Mrs. Jill Henderson had resigned from this post. The post was left vacant as no one was willing to take on this role.

**10. Nomination, election and confirmation of the members of the District Church Council.**

Mrs. Wendy Carnell had one more year to serve; Mrs. Judith Baldwin, Mrs. Virginia Bowley, Mr. David Coe, Mrs. Celia Evans and Mrs. Rosi Wilton had two more years to serve and were willing to continue. Mrs. Jill Henderson – proposed by Mrs. Virginia Bowley, seconded by Mrs. Sarah Preston and Mrs. Wendy Smart – proposed by Mr. Phil Doughty, seconded Mr. Dave Kelley were nominated and unanimously elected.

Mrs. Sheena Ascott and Mr. Dave Kelley had been co-opted on to the DCC in their respective roles as Verger and Project Manager.

**11. Election of the Welcome Team.**

Those standing were:

Mr. John Adams	Mrs. Allen Bird	Mrs. Janet Bird
Mr. Steve Dove	Mrs. Lesley Dove	Mr. Colin Green
Mrs. Vyv Haydon	Mr. David Herbst	Mr. Michael Farmer
Mrs. Chrissie Mansell	Mrs. Ruth Morse	Mrs. Maureen Rosbrook
Mr. Frank Smith	Mrs. Gill Smith	Mrs. Elizabeth Squirrell
Mrs. Joan Wilkinson	Mrs. Rosi Wilton	

Proposed by Mr. Bruce Upton, seconded by Mrs. Lyn Roe, the Welcome Team was elected en bloc.

**12. Appointments:**

(a) Treasurer – Roy King. Proposed by Mrs. Marian Scott, seconded by Wendy Smart.

(b) Lay Chairman – Lyn Roe. Proposed by John Adams, seconded by Judith Baldwin.

(c) Secretary – Marian Scott. Proposed by Coral Hatton, seconded by Elizabeth Squirrell

All were unanimously elected.

**13. Churchwardens' Report**

Lyn stated that there was an update to the report already given in connection with the Quinquennial Inspection. There were many items that needed looking at. Seven points needed urgent attention, which were being dealt with, which included a query in respect of establishing ownership of the boundary wall.

**14. Acceptance of Annual Reports.**

There was a supplementary report to that circulated in respect of the Spire Project. Five tenders had been received. The architect had recommended acceptance of the lowest tender of £87,200 from Ellis and Co. The churchwardens and treasurer had approved the recommendation. Fund raising would continue. The estimated costs for the project, including fees and VAT would total a little over £117,000 and just under £100,000 following recovery of VAT.

The leaders of the various groups were thanked for their hard work and commitment. It was proposed by David Coe, seconded by Phil Doughty and carried unanimously, that the annual reports be accepted.

**15. Team Vicar's Report.** This was not available. However, the Revd. Janis Moore took the opportunity to thank the Ministry Team, Coral Hatton and Phil Doughty for their support. She also thanked all who had offered her hospitality and personal support; for Gill Smith and the hospitality team; Sheena Ascott, the verger and Hilda Gudge, the sacristan, and all who help behind the scenes.

**16. Any Other Business.**

(a) Safeguarding. Coral Hatton explained the importance of safeguarding. Every volunteer working with children or vulnerable adults in the church would need to have a DBS check and to do some safeguarding training. She would be speaking to all churches in the team at their AGMs in respect of this subject and she urged the church to be committed to this and to take it forward.

- (b) Coral also took the opportunity to give a vote of thanks Revd. Janis Moore on the church's behalf for all that she does.

The meeting closed with the words from Jeremiah 29 verse 11, and the grace.