

Annual Report

2019



St Mary's Eaton Socon

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Our Leadership



Vicar's Welcome

Welcome to St Mary's Eaton Socon's 2019 Annual Report. On the cover of the regular Life News over the past year has been these words of Scripture:

*If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.
Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.*

Have you noticed these words? Why not meditate and reflect on them now before you read any more of this report? What do they mean to you? Taken from John 8, these words remind us that we are called to hold onto the teaching of Jesus if we want to be Jesus's disciples (or 'Jesus' little helpers' as a friend likes to say!). Are you a disciple of Jesus? Are you one of his little helpers?

Being a disciple of Jesus is a lifelong process of choosing to engage in hearing **and** obeying His words - in other words, this is a chosen way of life and will be challenging, especially as we're surrounded by an ever changing culture that wants us to buy into their ways of 'doing life'.

To help us grow as Christians, there are many discipleship resources available - two of these, The Freedom in Christ Course and The Grace Course, we run at St Mary's. Over the past 12 months, a number of people have joined these courses, resulting in lives being transformed. If you haven't had an opportunity yet to join these courses, can I encourage you to? God only wants the best for all of us - His works, whilst challenging at times, shape us into the people He wants us to become. You may just be surprised at what God wants to do in your life!

In addition to these courses, other highlights of the past 12 months include:

- The Christmas Season during which we welcomed nearly 4,000 people to St Mary's
- The visit of the new Archdeacon of Bedford Dave Middlebrook
- Bishop Richard's visit to the Confirmation Service on 1st March
- Having a boat in church and singing Christmas Carols at Easter!
- The growing Pastoral Team and its ministry
- Expanding our Lay Leadership Team

Looking forward to 2020/21, I believe we have a most exciting year ahead of us - do listen out for the Vicar's address on APCM Sunday!

With every blessing
Timothy Robb



Churchwarden's Report

2019/2020 was my 5th term as Churchwarden and as ever was a busy year. However, since David Hesketh joined me as Churchwarden as from the 2019 APCM things have become less frantic. David has made a big contribution which is much appreciated. The 9am service has been very well supported by our team of assistant Churchwardens: Margaret Lygoe, Jane Gogarty, Brian Elliott and Richard de Fraine. The 10:30am service continues to be supported by our team of assistant Churchwardens: Martin Pooley, Gavin Chapman, Darren Smith, Len Thomas and more recently Yvonne Bradbury-White.

We had our annual Archdeacon's visitation in September who audited our records and procedures and concluded that everything was satisfactory.

I would like to thank the Assistant Churchwardens and the Sidespeople for the contribution they have made to the smooth running of the church. Also, of course to our wonderful Cleaner Teresa and Caretaker Roy, who is now carrying out Verger duties in addition to his Caretaker role.

Future developments.

There have been several meetings with our architect which have resulted in a more detailed development proposal and will shortly be available to view by church members.

Thank you to the people who have recently stepped up and joined the ranks of: Sidespeople, Readers, Communion Assistants and Intercessory Prayers; all of these activities are important in the work of the church.

However, there remains a particular need for Communion Assistants in the Sunday 9am service. If anybody would like to be involved or has any questions on this point please contact me.

Finally, I would like to thank David Hesketh for his very capable running of the M Team, who do so much behind the scenes to keep the church running.

Edward Jarvis

PCC Report

The format of the PCC meetings has remained the same as reported at last year's APCM. It has been a very encouraging year, with many items to be discussed at each meeting. The year included a walk around the church grounds, discussing everything from cleaning gravestones to building a tree house!!

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Treasurer, Roy Notley, presents a full review of accounts at each meeting for general, designated and restricted funds. Constant topics are: the predicted general fund deficit, reviews of expenditure against budget and ways to save where possible. The 2020 budget was discussed and agreed during the October meeting. Compared to 2019 the outlook for the coming year is very encouraging.

The SumUp card reader was purchased but, as it has not really been used to the extent anticipated, the PCC are considering options available for ease of use. The new initiative of giving a bi-monthly brief statement to the congregation to keep people updated has been appreciated at both the 9am and 10.30am services.



MINISTRY DEVELOPMENTS

The PCC agreed to the development of the new welcome area and appropriate furniture was purchased, thanks to a generous donation which covered the cost. In support of the welcome area a welcome banner was sanctioned, as was a welcome pack for new people joining the church.

The Art Club now meets on a weekly basis as an outreach group.

The topic of children taking communion was discussed at the September meeting. All PCC members present gave their views. Future discussions in 2020 are planned.

All Easter services were reviewed and generally reactions were positive.

For Christmas the PCC unanimously supported the theme of "Chosen" for the services, a unique theme for St Mary's.

YOUTH

The PCC were made aware of a shortage of leaders, especially for Light Factory. Without volunteers coming forward, children's work may need to change to a fortnightly provision. A concerted effort to enrol new helpers was agreed.

All youth events were discussed, and the PCC were greatly encouraged by all the young peoples' work.

FABRIC

The PCC agreed to Richard de Fraine's kind offer to progress the matter of removing the organ. This is ongoing.

Following the various future development's meetings and conversations, a revised developments document was produced. This highlighted 4 key areas:

- The Churchyard
- The Church
- The exterior Church stonework
- The Church Hall refurbishment

A further meeting was convened with the Church Architect to update him of decisions made. All projects are still ongoing.

The PCC agreed to go ahead with the fitting of a roof alarm CCTV system. This has been installed and completed with the help of a generous grant towards the cost, with a bonus of a reduction in insurance premiums following its installation.

ADMIN

Various Officers were elected, and a review of Church Policies took place. PCC minutes are written up, and once ratified, displayed with the Treasurer's Report in the South Porch.

The PCC were provided with a Safeguarding update, showing the information required and stored in the Safeguarding Governance Portal of the Diocese.

A Staffing Proposal Paper to increase the hours of our Community Families and Children's Worker by 8 hours to enable her to provide SEND provision within designated activities for young people was discussed and accepted.

My thanks go to the Trustees of the Eaton Socon PCC for all their work last year, to Edward Jarvis and David Hesketh, Churchwardens, to the Assistant Churchwardens, to Karen our Church Administrator, Martin the Vicar's PA, and to Jennifer Reed for taking on the role of taking minutes at PCC meetings; and to Rev'd Timothy Robb. Brenda Notley, PCC Secretary



Safeguarding Report

St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon is committed to being a safe place for all and we are working with the Diocesan guidelines to ensure this is maintained. The St Mary's 'Safeguarding for All Policy' was updated in 2019 to reflect ongoing changes within the church. It is based upon the Diocesan Safeguarding policies 'Protecting All God's Children' and 'Promoting A Safe Church' (which covers vulnerable adults). St Mary's Church has adopted the principles and practices of safer recruitment.

In line with Diocesan recommendations, DBS checks have been carried out for all those working with children or vulnerable adults and records are maintained to reflect this and to indicate when rechecks after 5 years are required. As workforces change, so new checks are carried out as and when necessary.

Records are kept of those who have undergone Safeguarding training. There are now a number of courses online, C0 which is a one hour basic course; C1 which is a two hour extension course and C2 is the face-to-face course. A C2 course was held at St Mary's Church in October and was very well attended. Diocesan guidance is now available as to who should do which training and this is being followed up.

There is a regular Safeguarding item on PCC agendas allowing for the PCC to be kept informed on Safeguarding matters and to discuss initiatives as they arise. St Mary's Church is now on the Parish Dashboard, a system for ensuring that all necessary Safeguarding requirements have been completed.

Names and contact details of the vicar, the Safeguarding Officer and the Children's Advocate are displayed within the church along with advice helpline numbers. This information is also clearly signposted on the parish website. If there are any Safeguarding matters that need to be brought to our attention please contact any of these people in confidence.

Jane Gogarty

Resourcing Our Church

Treasurer's Report

GENERAL FUNDS

Total income was £11157 better than 2018, total expenditure was £5538 more than 2018. Almost all of the extra income was from giving, £9024 being from regular giving. Included in giving was £9753 from the Gift Day. The increase in giving enabled a turnaround from a deficit of £1761 to a surplus of £2043. From a budgetted deficit of over £19000, this was an encouraging result. Well done to all who donated to St Mary's in whatever way in 2019.

DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

Debtors and prepayments amount to £4582 of which £319 are deposits paid in 2018 for 2019, and £2155 are for purchases paid in 2019 for 2020 use.

CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

Creditors and Accruals amount to £6086 of which £2099 are deposits and advance payments for weddings and £703 are accrued costs where actual not yet known.



DESIGNATED FUNDS

Designated fund grew by £11841 in year to £23015. We received £13392 from a legacy and used some of that to fund the monitored cctv roof alarm system. The rest was funded by a £2000 grant.

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Future Developments

including Boiler house, vestry, nave lighting, tower clock mechanism	14608	23126
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Outreach

including Utility and Lunch Club	588	994
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Youth Events

including New Day and Light Factory camp		497
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Music

including worship, hymnal and piano	5924	7490
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Church Groups

including craft, Wednesday Welcome, REAL Women, WLTD0	160	898
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Other

residue from grants/donations outstanding	430	582
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	21710	33587
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Cumulative restricted funds were £21710 at start of year and have shown a net increase in 2019 of £11877 to £33587 at end of 2019.

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Both general funds and designated funds are unrestricted and include refurbishment funds which in our case are equal and equivalent to the wdv of assets. Total unrestricted funds are £51078 made up of £12055 general, £23015 designated and £16008 refurbishment. Statutory accounts will show 2019 with a NET SURPLUS of £20557 being £11841 from designated fund, £4600 from general fund and £4116 net movement in asset wdv.

TREASURER'S COMMENT

The growth in funds in all areas, general, designated and restricted in 2019 has put our reserves on a comfortable level so the future developments under study at the moment can begin to move forward with further financing.

Roy B Notley, Treasurer



Planned Giving Report

Around 90% of St Mary's income needs to come from giving/donations to resource its ever rising costs of ministry/upkeep of buildings. In 2019 regular giving was up by £9024 from 2018. Giving of all kinds was £11184 better than 2018. All giving amounted to 91.0% of expenditure.

Giving was received via the following streams		
Direct Debits (Parish giving Scheme)	22808	16.28%
Bank Standing Orders	61803	44.10%
Dedicated Numbered Envelopes	8665	6.18%
Gift Aid Envelopes	3432	2.45%
Cash Offertories	6349	4.53%
Casual Donations	3980	2.84%
Gift Aid Reclaim from HMRC	23350	16.66%
Gift Day	9753	6.96%
	£140140	

Monthly giving was by following groups		
	2018	2019
Up to £25 per month	21	22
Between £26 and £50	32	29
Between £51 and £100	19	21
Between £101 and £150	6	8
Between £151 and £200	6	2
Between £201 and £300	6	9
Over £300	2	5
Total Givers	92	96

At start of year there were 92 regular givers; 29 increased their regular amount and 0 decreased; 12 started regular giving but 8 ceased leaving 96 regular givers at the end of 2019. 63 made no increase at all.

On behalf of PCC of St Mary's Eaton Socon, we convey our sincere thanks for your continued regular giving. With the increased giving, including your generosity of the Gift Day, all expenditure was covered with a little bit to spare. The budget for 2020 is much more encouraging than 2019 and with your continued support the predicted shortfall of just over £8500 is anticipated to be covered from new and increased giving without the need for a Gift Day to balance the General account.

Remember, apart from regular giving by direct debit or bank standing order there are many other streams of income being promoted for the occasional giver.



1. VIA ON-LINE BANKING: direct Bank Transfer to 'Eaton Socon PCC'
Account Details: 20.74.81 60347043
2. CREDIT/DEBIT CARD: by sum-up card reader (see Gavin Chapman)
3. WEBSITE CHURCH or CHURCHSUITE: by donate button on www.eatonsocon.org
4. App: by donate button on www.eatonsocon.churchsuite.co.uk
5. TEXT GIVING: by text message SMES TO 70085. Default is £10.
6. EASYFUNDRAISING or SMILE AMAZON: using St Mary's as nominated charity
7. GIFT AID ENVELOPES: by gift aid envelopes on finance table
8. MONEY: by cash or cheque in offertory baskets or box on finance table

We encourage you to continue to review the support you can afford which is so vital to St Mary's and we thank you for it.

Roy B Notley
Treasurer

M-Team

It doesn't seem like twelve months since my last report but in that time there have been a few changes. Some people have joined our merry group and some have left to horizons new.

I must begin with a big thank you to all those who tirelessly help each month to keep the church safe, secure and in good condition. It has been a pleasure to work with you over the last year.

There hasn't been any major work carried out by the team this year (unless you count the massive tree) apart from the general maintenance and keeping things working and clean. The high clean has become a regular event to keep dust cobwebs at bay, as is the servicing of the vacuum cleaners. You may have noticed that the entrance had had a fresh coat of paint to the ceiling and over the coming weeks that will continue through to the inner lobby.

There are a number of projects that will become a reality this coming year. The kitchen hopefully being one of them. Please watch for details, as this and the other projects get going.

As the year comes to an end, may I say that it has been a pleasure to work alongside Tim, Edward and the PCC; not forgetting all those who have roles and duties in both the 9am and the 10.30am services.

Yours in Christ
David Hesketh

Ground Force Team

Ground Force is a group that maintains the grounds twice a year, Spring and Autumn. In 2019 we had productive spring session tidying all the plant beds. Regrettably, the autumn session was cancelled due to bad weather. Thank you to every one who volunteered their time. This year, we are looking forward to trying new ways to maintain the church grounds.

James Faulkner



Flower Management

Flowers in St Mary's remain very much part of the life and worship of the Church in praise and thanks to God for His faithfulness, love and His provision of a wonderful world in which to live.

My grateful thanks go to Joy Martin; Pam Branch; Jennie Smith; Sylvia Stonham; Annie Preece; Amanda Kipling; Nanette Hesketh; Brenda Ashford; Margaret Walker; Marilyn Cobb and the Bellingring Group all of whom have contributed to the special flower displays which have been seen in the church during the year.



The theme for Easter this year was based on a Children's Story, 'The Three Trees'. We were delighted that the children's groups were involved in the displays. Our thanks go to Liz Faulkner, Iris Slade, Heather Arnold and all the staff and children for their hard work.

Harvest was a special time this year as one of the flower team, Annie, was married the same weekend. As well as decorating the church for Harvest, the displays were used for the wedding and some of the team had fun putting pumpkin flower arrangements together for the wedding reception.

Remembrance Sunday followed and then Christmas with the theme of 'Chosen.'

We were pleased that a local school participated in the church's Christmas display this year. Crosshall Nursery School provided a 'Chosen' themed Nativity scene, and our thanks go to the children and staff who worked hard to put it together.

For the first time, a Christmas Table Centre Work shop was provided as part of the REAL Women's Ministry Programme in December. It was a relaxed, creative and enjoyable afternoon away from the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations!

I would like to thank all of those who have given donations to the flowers including Cobbolds for their gifts at Easter and Harvest. If you have a large garden foliage is also much appreciated!



A Welcome basket and two pedestals of flowers have been provided in the church each Sunday and we have arranged flowers for weddings, funerals and family occasions on request.

If you are interested in helping with special occasions or more regularly with flowers for Sundays please come and talk to me. You would be most welcome to join the team!

Julia Findley

Our Young People



This has been a hectic and fun year for the various Young People groups, with more contacts being made in our local community and new and existing ministries being developed.

Friday Club

Friday Club is our fortnightly Friday evening programme for children in reception year 5. We see on average between 20 -25 children each session. The children who attend are mostly from a non-church background and are made up of a mix of local schools.

In the spring and summer term 2019, we continued our teaching series on The King, The Snake and the Promise; which looks at the key stories in the Bible beginning at Genesis and working our way through to Revelation. Othelia and I continued to split the teaching which gives the children the benefit of two different perspectives. We ended in July with our usual summer end of term party.

In the autumn term we welcomed a number of new reception children, some were siblings of older children attending Friday Club (who were overjoyed that they could finally attend!) and others were children who have come up through Little Stars, and it was wonderful to see them again.

We started a new teaching series called "Jesus the friend" which looked at stories from the gospels. During this time the older group began to ask a lot of searching and deep questions, so we set aside our teaching and dedicated time towards discussing these topics.

In November we had our first ever Friday Club social and we hired the soft play area at Eat 'N Play. We took 31 children and as leaders we were incredibly proud of how well behaved the children were, and they were a pleasure to take out.

In the spring term 2020 as a reaction to the older group's questions, we have, for the first time, begun two different teaching streams. For the older ones we're doing a simplified version of youth alpha; and with the younger group, as there are so many reception children who have very little Bible knowledge, we have started right back at the beginning with basic Bible stories.



Little Stars

Little Stars is our weekly mums and toddler group which welcomes children from new born to 4yrs old and their parents, carers, childminders, nannies, grandparents. We start with free play and have craft, kinetic sand or playdough available, a drinks time for parents and children, and we finish off with a song time.

In July 2019 we said goodbye to a lot of our older children as they left to go to school or parents leaving to go back to work, and we gave them a Bible to remember their time with us. Several of the children have now started coming to Friday Club, which is very encouraging.

This meant that in September 2019 we started our term off slowly, with a much lower number of children and parents; but over the term it soon grew again. At our last session of the year we celebrated Christmas with a party and retelling of the Christmas story.

This year, due to Tesco's funding we were able to officially open our Little Stars library with books for all ages of children plus parenting and learning books. This has been well received and is being well utilised not only by Little Stars families but by families who attend on a Sunday morning.

School Assemblies

This year both myself and Tim have visited Crosshall Infants, Crosshall Juniors and Bushmead Primary to take assemblies on different themes. We have also welcomed all three schools down to church at various times of the year to celebrate Christian festivals and to help them with their RE topics.



Families and Children's Events

Throughout this past year, one of the focus' has been on maintaining a regular schedule of events open to families within church and our local community.

At Easter we ran our second Easter Eggstravaganza – this time we focussed more on the last week of Jesus' life, and had various "stations" set up to represent each event. This culminated in the high alter being decorated with bright material and colourful flowers to signify Easter morning. Families were invited to come and walk round each station, engage in the activity, and follow the story through. We saw a good number of families and individuals attend.



In the summer we ran Holiday Club for 3 mornings with a theme of "Mega Makers." The church was transformed into a factory floor with a big "mega maker" machine at the front. We were fully booked and had a waiting list. We welcomed 92 children on site.

Each morning we listened to teaching, sang songs, did craft and played games and we finished our time off with a BBQ for the children and their parents and siblings which was well received by all.

In October we ran what has now become our annual Light Night (this was the fifth year running it in its current format), which is an alternative to Halloween. We have family friendly crafts, games, activities, food, a talk about Jesus being the light of the world and we finish with a walk around the churchyard with lanterns. This event is always well supported by church and community and we welcomed over 100 people.



In December we ran our Christingle Family Event for the second year. We had Christmas crafts to begin with and then everyone came together to make their Christingle (alongside a talk about what the Christingle represented) and we finished with the lighting of the Christingles and we sang Away in a Manger by candlelight which was a beautiful moment. Again, this was well supported with over 120 people from church and community attending.

Our other Christmas event was the Instant Nativity, which saw Light Factory (alongside other children and some grown-ups) dressing up in nativity costumes whilst the congregation followed along and helped with actions and provided the sound effects! This was a lot of fun and a great re-telling of the Christmas story.

This coming year the focus will not only be on continuing with these key events but also developing a new group focussed towards families who have children with special educational needs and disabilities, which is hoped to be launched soon.

Personally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank every person who helps at Friday Club, at Little Stars and who has helped at any of the families and children's events. Without the time and dedication of volunteers we could not even begin to run any of the activities which we do! Alongside this if you would like to be involved in any groups or future activities then please come and speak to me.

Liz Faulkner
Community, Families and Children's Worker



Fusion



Over the past year we have seen fantastic growth in the Fusion group on Friday nights. With now a regular 14 attendees, enjoying Table Tennis, Pool, Air Hockey and Wii, as well as our ever expanding group games.

So far this year we have played Hockey, Netball, Walking Rugby, Volleyball & Human Hoopla. We have even had a Crystal Maze themed evening and attempted Human Hungry Hippos, which was an absolute scream.

Its not all silly games though, sometimes we eat sweets too. So the tuck shop is always busy; and to round the evening off we have a few moments of chat and reflection on subjects relevant to teenagers (often with Cake!). However, We're not always confined to the Church. The 'orrible Youth have also been on tour: visiting McDonalds, Kimbolton Fireworks, McDonalds, Alton Towers (followed by a Premier Inn breakfast), McDonalds, Higher Cambridge; and I think there may have even been another McDonalds too!

With all this activity, it's almost a challenge to fit in meeting up with other local Church youth groups in the Crossfire meetings every term. However, we have been regular attendees. All in all a fantastic year and great to welcome so many new members. Heather Arnold

Reactors

Reactors is the St Mary's youth group that meets on Sunday mornings over in the Jubilee Hall. There is a regular core of between 6 -8 members and the focus is on bible study and learning what it involves to live life as a Christian.

Last September we embarked on the Youth Alpha course, shifting our venue to some ones home and incorporating a brunch in to the morning session. Over the twelve week course various non-church young people attended and since Christmas we have gained a few more regulars on Sunday mornings. All those who attended the course felt that they had moved on in their faith, even if only in a small way. We have followed on this term looking at the Parables which are both thought provoking and have one clear point which can be thought about for the week.

The Reactors is now a regular group on the refreshment rota giving them the opportunity to sell cakes, the proceeds of which go towards expenses for the New Day Christian summer camp they all so much look forward to. This summer we will be taking more teenagers to the camp, held at the Norwich Show Ground, which is a great answer to prayer and a growing of the Kingdom through sharing with and training the next generation in the good news of the gospel.

Thank you to all who support us through helping on Sundays and buying cakes!

Light Factory



2019 was yet another great year for the Light Factory. Children of all ages have continued to enjoy learning about the Old and New Testament, through material such as the 'Click' series and Superbook.

This year our annual "Instant Nativity" was held with the whole congregation at the 10.30 service. The play was called "The new noisy neighbour" and the story was told by a mouse who lived in the stable where Jesus was born. With children dressing up and the congregation joining in with noises and Makaton actions, everyone had a great time. The event finished with Reactors holding a cake sale for Molly to raise money for Gt Ormond Street Hospital.

Festivities however were not restricted to the autumn/winter months. In the summer, the Light Factory Camp again headed back to Henlow Bridge Lakes. 70 people, children included, converged in Oak field over the weekend of 7-9th of June to enjoy great fellowship, water fights, tractor rides, play-park, BBQ and our very own in-house cinema. The chicken suits were back in force and much laughter and was heard by all. Along with a number of space hoppers, great fun was had by all.



In the 10.30 service, the children enjoyed participating in the children's song and giving feedback on what they had been up to in Light Factory that morning. Along with the All Age Service, it has been great to see children and adults come together and celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ.

This year the Light Factory Camp is moving weekend to the 26-28th of June at Henlow Bridge Lakes and Riverside...and we pray for good weather, great fellowship and lots of good food. Please see Heather Arnold for details.

All that's left is to say, yet again, a massive thank you all the leaders, helpers, parents and children, for all your help, commitment and great fun. A big thank you especially goes to Darren Smith who has joined the leadership team and to Rachel Clarke who have been fabulous leader over the last few year, who has stepped down to concentrate on pastures new. Also a big thank you to Isabel Pooley who is stepping down from teaching but will still remain a part of the team.

However, due to this we would very much welcome new leaders to join our team. If you would like to know more, please see a member of the LF team for more details. God bless you all and here's to a fab 2020.

Heather Arnold



New Day 2019

On 29th July 2019, joining forces with Open Door Church, around 40 Youth and their leaders headed to Norwich Showground. We joined together with churches up and down the UK and Europe to learn about and worship God, camp out together and soak in the summer festival feeling, leaving New Day further along in their relationship with Jesus. A fabulous time was had by all as the week was spent in seminars, playing sport, making new friends, eating copious amounts of pizza, noodles, milkshakes and celebrating what a wonderful God we have!!!



Who Let the Dad's Out?

WLTD0 is a dads (and granddads) Toddler Group which meets in the Church Hall on the third Saturday of the month between 9.00am and 10.30am. It gives mums a break from the kids, and whilst the toddlers play, the adults chat and eat freshly cooked bacon and sausage butties! The numbers have held well this last year, with between 8 – 12 dads attending. In August we met outdoors at the Riverside Park. In September, when the schools re-start, it is likely that a number of our children will be leaving us to go to school. At the end of this calendar year, it is also likely that I will be withdrawing from running WLTD0.

Fresh dads and toddlers will be most welcomed to keep the numbers up, as will any volunteers to help to run WLTD0 in the future. If you can help out in any way with this regular church outreach event then please contact Phil Collins on 07724577986.

Our Music



Music Group



The Music Group continues to play a key part in the music ministry at St Mary's Eaton Socon. The main role of the Music Group is to provide a vehicle for worship and praise at the regular 10:30 services, mostly utilising contemporary musical styles and worship songs. The group collaborates with the choir for all-age services, providing an opportunity to offer the congregation a broader range of worship styles such as traditional hymns, contemporary praise songs and children's songs.

Our aim is to continue to provide a vehicle for worship that is relevant, Christ-centred and through which the Holy Spirit can work to touch people's lives and draw them closer to God. We give thanks to God for the way he has blessed and multiplied our musical gifts as we have sought to honour Him with them. Please pray that we will continue to do this in the year ahead.

In July we held a music workshop, which gave us the opportunity to work at some new material and to explore how we may develop and improve different aspects of our playing and leading. The workshop proved very beneficial. Many thanks to Phil Barrett for organising and leading this.

In the last year we have been blessed to welcome some new additions to the Music Group, including David Brattle (keyboards), Kate Salkield (flute and vocals), Corrie Verduyn (vocals), Jennifer Reed (vocals) and Ben Salkield (drums). Each one brings their own special gifts and talents to the group, which enhances the worship.

We look forward to the year ahead and to seeing the music ministry at St Mary's continue to grow as we move forward in praise and worship.

Gary Agar

Choir

This has been a challenging year for the 9am Choir, with some high spots, but also, on a personal level for some members, a difficult and sad time. We hope that as a group we can support each other with prayer and kindness. At the end of June, Malcolm Howarth hung up his robe for the last time, retiring after many years service in the Choir and leading it for two and a half years. Thank you Malcolm. We miss you. In spite of various problems, holidays and family commitments, we managed to field a small robed choir at almost every 9am Sunday morning service. We have joined with the Music Group for "Special" services and we are delighted to have a number of "auxiliary members" drawn from across the whole Church. We were thus able to respond to requests for an augmented choir to lead the singing at funerals in September and December. It was appreciated by the Families and a privilege for us.

We would love to have more members – do come and join us! Our weekly choir practice now takes place on Thursday afternoons as we have responded to members concerns about coming out in the dark. We are most grateful to Margaret Walker whose piano playing is a great delight, and also to Jane Gogarty our Crucifer, who sets a suitably steady pace for processing before and after the Service!

The highlight of the Year was undoubtedly the Carol Service when we joined the Music Group, musicians and singers from both congregations. After half a dozen practices and a full rehearsal, we had learned 4 new settings/carols and sang our hearts out. The Instrumentalists were amazing and we had a wonderful start to the Christmas Season.

David Lygoe



Bell Ringers

Yet again the number of ringers attending Sunday Service ringing and the Wednesday night practices has been very consistent this year. A number of visitors from Huntingdon, Houghton and Bedford join us regularly on a Wednesday night which means we can ring more complicated methods (tunes). Some of our other ringers have moved on to learning new methods.

We are delighted to welcome an accomplished ringer from the congregation who has also joined us over the last two weeks. We continue to mainly ring for the 10.30am service but ring for the 9.00 am service on the first Sunday in the month.

Michael Matthews was re-elected as Tower Captain at last year's Tower meeting and he has continued to introduce a monthly method which is rung at least once at every practice night. We now also frequently meet for coffee after the 10am Sunday ringing and usually adjourn to the pub after the weekly practice. These occasions provides a valuable opportunity for us to socialise with each other.

Last April Eaton Socon won the Biggleswade District Striking Competition at Haynes and for the first time ever we won the Bedfordshire Association Striking Competition (six teams from all over Bedfordshire competing) at Flitwick.



We moved venue for our Annual Dinner in January and went to The White Horse. A total of 21 people attended this and we were delighted that Tim and Julie could once again join us. Once again it was an enjoyable and convivial occasion and most people agreed that the food and service was very good. We are grateful to the landlord and staff for allowing us to hold our Dinner here.

Eaton Socon bells remain popular for visiting bands and we receive regular requests from people wanting to come to ring them on tours, for quarter peals (45 mins), and for peals (3 hours) although the number of weddings decreased significantly last year. We are very grateful to the clergy and office staff for being so accommodating with these requests to ring the bells.

We are always keen to recruit new ringers. Everyone between the ages of 12 and 80 years are welcome. If you are interested in learning how to ring church bells please contact Michael or Sue Matthews (476068).

Our Church's Ministry



Pastoral Care Team

The year started with saying "goodbye" to Barbara and Ian Sugden as they relinquished their coordinating role in January prior to moving north later in the year. They did an excellent job setting up the team and we wish them well in their new home in Richmond. Since we took over there have been a number of changes. We have redesigned and relaunched the A6 card, which advertises our service. The team has grown in number to 11 including 2 clergy and more are joining in 2020. We have embraced IT, using a WhatsApp mobile phone group to aid communication between team members and a "google sheet" to record visits.

From April – December we delivered 120 episodes of care which included home visits, some to provide Holy Communion, transport for hospital and doctor appointments, meals during a crisis and respite visits to allow the carer to have some time to themselves. We are also helping Rev'd Tim Robb with the provision of monthly services in three care homes in the parish. Next year we are going to explore ways in which we can be more proactive. We are also planning to have our own mobile phone to facilitate communication with those seeking help.

We are indebted to every member of the team, without whom, this important work would not be possible. In particular we are grateful to Sue and Bob Boreham who deputize for us when we are away.

Roger & Frances Peppiatt



Alpha Course

The 2019 Alpha course went well, despite being a small group with four attendees. We have concluded that asking people to come out on cold, wet evenings in January and February may not be the most attractive invitation to offer, so we are going to try something different this year.

This year's course will run later in the year, with people being given the option to attend on either **Tuesday afternoons (2:00 - 4:30)** and/or **Tuesday evenings (7:00 - 9:30)**. Watch out for further information later this year!

George Cobb



Prayer Ministry

The prayer ministry continues to pray for those that are in need. We have over 23 people who pray when a request is sent by email. I would like to thank everyone involved in this ministry. I know it has touched many people's hearts.

Breakout continues to meet on Monday evening, but instead of coming together once a week we now meet monthly, usually on the second Monday in the month. To date we have had Liz Faulkner join us, telling us what she does, and the prayer needs for her work in the schools, Friday Club and other outreach ministries. We have prayed for our community and the persecuted church.

The Tuesday, Thursday and Friday morning Prayer times are also much appreciated by a number of people. You're welcome to join any of these days which start at 9am and last about 30 minutes.

In addition there is prayer offered after most Services; in Life Groups and whenever people ask! Let's all grow in talking with God!



Life Groups

Life Groups are small groups of six to twelve people that meet on weekdays usually during the school term to share Life together!

Meeting together in various homes, these groups enable people to:

- Get to know a small group of people within the Church
- Discover who God is and his amazing love for us all
- Spend time reflecting on the Bible and what it means for us today
- Support each other through all of life's joys and challenges

During the past year, Bible Study series have included:

Contentment – Learning how we can live contented lives

Life Calling – a course on vocation

Heaven – Reminding us that Heaven is real

Parables – A journey through some of the Greatest Stories ever told

Ecclesiastes – The Search for Meaning

Approximately 90-100 people are involved in a Life Group – if you haven't tried a Life Group yet, please speak to either Julie or Timothy Robb – we'd be delighted to find a group for you.

Street Talk



Street Talk is hoping to start again in 2020. We meet for a couple of hours every other week and visit 'our neighbours' living in Eaton Socon. Our goal is to make friends, build relationships, and where possible, talk about Jesus. We take prayer requests and invite people to events held at St Mary's. If you are interested in finding out more or wish to be involved, please contact Vicarspa@eatonsocon.org
Martin Jones

Women's Ministry

This year has seen a bit of a change in the ladies ministry. The team now consists of myself, Nanette and Kate. We are no longer called Morning Stars but are now called Real Women. Not that there was ever any doubt about being real women but the letters stand for Relationships, Encouragement, Accountability and laughter.

We now meet on a more frequent basis and over this last year a Chaplain from Hinchinbrooke hospital came to speak about her work in the hospital. One of our speakers, our own Julie Robb talked in October about how we can be authentic as a Christian. In December Julia Findlay assisted by Joy Martin, helped us to create a beautiful table centre for our Christmas table.

In February, Rooted in Christ was the focus of our talk. We follow this by a breakfast in April at Kate's house with pancakes and sharing. We have had very positive feedback each time and our ladies seem to engage in relationship, encouragement, accountability and laughter. We also have between two to five ladies join us from Open door church. I would like to thank Kate for all her hard work especially with the music, and Nanette for everything she does and for all her hard work.

We look forward in continuing with this ministry and see where God will lead us.
Barbara Jarvis

Men's Breakfast

In February 2019 we relaunched a Men's group with a breakfast approximately once every two months. The average attendance has been in the 20s drawing from all sections of the church, as well as some visitors from outside. The talks have covered a range of topics including science, social responsibilities and world mission and been well received by the attendees.

The meals have been cooked by Jim Fitzgerald at cost price for which we are very grateful. The charge to attendees has been set at £8.50 (above the cost of the meal) so that funds might be accumulated to cover travel expenses and small honorarium for speakers. When a representative of Mission Aviation Fellowship visited us there was interest from several members of the church to support their work. So the World Mission Team decided to give a £300 donation. One meeting had to be cancelled as it clashed with the World Rugby Cup Final in which England were playing.

The meetings have established good relationships among the men attending and members of the two Sunday morning services have begun to know and appreciate each other. The potential as an instrument to draw other men into the church has not yet been fully realised. Speakers have been booked to the end of 2020 and soon 2021 speakers will be lined up.

The work is coordinated by Gavin Chapman and Ray Porter.



Grace Course

Following Freedom in Christ we are just coming to the end of the Grace course which is part of the Freedom in Christ Group.

This course helps us to keep growing as a Christian, and bear more fruit, that will last for ever. The objective of this course is to help us experience God's grace in such a deep way (on our hearts as well as in our heads) that love for Him becomes the main motivator in our lives.

- This course helps us to look at why we do what we do and enable us to do it with the right motives. To remove false guilt and shame.
- We can hold our heads high despite the past.
- To serve God from the heart rather than because we have to.
- if you want to be really fruitful it starts with resting.

This course has taken place on Sundays and Thursdays.

As with Freedom in Christ people are really engaging and growing and making discoveries about their walk with Jesus and about things that hold us back.

It is so good to make discoveries about things we never thought of before and to see things with Jesus in His light. We will be running this course again.

The team are Tim, Edward, Nanette, David, and myself, Barbara Jarvis.



Children's Lunch Club

The St Mary's Children's Lunch Club was inspired by Matthew 25:42. We started in August 2017 and continued in the Summer holidays in 2018 and 2019. Our amazing team of volunteers, provided hot, healthy meals to eleven families who qualify for free-school meals during term-time.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the children's lunch club in 2019 possible. From our amazing ladies who ran the children's activities, to all our wonderful cooks; to everyone who prayed for us, or made generous donations; together with St Neots Foodbank, all of you enabled the Children's Lunch Club to run in 2019.

Many of our guests commented on the welcome, hospitality and service that they received from our wonderful team of volunteers. Many guests experienced the love of Christ. This year the Lunch Club continued to deliver a number of meals, and hampers at Christmas to people in our community.

The Children's Lunch Club started without any money and by the end of the summer, all the funds we needed had been provided! Praise God! Jesus rightly gets the glory! Anyone interested in helping in 2020, please contact vicarspa@eatonsocon.org
Martin Jones

Freedom in Christ



Freedom in Christ is for every Christian: from those who have been Christians for a long time, to those who have only found faith recently; from those who are growing in the Lord, and those who are stuck. The course is designed to help you:

- Break through to a greater level of spiritual maturity
- Uncover any area of deception holding us back
- Resolve spiritual and personal conflicts
- Learn strategies to renew your mind and break free from negative thinking and unhelpful patterns of behaviour.
- To discover what God thinks of us, and for this truth to change us.

Tim, Nanette, myself and Edward attended a training on this course and felt it would impact people's lives, and that is exactly what it did. Earlier this year over Sunday evenings and Thursday morning about 30 people attended the course and did the steps to freedom. We saw people really grow in Christ and make large strides to growing in Him as they started to believe the truth about who they are in Christ.
Barbara Jarvis

Marriage Preparation

Helping those preparing for Marriage is an important part of the Life events we, as a church, offer. Using the HTB Pre-Marriage Course that consists of five sessions, couples explore the following areas:

- Communication
- Commitment
- Resolving Conflict
- Keeping love alive
- Shared Values

This course is much appreciated by those who attend it.

2020's course is being held on the following dates:

Sunday 17 May at 4pm – 8.15pm	Communication & Commitment
Sunday 31 May at 4pm – 8.15pm	Resolving Conflict & Keeping Love Alive
Sunday 14 June at 4pm – 6.30pm	Shared Goals and Values

Please pray for all couples attending.



Our Church in the Community

Foodbank

Every Friday morning at St Mary's, we give 3-day food parcels to people in our community who are in a financial crisis and have been referred to us. We are one of four distribution centres of St Neots Foodbank, which is part of the Trussell Trust network of around 420 foodbanks in the UK. Last year the network gave out over 1.6 million parcels. At St Neots, we gave out over 1800 food parcels in 2019 about a 20% increase on the previous year. We also give food hampers at Christmas and during the summer to many families, whose children receive free school meals, to make up for the lack of school meals during holidays. This year we have started a successful collaboration with Waitrose. We give our clients vouchers, which they can redeem at their St Neots store for £6 worth of fresh fruit, vegetables and eggs – we do not have the facilities for storing these items. The cost of this scheme is funded from our own resources.

We received a grant to train three volunteers to "Gateway Assessment" level with Citizen's Advice. These volunteers now provide advice to our clients on Tuesday mornings at the United Reformed Church distribution centre.

As ever we are deeply grateful to St Mary's and the other churches in St Neots, which support us with the use of premises, volunteers, donations of food and money and with prayers.

Roger Peppiatt



Craft Group

In the last twelve months we have seen the group grow in number.

Welcoming new friends with new skills. Our main aim during the year is to make items for the Christmas and Mayday Fayres and Easter. We also made Christmas cards for the Littlehey inmates to send to family and friends, Trauma Teddies for Bedfordshire Police to give to children and Christmas Hampers for families in the parish. The Christmas card display board used by the congregation to hang our communal cards was made by some members of the group. We accomplish this at our weekly meetings always accompanied by coffee, tea, biscuits and a chat.



Two lunches were held, one at the Waggon and Horses, and another in the church hall where we welcomed old and new members.

With the money that was donated by ESCA, we had a demonstration from Claire Montgomerie who is a local writer of knitting and crochet books. Claire was able to provide us with tips and hints on these two disciplines plus provide plenty of new ideas.

We are always happy to welcome new members; you don't necessarily need any previous knowledge as we are quite happy to share our skills whilst we chat. We meet on a Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock in the church hall.
Sue Hazzard

Wednesday Welcome



Quite a year for our group, membership is close to 40 with weekly attendance usually around 25 persons. We have a nucleus of key events, The Stables in May, regular lunches at the Barley Mow, concerts by the U.3.A Ukulele Group, Armchair exercises led by One Leisure and a couple of Garden visits notably as guests of Sue and Richard de Fraine. In between these we have had a variety of speakers such as the Cambs Fire and Rescue Service, poetry readings by our own Karen MacKenzie, Tim on the Holy Land to name a few. Thanks to a donation by E.S.C.A in May, we will be enjoying a 2 1/2 hour cruise on the Ladybird from Houghton Marina along the River Ouse in May.

Attached are a couple of pictures taken Wednesday at the Barley Mow where 26 friends enjoyed lunch. Anyone wanting to make new friends and enjoy some good company is welcome to attend 3pm on a Wednesday in the church hall or ring Mike Gilham 07899856636.



Relax with Art

We realised that most if not all of our group come along to improve how we feel, as well as to paint or to draw. We therefore made some changes during the year:

- We renamed the group, "Relax with Art" to reflect this
- We now meet every Friday afternoon starting at 1.30pm
- We have introduced some training in for the form of short videos which are well received

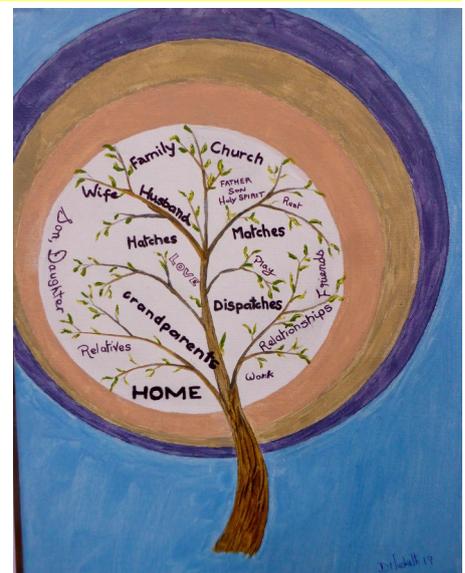
Numbers have increased, particularly with people from outside the church congregations.

As usual this year we were responsible for a prayer station at the week of prayer around Pentecost (this year our theme was "The Tree of Life"); and we ran a successful stall selling art works at the Christmas Fayre.



New members are welcome. We remain grateful to the church for allowing us to use the hall free of charge – however our members make a voluntary donation to defray the costs. I am indebted to David Hesketh and Michael Findley for their support in running the club.

Roger Peppiatt



Café on the Green

The purpose of the café was to provide an open and welcoming environment where people from the community and church members could gather bring their friends, share a cup of tea and chat about life and faith.

Over the last twelve months we have seen the café grow and develop. Regulars bring their friends and finding that it is their 'to go to' place for friendship, love and support. On average we have 8 to 10 regulars, and others that come when they are free.

Once a month the M-team members swell the numbers. This year Sue Boreham has joined Barbara and Nanette, and we are grateful for David Ferris who comes every week and Frances who comes once a month. These volunteers are a blessing to us, our seekers, and those who are young in faith.

Growing

Two people have come to faith, and many have attended special events and church services. At the Christmas meal a whole table was filled by people who attend the café and lunch clubs.

During the past 12 months we have shared our faith in various ways. One Monday one of the ladies said, "I think the next stage is for me to be baptised". What a great day that was. After chatting with Tim, it was decided that her baptism and confirmation could be done together at the visit of the Bishop of Bedford in March.

We have had several people come in from the community and over the last few weeks a lady heard about the café and brought her elderly father. This gives her some time to herself and her Dad some different company and an outing. At the request of one of our regular Café clients we held a McMillan coffee morning. They brought friends, family, and church members all supported this event and we raised £200. Thanks to all the church members who attended and provided cake. The café is run on donations, we do not charge for tea, coffee, cake or biscuits.

Our Aim

to reach our community with the good news of Jesus
to show the love of Jesus in practical ways
to be a safe place for conversation and questions
to make disciples

The people's feedback

"We are not judged"

"We are accepted"

"It's a safe place"

"I'm a different person since coming here", and "The scones are great!"

Barbara and Nanette



Tea and Biscuit Book Club

The Tea and Biscuit book club have been meeting regularly since December 2012, and over that time have read 77 books supplied by the local library. Over the 7 years, what started out as just a group of ladies with the common love of books and reading, has now turned out to be a very close-knit group of friends, who sometimes forget the reason that has brought them together! A book!

On the whole the books have been really good this year, some classics such as Jamaica Inn and A Christmas Carol, some thought provoking such as The Memory Book and My Sister Lives on the Mantlepiece. And no year would be complete without a good thriller or two such as Watch Me Disappear and Wrongful Death.

As a group we are always grateful that we are allowed the use of the Church Hall, and hope by donating to local charities within our community, it is seen as a small thank you. This year we have given to Papworth Hospital, and The Summer Lunch Club at St Mary's Church for children who would miss a hot dinner during the long school holiday. We hosted a MacMillan Coffee Morning, which we felt was near to our hearts and raised over £228.00.

I asked other members of the group for quotes as to why this book club is so important to them, please see below:-

"For me, but I think for all of us, book club is about so much more than just the books. We all come to the meetings with very different lives and approaches and sensibilities. A monthly book and a cup of tea gives us a reason to come together and share our thoughts, ideas, questions and lives. A wonderful group that we are so lucky to be a part of."

"I've read so many books that I wouldn't have chosen and have liked the majority of them. It's a lovely fun loving group, I always look forward to it and enjoy."

"One book but so many experiences and opinions"

"I have only been in St Neots 5 years but thoroughly enjoyed the reading group."
Joanne Rickwood

Bridge Club

In January this year, we launched the SMES Beginners Bridge Club. The Club is dedicated to teaching the Basic ACOL System and also provides an opportunity for formal Beginner/Improver training.

The "teaching" is scheduled into 15 weekly 2 hour Bridge sessions. During the Programme the theoretical and practical aspects of the ACOL system – point counting, contract assessment, contract selection and finally card play will be taught. Supplemented by access to St Mary's AV systems and an interactive DVD provided by the Mr Bridge Organisation.

The Club currently meets on Wednesday mornings, 11.00am to 1.00pm and is open to all interested in learning to play Bridge. Contact Malcolm Howarth on 01480 212910 – Malcolm.howarth2@btinternet.com

Our Church in the World



Churches Together in St Neots (CTSN)

This has been a challenging year but we seem to be making headway and are finding ways of keeping folk across our church communities informed and involved without the need for regular meetings.

A Working Group of 6 people has been set up and was ratified at the AGM in September 2019. Rick Mearkle from the United Reform Church is Convenor and I am Secretary. Four others from St Mary's St Neots, St Joseph's Catholic Church and two from Berkley Street Methodist Church complete the group and have met on two occasions with a further meeting set for March.

Communication with the 49 people on the mailing list across the churches is by email. Everyone is kept informed about what is going on and invited to attend events and initiatives. Feedback is positive and the shape of future activity and promotion of the outreach work of combined churches is ongoing. With lay involvement and minister leadership we look like surviving!

- The CARE CENTRE at the URC shared £1000 between 4 chosen causes.
- CHRISTIAN AID raised £8451 which was sent to Headquarters. £173.91 including Gift Aid was collected through the envelope scheme at our church.
- The EASTER PASSION PLAY will take place on Easter Sunday afternoon in the Market Square starting at Riverside Park. No plans are yet in place for the Walk of Witness on Good Friday.
- There was a good response to the warm clothing collection across churches.
- Lenten groups are being run at two churches and are open to all.
- A new initiative 'Street Pastors' was launched and its viability is being assessed.

Reports from all groups operating through CTSN are sent out to the mailing list prior to the AGM. Christmas services for all churches were advertised in the Think Local magazine.

A service to mark Christian Unity Week was held at St Josephs Church with refreshments served afterwards. This was a good opportunity to meet people from other churches.

The Licensing of the new Vicar, Paul Hutchinson took place at St Mary's St Neots. He was given a very warm welcome. Pastor Rick Mearkle represented CTSN and took part in the service. We hope Reverend Paul will be a part of things to come.

The Women's World Day of Prayer is being held at our church on March 6th and will be supported by the Friday Singing Group. This year's service is written by Christians in Zimbabwe and will be shared across 120 countries. It's theme is Love, Peace and Reconciliation. This has taken place in this country since 1932.

With God's guidance we look forward to our continuing development and ministry. Pam Branch St Mary's CTSN representative & CTSN Secretary.



Deanery Synod

There have been three meetings of the Deanery Synod in March, July and October 2019. In March, we heard from Hannah Chard about the work of CHUMS, which the Deanery is supporting this year for the Deanery Project. Reports were received on the latest meeting of the General Synod. The Deanery Mission and Pastoral Committee presented the Deanery Mission Action Plan (MAP) and we were informed that there is a vacancy on this committee for a secretary.

In July, the Rev'd Kate Peacock, the Diocesan Senior Growth Officer in the Flourishing Churches Team gave a talk on Planning and Resourcing Mission. She encouraged each parish to produce their own MAP and gave some advice as to the way this may be done. Under the Priority one of the Deanery MAP a School Chaplain had been appointed.

In October, three presentations were made for consideration for the Deanery Project for 2020 and the Home of Hope Orphanage in Malawi was chosen with the specific aim of providing a Vocational Training Centre there. The Deanery Mission and Pastoral Committee recognised the difficulty some parishes have in meeting the Parish Share and Rev'd Kate Peacock is willing to come and speak to any parish that needs help. During the Lambeth Conference in July 2020, the Bishop of Perth, Australia will be visiting the Deanery. Information was also given about the Big Conversation meetings that will be held with each parish the aim of which is to inform the next stage of the Diocesan Living God's Love strategy.

Jane Gogarty

World Mission

This year has marked a transition in the World Mission Team. Ian and Barbara Sugden who had been major players for many years relocated to Yorkshire and Janice Porter's declining health reduced her level of participation. We are very grateful to these people for outstanding service over many years. Members of the group at the end of 2019 were: Brenda Ashford, Gavin and Julia Chapman, Julia Findley, Ray and Janice Porter.

The church has committed to spend 10% of its income on ministry to world mission and local work outside the church's own ministry. We continue to maintain our principles of operation that we will support five partners who have been chosen because of their association with church members and are engaged in ministry that advances the Gospel both verbally and practically. These partners have been supported financially over the year as follows:

- Dr Mano Emmanuel teaching at Colombo Theological Seminary Sri Lanka: £2000
- Allen and Litsa McClymont Area Representatives for OMF International in London and South East England: £1500
- Chris and Elaine Hurst working with Wycliffe Bible Translators: £1800 (an extra £500 was given to WBT after the visit of Revd James Poole)
- Actios: £2250
- Spring of Hope (Teresha) £2000 plus gift for children's education £240.



In addition we gave £100 to Tear Fund and £250 to Mission Aviation Fellowship after the visit of a representative to the Men's Breakfast.

In 2020, the PCC decided that SEND should be financed from the Mission Budget. There is a plan that 2021 will see an increase in the mission budget.

We had a visit from Revd James Poole on 10th March 2019 to promote the work of Wycliffe Bible Translators and the Hursts were also with us on a few Sundays. We also had visits from the McClymonts and Teresha and these were interviewed in Sunday services.

