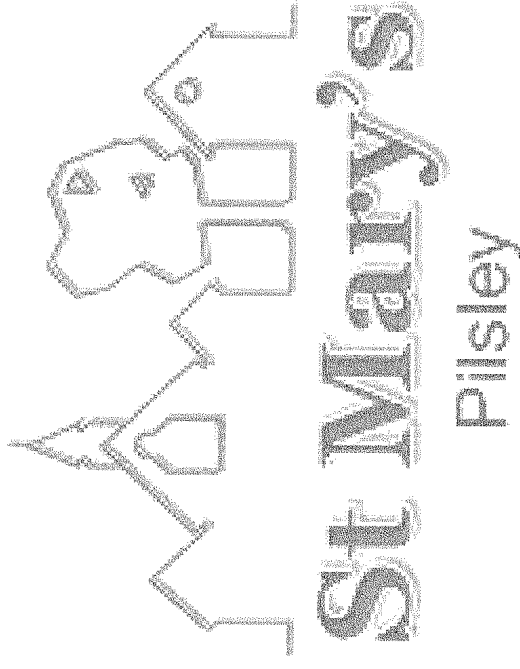


ST. MARY'S CHURCH CENTRE, PILSLEY**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE, 1ST JANUARY 2023 – 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

	2023	2022	2021
INCOME			
LETTINGS	5152.50	4968.00	2477.00
MISCELLANEOUS SALES	386.00	174.54	386.15
POP – IN	4845.01	1145.00	-
DONATIONS	152.00	-	500.00
GRANTS	1430.00	600.00	8335.00
CCLA INVESTMENT INT.	35.44	5.35	1.79
REFUND	158.67	-	-
WARM SPACE	455.00	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	12614.62	6893.39	11699.94
EXPENDITURE			
REFURBISHMENT/MAINT.	1116.88	1464.82	651.98
SERVICES /GAS/ELEC ETC.	2629.78	2886.03	2132.11
SALARIES	1605.00	1290.99	969.92
INSURANCE	927.76	1215.31	1164.19
HOUSEHOLD	252.00	121.77	273.37
REPAYMENT OF GRANT	583.15	1500.00	-
LICENSING	35.00	-	-
EQUIPMENT	480.34	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	7629.91	8478.92	5191.27
SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	4984.71	-	6508.67
DEFICIT OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME	-	1585.53	-



St Mary's Church and St Mary's Centre

A worshipping missional community in the heart of the village

Reports prepared for the 2023 ACM

14th April 2024

St Mary the Virgin, Pilsley
Annual Report and Financial Statement for the year ended 31st
December 2023

St. Mary's is part of the North Wingfield Team Ministry which comprises 5 churches.

Our Team Clergy comprise;

Revd Richard Clark – Team Rector

Revd Lynn Hayler

- Resigned April 2023

Lay Ministry Team

Mrs Margaret Limb (Lay Minister)

2023/24 Officers

Church Warden: – Mrs Elizabeth Hayes

Church Warden: – Mr Jonathan Silk

Treasurer: – Dr Emma Whittaker – Resigned July 2023

Mrs June Knott – Elected July 2023

Secretary: – Mrs Karen Handbury

Vergar: – Mr Kevin Smart

Deanery Synod Representative: - Miss Katie Thacker - Elected July 2023

Elected District Church Council: – Mr Chris Norris, Mrs Helen Foster, Mrs

Poppy Wheeler, Miss Katie Thacker, Mr Clive Bowyer

Co – opted District Church Council: Mrs Margaret Limb

PCC representative: – Mrs Margaret Limb

Health & Safety: Mr Doug Michell

Electoral Roll Officer: – Mrs Christine Kenahan

Safeguarding Officer: - Mrs Poppy Wheeler

Annual Analysis + Centre Expenditure		Jan	Feb	March	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Parish Share		£2,232.00	£2,232.00	£2,232.00	£2,232.00	£2,232.00	£2,232.00	£2,232.00	£2,232.00	£2,232.00	£2,232.00	£2,232.00	£2,232.00	£26,784.00
Gas		£893.18	£714.28	£453.36	£533.05	£255.37	£103.04	£36.97	£31.05	£31.05	£41.65	£258.74	£548.16	£3,899.90
Electricity		£0.00	£193.62	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£150.23	£92.75	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£101.55	£0.00	£538.15
Water		£16.90	£22.30	£11.15	£27.68	£11.15	£11.15	£31.41	£11.15	£11.15	£31.64	£281.83	£845.77	£2,207.98
Church Centre		£547.85	£1,042.32	£509.98	£1,257.17	£615.58	£1,222.74	£40.60	£506.64	£401.50	£357.93	£18,874.00	£845.77	£7,629.91
South Wall		£0.00	£0.00	£648.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£449.00	£18,736.15	£0.00	£119,137.01	£18,874.00	£0.00	£57,844.16
Services		£0.00	£0.00	£164.58	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£99.95	£0.00	£0.00	£110.00	£67.12	£0.00	£441.65
Events		£32.87	£185.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£42.00	£0.00	£0.00	£160.00	£0.00	£0.00	£419.87
Vergar		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£176.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£176.00
Building		£284.54	£36.00	£80.00	£0.00	£41.48	£264.00	£190.00	£21.00	£252.87	£0.00	£2,682.00	£0.00	£3,851.89
Charities		£0.00	£0.00	£325.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£325.00
In & Out		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£358.83	£358.83	£358.83	£917.83	£118.00	£2,112.32
Miscellaneous		£0.00	£87.70	£0.00	£450.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£21,896.82	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£635.20
Total		£4,007.34	£4,513.22	£4,424.07	£4,499.90	£4,155.58	£4,159.16	£3,214.68	£21,896.82	£3,287.40	£22,429.06	£25,523.72	£3,755.08	£104,866.03

St Mary's Annual Report for 2023

Team Rector's report 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 meet in home groups, 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 Mary'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, although we are now the largest in the team parish by Usual Sunday Attendance. We haven't got much money, having spent so much on our building, but we have a heart. Our underlying financial health is now shaky, and we have more work to do on our building. This is an ongoing matter for prayer, and prayer is something that is a hallmark of any successful church.

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 have adapted extremely well to the departure of Lynn and Steve and dealt with any hiccups that their loss has caused with positive good humour. We have done so well in running a programme of special events for the 150th, maintaining and building our relationship with schools, and continuing our highly successful Nosh and Natter and Pop-In.

Income	Jan	Feb	March	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
PGS	£1,431.86	£1,531.86	£1,531.86	£1,531.86	£2,053.29	£1,336.25	£1,336.25	£1,336.25	£1,255.51	£1,268.03	£1,272.27	£1,721.54	£17,221.54
Gift Aid	£357.97	£382.97	£382.97	£382.97	£0.00	£334.07	£334.07	£334.07	£0.00	£334.07	£630.91	£318.08	£4,592.98
Open Plate	£874.61	£1,043.34	£504.00	£361.36	£474.50	£625.00	£608.49	£657.40	£513.50	£305.20	£943.14	£7,521.54	£310.00
Envelopes	£160.00	£0.00	£0.00	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£310.00	£0.00
Standing Orders	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Other services	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Gifts	£0.00	£372.70	£40.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£70.00	£0.00	£0.00	£110.00	£67.12	£0.00	£659.82
Events	£137.27	£180.00	£0.00	£0.00	£50.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£208.05	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£575.32
Church Centre	£975.17	£3,255.00	£645.40	£622.75	£976.75	£18.95	£1,565.00	£25.00	£1,808.80	£926.73	£1,286.69	£12,614.62	£12,614.62
South Wall	£503.05	£0.00	£0.00	£328.00	£0.00	£8,108.64	£270.51	£0.00	£1,721.00	£897.37	£30.00	£623.58	£12,482.15
DCC	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£159.00	£0.00	£0.00	£159.00	£0.00
Miscellaneous	£675.14	£6.04	£0.17	£456.69	£0.20	£6.00	£25.23	£0.24	£6.05	£0.26	£5.90	£53.28	£1,235.20
In & Out	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£223.00	£0.00	£1,320.79	£0.00	£1,543.79
Cash Paid Out	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£31.13	£31.13
Total	£5,115.07	£6,771.91	£3,104.40	£3,350.66	£3,554.74	£10,478.91	£4,209.55	£4,611.08	£5,127.56	£4,554.68	£4,515.91	£58,884.83	£58,884.83

We have maintained our own provision for children on a Sunday morning and we have also had a significant role in the establishing of 1st Clay Cross Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association (BBGA) under the leadership of Alison Lamb from St Bartholomew's but with most of the children and two senior leaders from Pilsley. We have welcomed hundreds of children into church at some point in the past year. Let us pray that many more will seek and find Jesus as their friend, lord and saviour.

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; however, the strength of this church is its people, and I believe that the Lord to give us new impetus in our quest to reach Pilsley for Christ. We are unusually strong in our community engagement, and we do so well to connect with our schools in the way that we do. We celebrated our 150th anniversary with a wonderful selection of events, and we are intent upon continuing to connect with our community with more events in the next twelve months. We will want to see how we can increase the number of people who are seeking after Jesus rather than our excellence in hospitality and creativity in initiatives to build bridges with the people of Pilsley; let us pray that we have a new team vicar to assist us in achieving spiritual and numerical growth in the years to come.

Meanwhile, 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 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 sliver of worldwide Anglicanism, the Church of England, certainly is. It is up to St Mary's, and our parish as a whole, to buck this trend.

Thank you to everyone who has positively contributed to St Mary's in the past year. Liz and Jonathan have been wonderful church wardens to work with; June

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Nosh and Natter

This year we will be celebrating 20 years of Nosh and Natter which has been our outreach to the community for St Mary's. Sadly we have lost our eldest member, Colin Spencer, at the age of 100 years but we still have 43 members who come to share afternoon tea with company and friendship. We are trying this year to have more entertainments with the age and mobility of the group it is proving to be a problem for days out.

We have supported charities again this year and have donated £100 each to Alzheimer's, British Heart Foundation and RNLI. £200 to Pilsley Primary School towards the sensory room, £20 towards the music licence for the centre and £25 to Air Ambulance at the funeral of Colin Spencer.

My Thanks as always go to the team for their continued support and help each week.

Jill Tunnicliffe

St Mary's Centre

2023 was a sad year for us. Our friend and secretary/treasurer, Ms Margaret Day passed away unexpectedly in August. We have since made contact with our user groups and external agencies that we now have to deal with. As we move forward we are grateful to have our user groups on board and we hope to finish our kitchen refurbishment before Autumn. Our thanks go to the many committee members who help us maintain the building and have ideas on how the Centre can continue servicing the community. We have welcomed Leslie and Pete Martischenko to the Committee. Particular thanks go to Jon, our hard-working new Treasurer, Molly our hard-working new Secretary, Karen our hard-working Caretaker, Ian and Gerald for their outside work and Steph for all the booking and extras she does. Thanks go to Maggie Limb and her team for running a successful Warm Space this winter and to Jill Tunnicliffe who continues to support Pop In and Nosh and Natter with her boundless energy. May we grow from strength to strength working with the community.

John Adams - Chairman

Parish Giving Scheme

Parish Code: 120612148

is already an efficient treasurer; Karen has been a great DCC Secretary, cakemaker and servant of all; Katie has been a vibrant source of light; Poppy's role as Safeguarding Officer is especially important and she does it very well and her musical contributions are wonderful; Maggie Limb has contributed so much to Sunday services; Steph, June, and the teams of volunteers have been excellent. It was incredible to be able to report that we were running Easter Experience at the same time as Thursday Pop-In and Warm Space. We have so many people who are not just attending church, but are actively involved in the church community, so that if I thank everyone by name, I am in danger of listing 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, 020424

Secretary's Report

This year has been a challenging one. It has been extremely busy with the many events that took place but it has been a pleasure to have so many people from the community to walk through that door. We pray now that those people will choose to come again with the purpose of growing a relationship with God. I, personally, could not have managed this year without the support of so many of our church family and I thank you all for your patience when I forget things or work at short-notice.

There were 6 meetings and 1 extraordinary meeting in 2023.

Karen Handbury

Treasurers Report

The 2023 accounts have been submitted to the auditor, we have not received their report or feedback as yet. The St Marys Church Centre accounts were not ready to be incorporated into the main accounts at the time but have also been sent to the auditor. A big thank you to Jonathan Silk for working through the centre accounts after Margaret passed away.

- 2023 Accounts summary
 - o Our income in 2023 was £33,859.88 (excluding the south wall fund and centre)
 - o Our expenditure in 2023 was £39,391.96 (excluding the south wall and centre)

- o Total monies in the bank at end 2023 £2,949.14
- o South Wall fund Short Fall of -£6,497.60
- o General funds balance £2,949.14

We have finished 2023 having paid our parish share in full, both common fund and team share portions. It has been an amazing year to have paid this and completed the work on the outside of the South Wall. Well done to **everyone**, specially all the fund raisers.

However please note that the South Wall fund is working at a deficit. The DCC agreed to cover the short fall of the final bill for the work to date, from General Funds rather than take out a loan. Up until then we were just about covering our Expenses. We no longer have a buffer.

Notes re year ahead:

- The parish share for 2024 has increased to £2,769.00/month = £33,229.00/yr compared to last year £2,232.00/month = £26,784/yr.
- It should be noted that with rising costs and a decrease in income (of nearly 6000) we are starting to exceed our income, and hence have not been able to pay our Parish share to date.

We will all need to think carefully about increasing our giving for 2024, and perhaps consider signing up for the parish giving scheme.

A Big thank you to Emma Whittaker for her work as treasurer for the last few years and the major part of 2023 and her invaluable help to me, in making the hand over so smooth. Also Thank you to Clive Bowyer for handling the banking, Covenants and Gift Aid.

June Knott (Treasurer)

Church Wardens

2023 has been an eventful year for St Mary's celebrating our 150th year, with a plethora of exciting events, completing the exterior of the south wall renovation and repair and creating a Garden of Remembrance complete with a bench kindly donated by Pilsley Parish Council and the Road Race Committee

Church Building

This year we saw the commencement and completion of the exterior work on the south wall and the drainage. All the surface water from the south side of the church is now taken away from the wall and into the main drains.

Once again a very enjoyable year for the Ladies Group. Our membership reduced slightly but a few new ladies have joined us. We always hope to provide an evening of fellowship and fun. We have enjoyed a varied programme over the past year comprising speakers, some from charitable organisations we were pleased to support with a donation, games evening, beetle drive, and our usual christmas party. Thank you as always to Marjorye for arranging our programme and to all who help in anyway, especially providing refreshments and raffle prizes. We are always happy to welcome new members and anyone wishing to join please speak to Marjorye or myself.

Margaret Taylor

Refresh!

Our group for working age women has been a source of great fellowship and learning during the year. It is a truly team group with ladies from all the churches attending. In 2023 we looked at a different woman from the Bible in each session. It has been wonderful to get to know ladies from across the team and to develop friendships and learn from each other.

Pop-In

Our Thursday morning Pop-ins have been an essential part of fundraising to keep St Mary's Centre functioning.

Over the year the number of patrons have continued to increase and we are delighted to see many new faces who are becoming regulars.

We continue to receive donations of clothing, books, bric-a-brac, games, jigsaws etc, which enable us to continue operating the stalls. These along with refreshments are a great source of revenue.

After many years of service to Pop-in, the passing of Margaret Day was a shock to everyone. A much-missed member and friend.

We would like to thank Lesley for volunteering and has become an invaluable member of the team.

We are extremely grateful to Sallie, Marie, Tracy, Janet and others for all their help: setting up, selling goods, clearing away weekly. We could not manage without them. Also, thank you to Sandra for her lovely cheese scones.

Thank you to everyone who comes in to support Pop-in or through their donations. If you would like to support us, we are open 9-11 am Thursdays.

Steph Oldfield (On behalf of the Pop-in team of Jill, Margaret B, Jonathan and Lesley).

We open with a general chat, coffee and cake then discuss a topic taken from "Our Daily Bread". Beginning with a prayer, then Bible reading and discussion. It's an informal gathering of five people.

Ann Adams

Emma's Home Group

Our group meets fortnightly and has a lovely atmosphere and openness with one another in which we enjoy fellowship and friendship. This year we have studied a combination of the sermon series studies and also started the Seamless Bible Study which teaches how the Bible is one seamless story. Our year culminated in a wonderful Christmas party bring and share meal.

Emma Whitaker

Chris's Home Group

Our group of six meet every fortnight at Pat Daniels home. We enjoy tea and biscuits and thoroughly enjoy our meetings. Everyone joins in and I have been grateful for Kathleen's research on the subject under discussion. Especially as I couldn't make it a few times when Terry was in and out of the hospital. So, she very kindly filled in as Leader for me. We enjoy learning together of the inspiring people and events in the bible. We find the prayer time rewarding and it sets us up for the day.

God bless you all. Christine Kenahan.

Mens Group Report

The men's group met ten times since the last ACM as follows:
 April we had a night of chat and fellowship at the Willow tree inn
 May there was a illustrated talk by Doug on life in South Africa
 June a fabulous BBQ was enjoyed at the home of Molly and Gerald
 August a trip to the cinema to see Mission Impossible
 September we had a tremendously exciting race night organised by Jon
 October a visit to Genesis for a bowling night
 November Don led us with a quiz night
 January a night dining at the Hardwick Inn
 February a games night was enjoyed in St Mary's Centre
 And finally another visit to Hardwick in March in the restaurant
 We look forward to several more events during the next Church year
 Thankyou Clive and Kevin

Ladies Group Report

Work started on July and was completed and signed off in October. The total cost including the Garden of Remembrance; £55,872. The repair to the interior of the wall is to be left until 2025 to allow the wall to stabilize.

It was decided once the work on the wall was completed to create a Garden of Reflection by the side of the south wall and to provide a bench for people to sit and rest. The cost of the bench was funded from monies from Pilsley Parish Council and the Hardwick Road Race Committee. The church then paid for the installation materials and an information plaque.

All the necessary faculties were applied for and granted.

New cost effective LED lights were installed in the Lady Chapel and old light fitting removed. The rest of the lighting is planned for Feb 2024

The Quinquennial Inspection, which was due in this year, was postponed until the building work was complete. It is due to take place on Tuesday 19th March 2024

All maintenance checks were undertaken and are up to date.

Enquiries were made to N E Derbyshire re the state of the pathway into church, but unfortunately it isn't yet hazardous therefore no repairs are necessary at this moment in time.

A big vote of thanks is due to Gerald, who has just climbed up and cleaned out the guttering along the outside of the nave, the vestry and the chancel.

Vicarage

Rev'd Lynn Hayler left St Mary's Church and vacated the vicarage on 30th April.

We kept a "watching brief" on the building and organized a gardener and the responsibility for funding the standing charges for the utilities was taken over by Property Services.

Schools

We were able to host Easter Experience for both Pilsley Primary School and Park House School as well as Christmas Concerts/Nativities for both schools.

Events

During the course of the last year, and with due regard to the 150th anniversary of the church, we have organised a craft fair, a well dressing, a wedding dress exhibition, an anniversary exhibition and a Christmas Tree Festival, all of which were very well received and supported, and made significant contributions to the South Wall fundraising, as did a commemorative book. We also raised money for the British Red Cross and the Children's Society at Tree festival.

A big thank you to everyone who has helped, supported, and prayed for our work this year. It has been very much appreciated.

Every Blessings

Liz and Jon

Covenants

Parish Giving continues to be a valuable source of monthly income, likewise I collate a twice-yearly gift aid application for Open Plate and envelope contributions. If anyone wishes to join the Parish Giving scheme we will be able to provide application forms in due course.

Thank you for all your giving.

Clive Bowyer.

Safeguarding Report

As safeguarding officer and member of DCC I am almost up to date with all appropriate training to ensure that I am in the best possible position to support with any safeguarding requirements within our church. A couple of these are still outstanding but are in the works to get completed.

Any safeguarding issues currently within our church community I am across and will continue to ensure that any information is treated and dealt with in an appropriate manner.

I have liaised with Mel about DBS's and those should all be up to date. I have also requested to many people that they ensure their safeguarding training is up to date and I will continue to bug people about this given the importance of safeguarding within our church community.

I hope to run a couple of safeguarding training sessions for our wider church community to ensure that as many of our community as possible have an understanding of their role around safeguarding within our church.

In the upcoming year I also intend to further update the dashboard for the various church related activities that will involve the leaders of the activity. These should not be seen as an invasion, they are simply to ensure that what you are already doing to keep everyone safe is documented and we can show off that we are correctly running things. Please do prepare yourself for me to ask you about this if you are involved in leading a church related activity during the upcoming months.

Finally, thanks to all of you for ensuring that safeguarding our community is a priority in this church. Poppy Wheeler

Electoral Roll

There are 65 people on the electoral roll; full list available on request. In the last year there have been the following changes:

Removed	Added
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Margaret Day (Deceased) 	

Christine Kenahan

Junior Church

We continue to meet every two weeks in the vestry. We use topics taken from a course called "All in One Sunday School" for ages 4 to 12. Sometimes we study themes depending on the Church's calendar e.g. Advent, Easter etc. Our member numbers haven't grown since last year with maybe two to four children present.

We would however welcome more.

Ann Adams

Maggie's Homegroup

Our Homegroup continues to meet on a Monday evening at Liz and Ian's, who kindly offer us hospitality with drinks, and often Ian's homemade tray bakes!

We are a group of eight people who come together to share our thoughts and experiences, and study of the Bible, in order to help us grow and deepen our faith.

During the past year we have had a varied programme including - Vision and Mission, transforming lives, growing church and building community. We have also completed the first part of Andrew Ollerton's Romans Course. Currently we are studying Stephen Cottrell's Lent book 'The things He carried'. Our open prayer time now involves most members of the group.

We have enjoyed several social evenings with some tasty food.

Maggie Limb

John's Home Group

We meet fortnightly for a couple of hours on Wednesday mornings at our house.