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2023 Annual Reports

ST JOHN'S CHURCH

North Wingfield team **SUNDAYS** North Wingfield team

@ 11.15 AM

Everyone Welcome

Pop In 2023 -2024

We are delighted to say that Pop In is once again becoming a popular venue, with familiar faces and a considerable number of new faces who have now become regulars including members of the local Slimming World attending regularly and the local PCSO's who pop in once a month and are accessible to anyone for queries or just a chat.

We have expanded from 6 tables to 8 tables being regularly set up for use and it is a delight to see this, even though it can be quite tiring and busy, it's all for a very good cause.

At Pop In up to the end of 2023 we are thrilled that we have been able to contribute £2806 towards the running costs for the church – which has always been the aim of Pop In since its outset - and we hope to continue to do so throughout 2024.

We do have some new servers which is a great boost for those already on the rota, enabling them to spread their sessions, which is beneficial to all.

I must say a very grateful thank you to Diane Parmley who continues to help with the cooking, Stella, Eric, Sheila, Nigel, Chloe & Juliet who help with serving our clients, and Pam and Ayla who help with the baking - without their help Pop In would really struggle to keep going.

We have a nice new all-weather banner at the front of the church and the Credit card machine is now working on a regular basis.

If anyone would like to join our team, you would be very welcome, just pop in and have a chat.

Sandra

(Pop in lead)

Lunch Club

Lunch club continues to meet on the third Monday of the month. We usually cater for approximately 30 diners. Everyone who attends appreciates the food and always enjoys the bingo afterwards. This could not take place if we did not have help from those cook the food, set up the tables, help serve the food and clear up afterwards. A big thank to all who help and also the Parish Council for their financial assistance.

Please contact Stella or Marcia if you wish to join us

Stella (Verger)

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll revision commenced on 16 March 2024 and was completed on 29 March 2024 in time for the ADCM on 13 April 2024. The updated list of those who are now on the roll is pinned to the noticeboard in church as per Church of England requirements and a full copy has been forwarded to the Parish Electoral Roll Officer with a copy being sent to the Reverend Richard Clark. Derby office will be notified in due course by the Parish Electoral Roll Officer for the team. This last year, 2023, has seen another shift in numbers on the Electoral Roll with people having been removed for varying reasons, and three new members. Our current Roll now stands at 20 of whom 17 live within the Parish of St John's and 3 outside our parish.

We pray that God will bless us with more members in the coming year and help to continue to spread his word.

Sandra

Electoral Roll Officer

Safeguarding

A report has been issued to the DCC at every meeting notifying them of any issues that need to be implemented, discussed, or resolved. St John's church has been operating at level three on the safeguarding dashboard throughout 2023, with just one item relating to a PCC member to be addressed.

The Derby Diocese safeguarding team have continued with their drop-in session held on the first Tuesday in every month for all safeguarding officers. Information gleaned from these meetings are passed on to the North Wingfield team safeguarding officer, Jane Kinsell who disseminates all the relevant information at our monthly meetings which helps keep us all up to date with information from both the Diocese and Bishop's house. This ensures that any new information is put before the PCC via the safeguarding report presented by Jane for any approvals needed and then disseminated to all the DCC's for implementation.

Sandra

Safeguarding Officer for St John's Church

Hardwick Deanery Synod

The focus of our meetings last year was the appointment of a new team vicar.

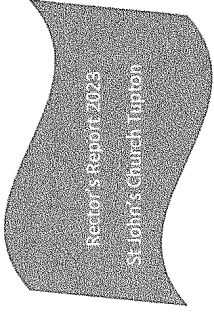
Each church had representatives who were asked by Rev. Richard to discuss and list what they believed their church needed from the applicants.

This was discussed at length before the content of the job "description" was compiled.

The content for the job description plus accompanying literature was finalised through further meetings. Issues and concerns affecting church practice were discussed when appropriate.

Juliet Hall (observer)

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Report of the Team Rector 2023

Lynn Hayler ended her time in the benefice on 30th April 2023, leaving us with one full-time stipendiary minister to cover the parish, a situation that has existed for all but nine months of the time since Colin Cooper retired from North Wingfield. This has given the laity a golden opportunity to grow and express themselves, but the staffing shortage has meant that ministry from ordained leadership has inevitably been lacking. Some people have found it hard to come to terms with this new reality; however, we have five churches that are active in mission, with a desire to do more.

This, is, however, a strong and active parish compared to most in this diocese: we believe the bible, we share our faith, we still work with children (most churches in the diocese do not), we pray, we minister to one another. There are many things about our five churches in one parish that can be built on as we look to the Lord's future.

It has been a delight to work with St. John's in 2023. The situation here is reminiscent of the situation of the church at Corinth: "Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. (1 Corinthians 1:26-27)

We are quite a small church, we haven't got much money, but we have a heart. This has been a year full of God's love and a positive desire to move forward whilst many of us have been dealing with significant personal challenges along the way. We must be careful, however, to deal carefully and sympathetically with one another, and to keep unity and positive relationships as a hallmark of our church. This will in turn give the church building a positive atmosphere that people will sense when they come inside for services, our excellent pop-in, or other meetings.

We have supported social events across the team and have contributed a cheerful and encouraging presence to St Barnabas as well. Our underlying financial health remains shaky, but we have put up new signs, tackled a maintenance backlog and are looking as to how we can use the grounds in a positive way. This is a church that prays, and prayer is a hallmark of any successful church.

The strength of this church is its people, and I believe that we could have a very positive and pleasant time together as we wait for the Lord to give us new impetus in our quest to reach Tupton for Christ.

In 2024 the Church of England continues to face some very serious issues at national level not only in relation to our deep and apparently irreconcilable differences regarding sexual morality, but also in our corporate failure to reach the nation or to remain in close fellowship with the worldwide Anglican communion, from which we are increasingly marginalised. We have a desire to play our part in tackling the climate emergency, but the finances of many dioceses permit a limited response. We had a rise in

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vocations to ordained stipendiary ministry pre-covid, but a substantial decline since then; there are an unprecedented number of vacant posts outside of the southeast of England. There is a corresponding decline in the number of benefices where there is just one place of worship. The cherished idea of one vicar per church is less and less possible; we have fewer parish priests per head of population than at any time since before the Norman Conquest. The Church in England is probably hardly shrinking at all, but our national siver of Anglicanism, the Church of England, certainly is.

At this time, we wait expectantly for our vacant team vicar post to be filled. Let us pray that this becomes a reality before the autumn. An additional full-time leader will significantly alter the dynamics of the team and give us new momentum for the future. We have also been delighted to welcome Nigel and Ruth into our fellowship and look forward to receiving the Lord's ministry through them in the coming year. Meanwhile, Marcia has done all she can to support me through the vacancy and I am extremely thankful for all her efforts.

Lisa has been a total joy as church warden; Sandra has given all she can and is an outstanding administrator and cook; Stella is a wonderfully faithful servant of our church; Diane is a positive and tuneful presence; Vera is very good with our money; Chris has been a caring servant who has been a tremendous asset at St Barnabas as well; Richard Crofts has had a massively challenging year with his health but you will not find a more faithful servant of the gospel; but I am in danger of running through the entire electoral roll; thank you so much, everyone!

We are still in a time of waiting but I firmly believe that the Lord will lead us towards a time of renewed fruitfulness.

Richard Clark, 220324



Warden's Report St John's March 2024

It is with gratitude and humility that I present my annual report. As church warden, I have been entrusted with the responsibility of overseeing the welfare and maintenance of our beloved church but I feel that is an unfair reflection as I could not and do not do it alone.

I would like to thank everyone at St John's for your faithful giving, both monetary and your gifts and talents. We maybe small in number but we are faithful to the Lord. I pray that in this coming year that God will continue to guide us, individually and as a church. We continue to pray for more people from Tupton to join us in regular worship and come to know Jesus as their personal Saviour.

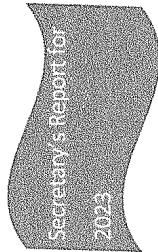
1. Maintenance and Renovation:
Over the past year, significant strides have been made in maintaining our building, electrical works being the main expense. We are grateful to the PCC for their support with this and we continue to lift paying this back to the Lord.

2. Community outreach:

A massive thank you to everyone who helps ensure pop-in runs every week, luncheon club runs each month and everyone else who has supported the school events, groups who have used the hall. We continue to pray for opportunities to reach out to the community.

I look forward to serving you and God in this role for another year if you all agree

Lisa x



Following on from 2022, the DCC opted to hold zoom meetings during cold weather periods, this had the additional benefit of saving the church money, especially during the latter half of 2023 when the heating prices increased.

The DCC held 4 meetings on zoom and 3 meetings in person at St John's Church plus the ADCM meeting held on 22 April 2023, making a total of 8 DCC meetings throughout 2023. The Christmas Tree Festival which was held between from 9th through to 16th December 2023 was discussed amongst the DCC mostly online until nearer the date as was the Christmas Experience activity with the Primary School, which went down very well. We look forward to welcoming the pupils to church again for Easter and Christmas Experience during 2024.

One other item that went round via email was the proposed revision of the North Wingfield Constitution.

All members of St. Johns DCC have received copies of all reports and minutes by email; with 1 member receiving a printed copy of all the minutes and reports delivered to them by hand.

The latest ratified DCC minutes, including the financial report for the period are posted on the church noticeboard for all to read.

The results of the Electoral roll have now been posted up in church as will the results of the elections being held on 13 April 2024 at the ADCM and copies of the same will be sent to the relevant people.

Wishing you all every blessing for the coming year

Sandra
Secretary