

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCHYARD

Report 2018

Again 2017 was a successful year with two well attended working parties. The second one in October was in the afternoon to allow the grass to dry out a bit so it was easier to cut. Many thanks to everyone who attended. We had a good showing of wild flowers again, with the Rattle flowering well in more places than previously. This should eventually weaken the very strong grass growth and enable more wild flowers to bloom.

The Living Churchyard judges came to inspect us, and we were again given a silver award certificate. The scheme is changing format this year (2018) with no official inspection or award, however, should we wish for any advice the Dorset Wildlife Trust Team will visit and discuss the best way forward for us. New summertime flowers were the Phacelia and some "Fox and Cubs".

More seeds were again sown in the Autumn after the last cut, so we wait to see if they germinated successfully. There are a few snowdrops this Spring so they have survived the wet winter and we wait to see if the native bluebells we planted appear later on. We hope that they may spread as time goes on as this area has many snowdrops flowering in the hedgerows, so the soil around must be good for them.

Our thanks to Graham Kewley who has spent a lot of time clearing rhododendron etc from the woodland area and who discovered a scheme run by OVO Energy to donate saplings for free. He has then taken the initiative sent for and planted 150 mixed species of native broad-leaved trees. They are very young and have been protected with plastic spirals. Most have filled up gaps in hedges, been planted into the woodland behind the church Centre to give some new trees in the future, to take the place of older ones that may eventually die or be blown down, or planted alongside the patio area.

A seat has been donated and placed beside the church porch so people can sit and enjoy a quiet area, with the flowers and watch the birds.

The Old Vicarage have replaced the hedge beside the churchyard with railings and this has opened up and given more light to our coppice area next to the gate onto Smugglers Lane.

We hope to continue to manage the Churchyard as a conservation area, to increase the flora and fauna and to make it a better place for bees and other pollinating insects. Some of the notices have been blown or washed away this winter so it is hoped to update and replace these. There will also be more "Rake and Cake" days so please try and support these. The more who come the quicker the work will be done and the more attractive our churchyard will be!

Hilary Motson

Crossroads Magazine Report 2018

The magazine is produced six times a year. On average 80 A4 copies and 10 A5 copies are printed and distributed. The content is varied and we support a number of local societies and events. We have a loyal band who are regular contributors but are always open to hearing from new groups. We welcome any articles and contributions from members of the church or societies and groups within the Colehill Community. The magazine averages 32 pages and is printed in colour. The price remains 50p per copy. There are two editors at the moment but we are actively seeking a third person to join the team.

Hilary Gooding

ANNUAL DEANERY REPORT 2017

Wimborne Deanery is the second largest Deanery in the Salisbury Diocese, a mixture of rural and suburban areas with a range of Church traditions.

It has been an interesting year, continuing most of the projects in the Deanery Action Plan # 2000.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

*Coach in the Community (Youth Bus) continues to be a success in the rural communities.

*Young Vocations, an on going scheme for work experience and volunteering, is working well but could do with more offers of placements from our parishes.

*Open The Book goes from strength to strength in many schools in the Deanery.

MEN'S MEETINGS

Some projects, such as Breakfast Church, have been successful but more environments need to be created for men of some faith and none to meet.

REACHING OUT TO NEW COMMUNITIES

The Deanery has the task of producing a clear Action Strategy for our area as almost 3000 new houses will be built here in the next few years.

November's meeting engendered a lively discussion and some practical ideas. It was also suggested that we must connect with various local agencies and organisations.

Community Cafes, such as at St. Mary's Church, Ferndown, are becoming more active in our area. Our own Centre Rendezvous continues to be a success.

SOUTH SUDAN

We are providing continuing support for our Linked Deanery in Sudan, with many fundraising schemes during the year.

The Bishop's Sudan Appeal was most successful.

VOCATION AND DISCIPLESHIP

There is a deepening Discipleship across the Diocese to resource the Diocesan Vision - Renewing Hope: Pray, Serve, Grow - with good numbers of candidates for the Licenced Lay Ministry, Lay Pastoral Assistants and Lay Worship Leaders receiving training.

This is coordinated by Sister Debbie Orriss who gave a most inspiring talk at our meeting in March.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP

Explorations have continued into creative approaches and new opportunities for worship.

Music Workshops and Come and Sing events have been organised and enjoyed.

ENVIRONMENT AND ECO CHURCH

More parishes have joined the Eco Church Scheme.

Eco Church is strongly supported by Bishop Nicholas and we were urged to encourage our PCC to engage in the project. (St. Michael's is currently working towards joining)

SAFEGUARDING AND DATA PROTECTION

Safeguarding courses for all personnel commissioned in any role were held in many areas of the Deanery and good progress has been made in members attending.

The need for careful consideration of Data Protection in our Parish Offices was pointed out by the Rural Dean.

FINANCE

Most parishes have paid their Parish Share for 2017.

There has been a large drop in Church membership across the Diocese which has had an impact on the amount for each parish in 2018. There will be an increase of 2.83% next year. There will be the usual discount for early payment.

The Parish Giving Scheme was recommended. The administration of this is provided free by the Diocese.

We have had an interesting range of speakers at the Deanery Synod meetings this year.

It is worth noting that these are open to all Church men and well worth attending.

Janice Stones.

Fabric Committee Report 2018

The Committee met four times during 2017. The principal actions taken during the year have been:

- 1) All outstanding work detailed in the last quinquennial report has now been completed, which includes keeping a watching brief on the flashing around some windows. The major item completed was the repointing of the external wall on the south-west corner of the Church. The gate at the north-west corner has been removed and put into storage pending potential restoration.
- 2) The asbestos in the organ loft has been removed and disposed of by professional contractors.
- 3) Thanks to a grant from the Big Lottery Fund, the car park resurfacing has been completed and is now safe. Checks are being made that no further work to the drainage at the gate is required.
- 4) Replacement of the church central heating boilers:
We arranged a visit from the diocesan advisor on heating about possible arrangements for the replacement of the existing boilers. He has advised us to engage a firm of heating engineers/consultants to draw up proposals for the best way to implement the replacement. The favoured solution at this stage is to install a new boiler within the organ loft, on the outside wall, but we will need to ensure that this does not create any problems with regard to the preservation of the pipe organ.
- 5) A revised and simplified Health and Safety policy in line with Ecclesiastical Insurance Guidance is in the course of being implemented.
- 6) The Fabric Committee has now assumed responsibility and oversight for the general maintenance of the Church Centre.

Fabric Committee Members: John Spatchet, James Westgate, Robert Heaton, Robin Hill, Nigel Davies, Marjorie Shaw, Alan Motson

HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT 2018

The wardens are currently reviewing the new Health and Safety Policy that is based upon a format produced by Ecclesiastical Insurance. We currently remain under the excellent policy produced by Stuart Laybourne.

Regular inspections of the church, hall and grounds have been carried out as required and a number of improvements have been scheduled and carried out. With a large historic building there is always more to do, but great credit is due to Robin and the team for staying on top of the maintenance and safety issues. All certificates for fire and electrical safety are up to date.

We do rely on everyone to keep their eyes open and let the wardens or myself know if they spot any potential issues.

OPEN THE BOOK REPORT 2018

Another successful year of story telling at both Hayeswood and Colehill first schools and more recently we have a regular Monday afternoon slot at Beaucroft Special School.

It is an absolute privilege to work with the young people at Beaucroft School and we are slowly building up a rapport with them. When they enter the school hall and see us, immediately they run to volunteer themselves to dress up and take part in the day's story.

During the summer recess last year, the team trooped around the charity shops together, seeking items that would make suitable props to help make our stories more vibrant and exciting. The props purchased have certainly made a difference to the visual impact, but we are always on the look out for more. In fact, we are keen to know if anyone would be willing to use their talents, especially carpentry, needlework, artistic and/or DT skills. We often find ourselves having to improvise, when it would be so lovely to have the real thing. For example, a pop-up boat, a roll up Galilean countryside backdrop, costumes etc.

We are also always looking for more volunteers to join our team. If this is something that you feel you might be interested in joining, please speak to any of the team members:

Lorraine McGregor, Jill Laybourne, Sue Preston, Barbie Watson, Garth Watson, Gunilla Vincent or Rod Chapman



St Michael and All Angels , Colehill
Report of PCC Secretary to Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2018

In the last year the PCC has met on 7 occasions and the Standing Committee on 1 occasion.

Attendance at all meetings has been good.

Health and Safety and Safeguarding are standing agenda items for all PCC meetings.

Discussions have encompassed a wide range of topics but the ReOrdering project and the replacement of the organ have been dominant subjects throughout the year.

A Fabric report is received at each meeting.

Worship and Mission has seen the commissioning of 6 Lay Worship Leaders from our congregation and one member starting training for ordination.

Finances and the level of giving continue to be an item of concern.

Muriel Jacobs

March 2018

**ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
2017 ANNUAL REPORT OF RE-ORDERING COMMITTEE
TO APCM 22 APRIL 2018**

The Committee was first formed following APCM 2017.

The Committee met five times in 2017

The Committee's purpose was to be a working party to take forward the experimental re-ordering project initiated under Archdeacon's licence (expiry end of Dec 2017) and following a visit by the DAC. This would require developing the basis for permanent re-ordering, congregation consultation, formal resolution to PCC and a faculty application.

The purpose of re-ordering was to enhance worship through the re-ordering to create flexibility in the use of space for the immediate and longer term; allowing for variety in layout of space for services and other activities but having due regard to impact on Priest's or President's liturgical focus and close engagement with the body of the congregation.

In order to work through some of the potential impacts of elements to the re-ordering some were prioritised through separate faculty applications.

- The replacement electronic organ was one. (Faculty approval Jan2018).
- The second was the permanent removal of the chair battens and the purposing of a new nave altar. (Faculty approval Feb 2018).
- Further consideration will be given in 2018 to matters including; Children's area, choir seating, re-setting of font, lighting, power sockets and re-purposing fixtures and fittings.

James Westgate

Safeguarding Training

20 people have attended foundation level (C1) training and 7 people have taken part in C2 training, in line with Diocesan requirements for their role within the church.

Workshop for Parish Safeguarding Representatives

I attended this in May and we were informed that there were 691 people on the sex offenders register in Dorset. We were reminded of the ongoing need to keep safeguarding our children and young people at the forefront of our thinking, as churches are known to be targets for infiltration.

Responding Well to Domestic Abuse

Lorraine, and Daphne and myself as LPAs, attended Diocesan training in January. The culture in churches has sometimes been complicit in allowing coercive, controlling and threatening behaviour to go unchallenged, but churches do not have the expertise to offer specialist support to victims of domestic abuse. We are encouraged to raise awareness of local and national agencies which offer such support. At St Michael's these are on display in the Church Centre, together with a charter attached to this report, which sets out our policy on domestic abuse.

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks

These were carried out for Lay Worship Leaders commissioned this year.

Register of emergency contacts

Jo Clayton and I continue to encourage those in our church community who live alone or come to church by themselves to complete a form with emergency contact and medication details, in case of illness or accident in church. These forms are kept in a secure location.

Just As I Am Dementia Friendly Services

These are kept under review by the four churches involved with the support of Faithworks Wessex. The format of the service has worked well. Attendance has been between 22 and 42, and is usually around 30+. We continue to encourage anyone who would welcome a short informal service followed by tea and cake to come along. The services are always held at St Michael's. Dates for 2018 are 29th April (led by St Michael's), 24th June (Wimborne Methodist) and 30th September (Wimborne Minster)

Liz White

Jo Clayton

Report for the APCM 2018 from the Social & Fundraising Committee

The Committee has met four times since the 2017 APCM. The following events were planned and have (mostly) taken place during the past year.

- A Quiz Night and Fish & Chip Supper were planned for April 2017 but so few signed up that it had to be cancelled.
- Plant Sale on 6th May 2017 raised £579 for Church Funds
- Bistro Evening on 24th June 2017 (organised by Alan and his team with help from members of the congregation in laying tables and washing up). This raised £658
- Coffee Mornings on 5 Wednesdays in August. The donations were either given to Church Funds (£471) or to Charities nominated by the hosts.
- Coffee Morning for new St Michael's Middle School parents on 6th September 2017
- Film Night & Refreshments on 21st November 2017. About 20 people attended and their donations raised £70 for Church Funds
- Parish Lunch on 19th November 2017. Some 60 people attended and their donations raised £575 for Church Funds
- Christmas Event on 3rd December 2017. The Stalls in the Church Centre and the Film Show afterwards raised £1200 for Church Funds
- Film Show and Tea on 10th February 2018. Around 30 people attended and their donations raised £148 for Church Funds
- Knit and Natter Coffee Mornings have been held regularly during the year. Those attending have begun to knit wonderful costumes for the Open The Book stories and their stall at the Christmas Event was extremely successful
- Angie's Jukebox has taken place twice in the past year, once in the Church Centre and once in her own home. She has raised £1750 for the Fruit & Vegetable Programme in Jordan for Syrian refugees

Future Events Planned for 2018:

- 4th March Frugal Lunch
- 8th April Parish Lunch (prepared by Alan and Team)
- 11th April Church Mouse Hunt
- 18th May Plant Sale
- 3rd June Open Garden at Bloxworth House, then Tea (Cakes and Strawberries) in Robert and Claire Heaton's Garden
- 7th July Car Treasure Hunt & Dorset Quiz to local churches, then barbecue back at St Michael's
- 5 Wednesdays in August 4 Coffee Mornings, 1 Tea Party, followed by Film Show
- 7th October Harvest Lunch
- 2nd December Christmas Fair (same format as in 2017)

St Michael's C of E Middle School, Academy Committee, Report to APM

The Governing Body, as you will see from the title of this report, has now been re-named as an Academy Committee within the structure of the Wimborne Multi Academy Trust

- **The intake numbers for September are already looking good again this year and number on roll is currently 572**
- **The new teachers and Teaching Assistants who started in September have settled in well with one exception who has already left for new horizons and been replaced**
- **The school has appointed a new Head of Key Stage 3 English who will start after Easter**
- **The school has appointed one of its staff to be Worship Co-ordinator and she is working closely with Suzanne**
- **The Foundation Committee Members are already seeing an improvement in the profile of the spiritual affairs of the school**
- **Year 5 Pupils attended Experience Church at St Michael's in the autumn.**
- **The Christmas Carol Service at the Minster, this year, was a great success with the Christmas story told through Rap and hip hop performed by the Year 5 Pupils with lyrics from the Head of Music, Mr Johnston and aided by a local rap artist, The Kurnel MC who did workshops with the children. This was interspersed with traditional carols and other musical offerings. The Service finished with Stormzy's "Blinded by your Grace"**
- **We now look forward to the School's production of Alice in Wonderland at the end of the Spring Term 27th -29th March at the Layard Theatre, Canford.**
- **The school, having undergone a rigorous process of rapid change to improve the quality of Teaching and Learning and thereby improve outcomes for pupils, continues to progress well with heroic effort being made by all the staff. The Academy leadership has been of great assistance in this process.**
- **A full OfSTED inspection took place at St Michael's over 31st Jan and 1st Feb and has now been published. Here are some of the findings...**
 - ❖ **This is a good school**
 - ❖ **The headteacher has led the school through a period of renewal with determination and persistence. Supported by his senior team, he has put the necessary foundations in place, and the school is well placed for further improvement.**
 - ❖ **The multi-academy trust and its leaders challenge school leaders robustly. They monitor the school's effectiveness closely and intervene when necessary. They provide high-quality advice to leaders and teachers to support the school's improvement.**
 - ❖ **The most able make good progress because they are challenged to think deeply about issues and problems. Teachers set high expectations and pupils respond to them.**
 - ❖ **Teachers use regular assessments to uncover gaps in pupils' understanding and then address them. They are keen to ensure that pupils' understanding of key concepts is secure. As a result, pupils' learning is built on strong foundations.**

- ❖ Pupils make good progress in English as a result of the quality of teaching they receive. Pupils are encouraged to write extended passages and they respond enthusiastically. Their spelling, punctuation and grammar are good.
 - ❖ Pupils are well behaved. They are polite and respectful. They treat each other well and are tolerant of those with different beliefs or from different ethnicities. Their relationships with adults are very positive. In lessons, pupils are attentive and keen to learn.
 - ❖ Academy committee members know their school well and are committed to its success. They cherish the school's distinctiveness and the breadth of opportunities that are offered to pupils.
 - ❖ Pupils are proud of their school. There are very high rates of participation in sports clubs and games. There are similarly large numbers of pupils taking part in music productions and other extra-curricular clubs. Disadvantaged pupils are equally well represented. Overall, about 90% of pupils are involved in some way.
 - ❖ Pupils make good progress from their arrival in Year 5 to when they leave at the end of Year 8. The school makes good use of reliable assessment data to track pupils from when they arrive to when they move on. The progress pupils make in their English and mathematics is demonstrable. The data is supported by the quality of work that inspectors found in pupils' books and by talking to pupils.
 - ❖ Pupils are well prepared for the next stage of their education. Pupils are enthusiastic and inquisitive learners as a result of the rich curriculum and improvements to teaching, learning and assessment.
- Attention has now also turned to accommodating the new requirements of SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspections which are due next year. This has further increased the focus on matters spiritual as SIAMS inspections look at Religious Education, Worship, SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Education), Leadership, Governance and the Church Ethos of the school
 - New accommodation has been built - a new double classroom unit at the rear of the school
 - The school's facilities are being increasingly well used by the community, particularly the field, hall, swimming Pool, and Dance Studio block.
 - There have been further exciting activities regarding the Archaeological finds on the site and an information board regarding the burial mounds has been erected.
 - We are gradually filling our Foundation Committee Member gaps with a new recruit from St John's and a potential one from St Michael's.
We still need one from the Northern Parishes Group.
Marjorie Shaw is in the process of being renewed as a committee member
There is a current pause in new Committee appointments to the trust whilst roles are reviewed.

John Spatchet, Foundation Committee Member and Vice Chairman of the Academy Committee