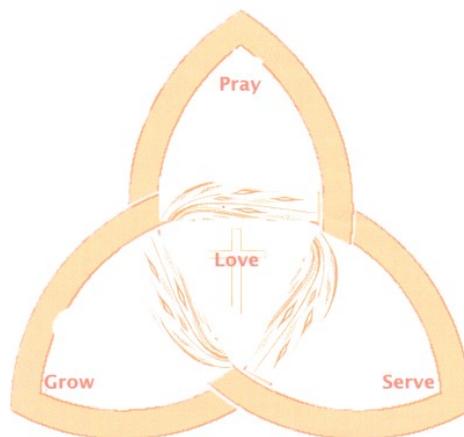


Year End Minutes Accounts and Reports

St Helens Church Trowell

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

April 18th 2018



St Helen's Church, Trowell

Annual Meeting of Parishioners & Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Wednesday 18th April 2018, 7.30pm in Church

Agendas

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

1. Welcome & prayers
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3. Minutes of last years meeting of 24th April 2017
4. Matters Arising
5. Election of Church Wardens

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

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 5. Elections
 - a) member of deanery synod
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Annual General Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held in the Church Hall on Wednesday 26 April 2017.

Chair Rev Andy Lord

Present Dora Attenborrow, Sue Baxter, Brenda Brown, Madge Chappell, David Cook, Marlene Cook, Ken Elmer, Sue Elmer, Julian Ennis, Mel Ennis, Joy Hatton, Eva Hubbard, Margaret Humphries, Julie McWilliam, Billy Nelson, Joan Nelson, Graham Savage, Pat Wilson, David Wright and Janet Wright

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

1. Welcome and Prayers

Andy Lord opened the meeting with a reading from Romans 8 followed by prayers.

2. Apologies

Paul Humphries, David Morley, Grace Morley

3. Minutes of last year's meeting – 27 April 2016

These were accepted and signed as an accurate record.

4. Matters Arising

None

Election of Churchwardens

There were no nominations received for Churchwarden. Andy advised we may be challenged in the future regarding operating as a Charity without official Churchwardens. We again will continue to operate as we currently do without Churchwardens – we have continued to have people doing the Deputy Warden role and Andy thanked these people for their continued work. Andy also reminded everyone that people can be appointed as Churchwarden during the year.

**Minutes for
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
for St Helen's Trowell**

1. Apologies

Paul Humphries, David Morley, Grace Morley

2. Minutes of last year's meeting – 27 April 2016

These were accepted and signed as an accurate record.

3. Matters Arising

Any Other Business (6) - David Cook asked if anything had happened regarding the Garden of Remembrance slate having Irene Marshall's name included. Andy advised that he had spoken with Nigel Marshall (son) over the course of the last year and Nigel had organised for the name to be included. The stonemasons usually wait until they have several names to add before they come out and have been today and etched some names onto the plaque. Dora reported that she had spoken to the stonemason today who had advised that the plaques require cleaning – this is something that we can do ourselves.

Treasurer's Report (4) -David Wright raised a query relating to the Treasurer's Report where he had advised David Cook that he would get a copy of the breakdown of fees to him as to whether this had been done. Neither can recall whether this was actioned but David Cook is happy in respect of David Wright's explanation of this.

4. Reports

The following reports were submitted with copies available prior to the meeting.

Associate Minister's Report

Andy thanked Brenda for all she continues to do.

Churchwarden's Report

No report prepared as there are no churchwardens.

Electoral Roll Report

There are now 48 on the roll, a decrease of 1 on the previous year, and this has been displayed in Church.

Andy passed on thanks to Paul Humphries for his continued work on this.

Sides People Report

Treasurer's Report and Accounts

David Wright advised that the accountant who was doing the payroll for us has finished operating and the business that he did had been passed on to a firm in Ilkeston. Whilst this seemed okay on the face of it, the work was being outsourced and the bills for this had doubled to those previously. David Wright has found a new local firm to do the payroll and the price for this has come back more in line with the original costs. The new firm have advised this is up and running for this coming year.

David also advised that going forward our prices for gas will drop by £156 per month – this has been achieved by going to a different tariff and installation of smart meters.

Unfortunately the general account will still have a deficit and David pointed out that there are now

no remaining reserves available to draw on. He again reiterated the importance of giving in the most tax efficient way.

David also advised that some of the lead has been stolen from the cottage roof and the remainder damaged. Margaret Humphries queried whether we would claim on the insurance for this but David advised that we would repair this ourselves with flashband which has been done successfully in other places on the church. The damaged lead will be removed and we should also be able to get some money for this as we will be able to sell it.

David Cook raised a query as to whether the amount of the Parish Share paid was the actual amount requested. David Wright confirmed that we had paid what we could afford to pay. Andy advised that the vast majority of the churches in the Deanery are unable to pay the full amount but each church is asked to put forward annually an amount that they can afford to pay. The Parishes are encouraging to give the most that they feel they are able to and the Deanery then has a figure to work to of what income it will get. We have been able to increase our Parish Share in recent years. Andy advised he had been at Diocesan Synod last week and it had been advised that a new formula is again to be brought in to calculate Parish Share.

David Cook also queried the costs for the cottage – in the treasurer’s report there is a reference to utility costs of £391 – David Wright confirmed that this should read £567. David Cook also queried what utilities are being used in the cottage. Andy confirmed that the gas is put on for a minimal time during the winter and there are still electricity and water bills.

David Wright confirmed that a new plaque has been installed in the Garden of Remembrance which has been paid from the Churchyard account this year. Funds for this come from donations for names being inscribed on the plaques so come in over several years before a new plaque is required.

David Cook queried the fees for use of the hall by the playgroup as he sees this as a commercial business. He asked whether the fees could be looked for the amounts they are being charged. David Cook understood that the parents are able to claim government vouchers so did not see that an increase in charges to the playgroup would be detrimental to the parents. David Wright advised that he had worked out some time ago that for the hall to break even, the rents would need to go up by 25%. The rents are to go up by 7% from September. David Wright believed that over a few years time period, the Parish Hall fees had doubled. David Cook felt there was room for the luncheon club rents to also be increased. Andy advised that we would look at the rents – the levels set are usually compared to fees charged by other halls in the area.

Andy thanked David Wright for everything he puts into the accounts, a role which has increased over time.

David Wright advised that the treasurer role could possibly be split into two roles in the future to ease the workload.

Andy proposed that the accounts be accepted and approved. Ken Elmer seconded. Two copies were signed as required.

Unanimous approval.

Renewal Project Update

Andy advised that we now have the overall tenders for the work but not the full breakdown. These figures are all within the amount which had originally been estimated. The Architect is currently

liaising with WREN regarding that funding. Further grants have recently been applied for. The faculty for the work has also recently been extended for a further year to April 2018.

Nottingham North Deanery Synod

There are a few vacancies at the minute around the Deanery with Cinderhill and Aspley becoming vacant during the summer.

Kidz, Families and Youth Work:

Happening

Flava

Light Night

3rd Sunday - Village Breakfast and All Age Service

Andy expressed thanks to David, Grace, Julie McWilliam and the team for all that they do. David Wright said that there was a lot of work being put into this area that the majority of the congregation were probably unaware of what was happening. Numbers have grown in both Flava and the Happening over the last terms.

Church Hall and Cottage

David Wright advised that the hall has been inspected by the pest controller today and this continues to remain clear of mice. Environmental Health are visiting on Friday morning.

Andy asked that thanks be noted to Geoff Cotton in particular for everything that he has done mainly in respect of the mouse problem and the extra work he has done.

Bellringing

David Wright said it is really good to hear the bells rung on a Sunday Morning. Andy asked Graham Savage to pass on thanks to the team for everything they do.

Tuesday Evening Group

Coffee Pot and Village Dining

Andy reminded everyone that Coffee Pot takes place on the first Saturday of each month. Janet advised that Sue and Julie are part of the team and that Julie and Rob always make the main course for the meals. Andy said it was good that both of these events were part of growing community and encouraging people to join in with the church.

Wednesday Church

Joy Hatton reported that there were 19 people there today which continues to be very encouraging.

Worship Group

Andy said the use of Ising has been a great benefit in morning worship. Andy is looking to get together with the group before the summer in order to look at how we can best do Morning Worship when the church is out of use. Andy advised that we will get permission from the Bishop to licence the church hall for worship use whilst the church renovations take place.

Mother's Union

Rector's Report

This was handed out at the meeting.

Andy advised that he usually refers back to Walking with Jesus – a gospel church, an enabling church, a community church and community renewal.

Margaret Humphries advised that there is a parents group from the School who meet each month to pray which is really encouraging.

5. Elections

Members of Deanery Synod

Mel Ennis has been nominated and was proposed by Paul Whitehead. Andy asked that this be accepted and Mel was duly elected.

PCC

This is made up of Clergy, Wardens, Deanery Synod Rep plus up to 9 PCC members.

Proposed The following people had been proposed and nominated:

Dora Attenborrow, Ken Elmer, Joy Hatton, Julie McWilliam, David Morley and David Wright

Andy proposed that these be accepted and duly elected. **Unanimously agreed.**

David Wright queried whether there was a minimum number of people required to stand for PCC. After Andy consulted the legal booklet, there was found to be no minimum. There is a minimum Quorum required for attendance of meetings which is a third of the total PCC. Andy advised that no major decisions would be made on a Quorum only meeting.

Andy also advised that Ken Elmer has been Vice Chair for the past year. This role is elected at first PCC meeting.

Deputy Church Wardens

Ken Elmer, Joy Hatton and Janet Wright were proposed and nominated. Andy asked that these be accepted and duly elected. **Unanimously agreed.**

Andy advised that David Cook has unofficially undertaken Deputy Warden duties in the evenings. David is happy to continue to do this.

Sidespeople

The following people currently share the role – Vera Bannister, Clarice and Colin, Marlene Cook, Sue Elmer, Joy Hatton, Julia Lunn, Stephen Northeast, Dave Sherrard, Rita Sherrard, Pat Wilson.

Andy proposed that these people continue in the role.

Unanimously agreed.

Andy again advised that people can be added on over the year.

Independent Examiner of Accounts

David Wright proposed Gary Stevenson continue in this role. Ken Elmer seconded. **Unanimously agreed.**

6. **Any other business**

No other business.

7. **Dates**

APCM 18 April 2018 PCC 21 June 2017

The meeting closed with the Grace.

Reports

Trowell, Awsworth & Cossall

Rector's Report 2017-18

Report not yet available, to be produced at the meeting.

*Rev Dr Andy Lord,
Rector of Trowell with Awsworth & Cossall*

Associate Minister's Report 2017-18

Report not yet received: Saturday, 14 April 2018

*Revd. Brenda D Brown
Associate Minister Awsworth Cossall & Trowell*

Churchwarden's Report

Report not prepared as there is no church warden.

Electoral Roll Report 2017-17

This has already been displayed in the church building.

Names on Roll 51.
This is an increase of three from the previous year

*Paul Humphries
Electoral Roll Officer*

Sides People 2017-18

Currently the following people share this role:

Vera Bannister, Clarice & Colin, Dave Sherrard, Joy Hatton, Julia Lunn, Marlene Cook, Pat Wilson, Rita Sherrard, Stephen Northeast, Sue Elmer.

Ken Elmer

Treasurer's Report and Accounts 2016–17

please see separate document, **St Helens Church Accounts 2017**

At the end of May, the new offering envelopes were distributed, together with a letter of thanks. This also outlined the financial challenges which the church faces each year and suggested that the deficit problem could be avoided if each member increased giving by only £2 per person per week (less than a visit to Starbucks). It was also pointed out that the purpose of envelopes was to reinforce the need for regular giving on a weekly basis --- that is every week. The reality of weekly offerings is that envelopes are not particularly regular and do not include retrospective amounts. This applies both to tax efficient and non tax efficient envelopes. Since the introduction of the gift aid small donations scheme, cash analysis recording has been obligatory. From this evidence it has to be said that generally, giving on the plate is poor.

Standing order givers were also recognised with a similar letter of thanks, still pointing out the financial challenges but acknowledging that the regularity and reliability of standing orders forms the backbone of financial support.

The maintenance workday was well attended and very successful. Every effort was made to publicise the event and good preparations were made in terms of information and means of donation. However, financial support was very poor. Most of the funding came from those who were doing the work.

Renewal Project funds are swelling gradually. Some pledges are already activated as monthly standing orders, but apart from this, the income from fund raising activities stands at £3065, with £486 to be added when all is collected in from the Queen's Birthday event. Income from collecting boxes is £341 and there have been many individual one off donations of varying value.

In recent years there have been a number of changes necessary in order to comply with legislation. So far I have managed to adjust the system to these and the extra work caused. At the end of April, our local friendly firm of accountants (who calculated the occasional offices PAYE for all three churches) combined with a larger firm. This has resulted in the operation being moved to Gloucester. So far this arrangement has not been too successful and has caused much more work at this end. Hopefully most is now satisfactorily resolved but it could result in the search for another small local payroll office.

At the end of 2015, there came a requirement for more detailed annual treasurer's reports as submitted at the AGM and to the deanery and the diocese. This report now has to identify deficits and problem areas, stating why and what action is to be taken. It appears this is a directive via the Charity Commission from the EEC.

On the 13th June, I received a booklet from Southwell, in which among other things, we are asked to:- Suggest to parishioners that they should donate 5% income to the church and 5% to other charities. Carry out trend analysis -- eg. giving per head over a period of time. Produce figures for projections and budgets.

On the 15th June I received from Southwell an email which indicates that we may have to register with the Charity Commission during our Renewal Project program due to the increased gross turnover.

David Wright (hon. treasurer to the PCC)



Renewal Project Report – 2017-18

This year's report is looking very much different to last year's when we were still unsure whether the first phases of the project would be able to go ahead. We had not longed received confirmation that we would had been successful in our grant application to WREN and this subsequently meant that we were firstly able to go back to some of the other grant applications to inform them of this. We also applied to an extension to the faculty which had been granted as that had been due to expire at the end of April 2017 – confirmation that this had been extended for a further year was subsequently received.

The first couple of months after the last APCM saw the small committee very busy as we put the proposal to PCC that the project would be able to go ahead with a starting date of September (working round weddings that were already booked). PCC accepted this proposal which then led us to instruct Mark Goodwil-Hodgson, our Architect, to request tenders for the work.

By the end of May 2017, we had put together more detailed costings for the work and the main contractor had been chosen based on the advice of our architect. There were still at this time frantic calculations to make sure that the project costs were covered and the grants bodies kept up to date with the latest cost breakdowns. A decision had also been taken at this time to instruct the contractor to undertake the works in the porch so that it could be seen that some movement was happening on the project. Unfortunately, this kept getting delayed due to various factors and eventually it was decided that it would be better to leave these works until the main works of the project had been completed given that there would be a large amount of concrete, rubble etc being removed from under the chancel. There was also lots of liaison between ourselves, the Architect and WREN regarding their part of the funding to ensure that we were meeting all the stipulations of this.

Over the next couple of months, we also did some further grant applications as we had now had the necessary funding in place to be able to apply for these. By the end of July, we finally knew that we had been successful in obtaining the last of our funding.

Whilst we knew that we would have enough to cover the costs of the works, some of the timings regarding payment of bills and actually receiving funding was a little tight to say the least – this was again to do with the way that WREN pay us and certainly gave our Treasurer some headaches. We therefore had a short term loan from the Diocese to ensure that all our costs could be met and this would be paid back at a later date.

A start date of mid September was therefore agreed and over the summer, many people volunteered to start packing up everything in the church. The pews were sold, again raising very welcome funds and probably 100 years worth of items were carefully packed into boxes and stored away.

The works sadly didn't start on the scheduled date but good progress was made over the coming weeks with various people popping into the church from time to time to see what was happening. Who thought that there would ever be a bobcat digger in the church! The week by week works have all been documented, with photos on the website and a book at the back of church. Some things were uncovered which we didn't know about – a few bones, an old heating system, steps to the old

doorway and, having dug down so far, the outline of an old vault was found. Nothing of any significance was found to hold the project up though.

After several weeks of the building resembling somewhat of a bomb site at times, we started to see it being put back together – we saw the full beauty of the East Window for the first time since this had been partially covered over in Victorian times and it was good to see much of the old wood panelling being reused in the chancel area.

The project was due to be finished by Christmas, although it had already been agreed that the Christmas services would take place at other locations but unfortunately it sadly slipped behind schedule. Again, a lot of prayer was made over the next couple of weeks as our Dedication Service with the Bishop had been in the diary for some time and this was in mid January – we were unsure that we would actually make it.

Thankfully, and with a lot of prodding, the contractors finished on Wednesday 10 January. Again, a team of people from church did a lot of work to ensure that the building was clean and ready for the service on the Sunday.

This was a great occasion with both congregations joining with people from the community and school to celebrate our “new” church. The comments from a wide variety of people have been very encouraging – a lot of people had been unable to visualise how it would all look and many can’t quite believe the amount of space that it has given whilst acknowledging some of the churches past history in retaining and enhancing its appearance.

There are a few “snagging” issues to be rectified mainly with the floor and heating and these will be sorted out very shortly.

The flexibility of the building is already proving invaluable – the school have been in, The Happening have had a couple of meetings there and we held our Pudding Party there this year as well as moving Coffee Pot into the church. Wednesday Church and the Lent Course have also been able to hold their meetings in the chancel area and different people continue to try out different seating arrangements.

What have we achieved?

At the start of the project, we had four phases which were to improve accessibility, renew heating, renew lighting and electrics, renew heritage (walls) and vestry. In order to fit with some of the grants, the phases were moved around slightly and we have achieved just over two of them as some of the electric works (new audio visual system) have actually been undertaken during this phase.

What’s next?

We had agreed to take some time out to enjoy the building before we embarked on the next stage. However we have been advised by one of the large grant contributors that they have their 60th anniversary this year and have launched a one off £5 billion project fund with grants ranging from £30,000. Sue Baxter has, therefore, agreed to make an application for this for the renewal of lighting and electrics. The application for this will go in next month.

We should shortly find out, once the remaining bills have been paid what funds we have available to start this off but our funding raising continues through donations, Buy A Chair, Coffeepot Village Dining etc.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the project be it financially, prayerfully and practically.

Nottingham North Deanery Synod Report for Jan - Dec 2017

Deanery Synod has met three times during 2017.

On 1 February 2017 we went to St Margaret's Aspley where the evening began with a café style worship. We listened to the talk Bishop Philip North gave to the Diocesan Conference on reaching the outer estates. We then prayed for the Deanery and particularly about thinking creatively with regard to our vacancies.

On 8 June we went to St Martin's, Sherwood. We reviewed our activities during Thy Kingdom Come and broke into groups to discuss and review our advent commitments.

On 15 November we went to Broxtowe St Martha's and split into groups to map and share what is happening in our parishes. Colin Slater then what had been happening at General Synod.

Our monthly prayer meetings continued on the first Tuesday of each month at Christ Church, Cinderhill where clergy and laity meet together for an hour to pray for the needs of the Deanery.

Nominations were requested for the Deanery Leadership Team and Peter Shaw joined Peter Huxtable, Anne Walters, Sue Dunster, Greg and Kirsty Cowley on Team. This year also saw the start of a new triennium and new Deanery Synod Representatives were welcomed following APCMs.

This year we said goodbye to John Hutchinson, Dan Corcoran and Philip Thomas and welcomed Bridget Baguley and Andrew Fisher to the Deanery. We also welcomed curates Simon Fellows, Karen Hanford and Peter Shaw.

We have continued to allocate parish share in full and to operate a pledge system for our giving. The amount given has increased and parishes are thanked for their commitment to paying parish share.

The emphasis of our times together has been on prayer, on seeking and depending on God for him to do a 'new thing' in our deanery, on sharing good practice and stories, on encouraging one another to keep the faith through some challenging times, and on fostering joy and partnership in the gospel.

Sue Dunster and Anne Walters {Lay Chairs of Nottingham North Deanery}

Peter Huxtable {Area Dean of Nottingham North Deanery}



Kids, Families and Youth work at St. Helens, Trowell 2015 – 2016



Report not yet received: Saturday, 14 April 2018

Church Hall and Cottage 2017-18.

The church hall has once more been a busy place this past year.

Last year, a complaint had been made by one of the hall user groups that there was a rodent infestation in the hall building. This has been dealt with but the building is now still being periodically checked by the pest control operative and any future activity will be dealt with confidentially by him but without the intervention of Environmental Health.

Overall the Hall is costing St Helen's an average of £2,000 a year to maintain, over and above the income received. This represents a significant contribution we make to the life of the village and also supports the mission of St Helen's.

For quite a long period, it was necessary to transfer all the Church services into the Church hall during the renewal project work, which seemed to work very well.

We are very grateful for the work of the retiring caretaker, Geoff Cotton. After due advertising and a formal interview we have employed Roy Hadfield to take his place as part time caretaker of both the Hall and the church.

Ken Elmer (on behalf of the church hall committee).

Bell Ringing 2017-18

We have again been very fortunate to have Tom and Christine Langton train us for another year.

Mike Semken continues to carry out our maintenance work free of charge. Thanks to Mike we were able to purchase new bell ropes at cost price. As the ropes were a danger hazard they had to be dealt with as a matter of urgency. We are all aware that the bell frame work also needs changing but at a much greater cost than the ropes - this will have to be an ongoing issue until finances are sourced.

Guild fees have been paid by the individual ringers.

Some of our younger ringers have received training as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Awards. We rang for weddings and other important occasions during the year, firstly at Trowell and then at St. Helen's Stapleford for the latter part of the year. Stapleford very kindly let us join them for ringing during the period we could not ring at Trowell. We were made most welcome and both teams joined together for a Christmas meal. Stapleford do not have many members so we are still joining them occasionally for ringing and for any back up they may need.

We again rang in the Crawford Cup but this year had the pleasure of hosting it too.

In July we rang a Quarter Peal as part of the celebrations for the 50th Anniversary of Trowell School.

We have tried to make our tower more ringer friendly during the year. The highlight was to have one of the Church pews moved upstairs – a real luxury after sitting on boxes and kneeling pads for such a long time. It's been nice to see the visits from other towers continue – it's amazing how far some of these ringers travel to ring the bells at other Churches.

N.B

On Remembrance Day 2018 there will be events across the UK to mark 100 years since World War One ended. Bells in Churches and Cathedrals will ring out on 11th November and Big Ben will also strike to mark the centenary of Armistice Day. The intention, during the year, is to recruit some 1,400 bell ringers to represent the 1,400 bell ringers killed in conflict during the war.

Would you please mention this to people that you associate with – hopefully this could help us with the recruitment drive.

March 2018

Christine Bradshaw

Tuesday Evening House Group

The group continues to meet (usually every week) when we enjoy fellowship together.

Over the past year our numbers have grown and we now have 14 members.

During the last months we have supported the 'Frontline' course held at Awsworth which was held during October and November.

Also most of the group attended the Lent Study group when it was good to use the Chancel now that the church has been refurbished.

Weekly meetings of worship and bible study prove beneficial to all the group.

The strength of the group is that we know one another well enough to respect privacy but are able to share with each other when a member (or one of their family) is faced with specially hard situations. Help with prayer and practical support such as a meal rota, lifts to appointments or visits to vulnerable people in stressful times have helped at these times.

Our members can always be relied upon to help out at any time with catering for Coffee Pot or Village dining events when we feel a great sense of togetherness.

Social events of meals and watching DVD's have all added to the group's enjoyment and we hope to continue to support other church events as they take place over the next year.

Eva Hubbard, Janet Wright



COFFEE POT AND VILLAGE DINING

Coffee Pot has continued to be held each month at the Church Hall up to December last year. After a month off in January, this has now moved into the newly refurbished Church. We have around 25 people coming on a regular basis and also welcome a few "non church" people who welcome the opportunity to drop in

each month for drinks, cake and a chat. There is a small team of people who regularly help out at this and we thank them for their kitchen duties and provision of cakes each month. We occasionally also have a variety of items for sale such as knitted goods, craft items, cards, pictures etc and funds raised from the donation of these are also generously given to Coffee Pot funds. Several hundred pounds have continued to be raised over the last year and these are given to the Renewal Fund. Thank you to everyone who comes along for their continued support.

Sue, Janet and team



VILLAGE DINING

Village Dining has held several meals over the last year which have welcomed an average of around 40 people for a two course lunch. These have included a Spring Lunch, Light Lunch and Advent Lunch. Menus have ranged from a quiche lunch to a full roast with a variety of puddings served at each one. Our Harvest Lunch consisted of a Bring and Share and the last event was our Pudding Party on Shrove Tuesday – the latter was held in Church for the first time as we have had to work it round availability of the hall in past years so it was good to be able to hold it in a new venue. Again, these meals have provided food and fellowship and it has been good to welcome people from the village community and beyond to these. A small team has enabled these to happen - Rob and Julie who always provide and cook the main course with Janet and Sue usually doing puddings. Thank you, too, to all our waiters and waitresses and people who volunteer to clear tables, wash up and help at these. Our next lunch is on 22 April with monies raised continuing to go the Renewal Fund.

Janet, Julie M & Sue B

Wednesday Church 2017-18

Our numbers have stayed pretty much the same even while we met in the church hall while the renewal was taking place. We sadly lost Arthur who is greatly missed, but with David and Joan providing the music for our singing we manage very well. We continue to share the leading of our spiritual time between us, amazing ourselves sometimes how God leads us and what we can learn from each other. If any church members would like to come and share their stories with us, just please let either Janet Joan or I know you'd be very welcome and we would love to hear your experiences.

Joy Hatton

Worship Group

Report not yet received: Saturday, 14 April 2018

Mothers Union 2017-18

We still have a fair number of members although we have sadly lost two, and two more are now unable, because of ill health to attend anymore. Our last years varied program seemed to go well with speakers, an outing, afternoon tea, our Deanery festival at Beeston where quite a number of the members received long attendance certificates. This year has begun well, we have exercised, looked at disabilities, Joan took us through a Lent meditation and we have Stephen Flinders coming this month to entertain us. We could do with some new members even younger ones!! but Joan Irene and I will continue to make each meeting a place of friendship and fellowship, under the banner of Mothers Union in the name of Jesus Christ.

Joy Hatton.

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