

All Saint's Breadsall Annual Church Life Report for 2020 *to be read in conjunction with the Legal Annual report 2020.*

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1st Churchwarden's Report A

Church Maintenance

Due to the strict restriction in force during 2020 very little maintenance was carried out on the fabric of the building. Small repairs have been done such as continually unblocking the vacuum cleaners. One of the priorities of the churchwardens has been to keep the church clean and safe during periods when we have been allowed to hold church services.

All annual service contracts such as clock maintenance, fire extinguishers, and PAT testing were all carried out as normal.

Churchyard

The main focus when restrictions allowed was the churchyard. Our usual 'Payback' team were unable to visit and this resulted in the churchyard grass growing several metres. During July a small team was gathered together to try and tackle the problem. Small areas around the church and new graves were strimmed and mowed. The work was extremely hard and time consuming. Eventually a contractor had to be paid to tidy the whole graveyard.

The 'Payback' team were able to commence work again during the autumn but only came for a few weeks before restrictions were again brought in.

My thanks go to our incumbent, readers and treasurer for all the valuable work they carried out during lockdown to keep us all connected.

Adrian Lunn Churchwarden 4 April 2021

Church Wardens Report B

Looking through last years diary gave me a feeling of sadness. At the end of February WI held a coffee morning in church and Fred organised a full peel of bells. I don't think we realised how soon our church bells would fall silent and wouldn't be able to meet. On reflection some good has come from this pandemic and our thanks go to Kate, Chris, Jane, Fran and Lizzie for starting services with weekly podcast and keeping us fed spiritually. They became a much needed and new way of worship and brought our three parishes together in the podcast content with different people doing prayers and readings. Thank you to Kate for starting after church coffee on zoom it brought us all together and it was good to talk to people we normally don't see. 15th March was our last service in church until 2nd August seven people did meet with Jane on Mothering Sunday for prayers and bible readings then in August we started services in church again socially distancing and no singing. Bank holiday Monday we gathered for bring your own coffee outside church 12 people came but that didn't last because a week later we couldn't meet with more than six people. In September Kate started 8 am communion on Wednesday this was appreciated by older members of our congregation and was well attended. We had Harvest festival and collected none perishable food for Padley Centre and Derby City Mission school also had their harvest service in church. The beginning of November Pat organised a memorial service in a different and safe way and was appreciated by families who came to remember their loved one with prayer and lighting a candle. We had a much smaller remembrance service outside church with muffled bells several people gathered at a social distance. December was a busy month we had flow through carols sung by our choir and people were ask to bring socks for the homeless we collected a large sack full and Adrian took them to the Padley Centre. With the help of choir members we went in groups of six to sing carols in the parish. Thanks to residents on Rectory Lane, Ypig, school and some of the families we had a wonderful display at different gardens also mulled wine and mince pies. Donations were made for the children's society so thank you to all who were involved. Finally thank you to Rosie and Phil for welcoming us to worship every Sunday with the bells to Fred for his diligence in keep abreast with the rules. Thank you do Dana and the choir for providing some music when it was much needed. To the team of cleaners and flower arrangers your efforts made our church look beautiful for Christmas. Thank you all for your hard work at such a difficult time.

Jacqui Eastwood Church Warden March 2021

2. Priest in Charge Report

2020 has challenged us as it has challenged the world. For much of the first half of the year and for November the church was closed. In the months that it was open careful risk assessments have needed to be put in place, we have not been able to sing together or share the common cup. The children's corner has had to be closed, our Sunday evening worship has been largely lost. Our worship in the church has been different. Providing individual activity packs for children, rewriting the liturgy to enable greater participation instead of hymns, offering the sign of peace in a distanced way and not really being able to speak or have coffee together afterwards, all have been challenges. Rota making has been challenging indeed under the ever changing regulations. Much activity has moved on line.

New skills have had to be developed but we managed, with our 2 sister churches, to provide worship weekly on line since the end of March. I can only say that people's readiness to engage with technology and step up to contribute has been remarkable. Feedback has been consistently positive and uptake has happened across and beyond our parishes. I hope that, being reminded we can encounter and worship God in our own homes, will bear fruit as we move forward. We also gathered across the parishes for a Bible study online in the autumn which continued into the new year. And we have been able to meet for 'after church coffee' to enable the fellowship that we could not have after services.

Members of the congregation have worked hard to stay in touch with one another – a regular email and phone conversation – a stolen cup of coffee in the church yard, chatting through doorways, distanced walks, texts and so on. This has been commendable. However I am conscious that there have been some gaps and some have felt disconnected. We have also lost people precious to our congregation.

We have needed to be creative in the ways in which we have drawn our communities into the story of our faith and again you have risen to the challenge. Notably the flow through All Souls' and Carol services, the carol singing around the estate and the village, Christmas on Rectory lane. And an absolute mass of leafleting! These have been positive in building the church's relationship with the village, with many volunteers from outside of the congregation helping and I hope this will continue.

Although previously I have been concerned about the prioritising of children's work on Sundays in the parish, this report makes plain the continued commitment to our children and Young People and I am very encouraged by that.

I would like to thank everyone for the way they have risen to the challenge of 2020. And I would like to thank you all for helping me to do the same. I was only 8 months in to my first incumbency when we went into lockdown: it all could have been very terrible. But it wasn't – by God's grace, and with one another, we have pulled through. I hope in many ways, stronger and better equipped for what lies ahead.

Kate Plant : Priest in Charge

3. Vergers Report

Weddings

Unfortunately all the weddings that had been booked for 2020 had to be postponed due to the ever-changing regulations. There has been one wedding re-booked for the end of May 2021 and we truly hope this will be able to go ahead without further delay.

Funerals

During 2020 funerals were few and far between thankfully. Those we did have were very different ceremonies from those we normally experience. I've always viewed funerals as a celebration of a life but with no hymns or singing allowed services were somewhat challenging.

During the first part of 2021 we experienced a spate of deaths. The government guidelines changed again in 2021 and we were allowed to have one choir member singing at funerals. The number of mourners allowed to attend a funeral was still restricted to 30. Due to a restriction on numbers funeral directors began to stream services for relatives who were unable to attend. This proved to be an entirely new experience for our village church in some cases with equipment, cables and microphones to cope with.

We have had no burial of ashes during the past year but I suspect this will be addressed when restrictions ease.

Pat Lunn Verger

4. Minnows Report 2020

The year began well, with regular attendance from about 12 Mums and their children. We were enjoying a mix of activities for the children, snack times and singing each week, with the opportunities for the Mums to relax and chat.

Our final meeting was on March 10th before Covid intervened. During the first lock-down everyone was very active on our Minnows Whats App group. There was much sharing of practical activities and ideas of ways to entertain the children. Families created rainbows, suns, teddies and many other pictures to put in their windows for others to see. Although the initial frenzy of texting activity died down as the year went on, the Whats App group was, and remains, a way of encouraging and supporting one another. I have also visited the families on their doorsteps.

Every Mums and Toddler group thrives by having new babies around and we were fortunate to have two pregnant Mums. One gave birth to a baby daughter at the end of the year and the other was due early in 2021. I know the group are all looking forward to a time when we can all get together again.

Thanks for everyone's support and prayers during this time.

Jane Williams

5. Preschool report 2020

We only managed one session with the children for which I went into preschool instead of the children coming into church. I had decided that during the winter months it was better for me to go to them. We looked at Noah read a story did some craft and some singing.

Hopefully I will be back with them when it's safe to do so.

Jacquie Eastwood.

6. Sunday School

There has been no Sunday School since the last report. We look forward to resuming when we are allowed, assuming there are any children of the ages 3 to 10 attending church on weeks 2, 3 and 4 of the month.

Wendy Normanshaw

7. Collective Worship Report 2020

Mavis Collins, Wendy Normanshaw and myself usually go on a rota basis every Tuesday afternoon to lead Collective Worship for Breadsall School. We have always been warmly welcomed and I think we have all built good relationships with both the children and the Staff. Once the first Covid Lock-down was announced in March everything shut down. However there were a couple of school events that were able to take place later in the year. The Year 6 children who were leaving Breadsall School in July were able to come into church, each with one parent, for their Leaving Service. At this service they were also each given a Youth Bible as a gift from the church. Then at Christmas the children came into church in their two separate "bubbles" for two Christingles. This was such a lovely thing to be able to do as the church was unable to have its regular Christingle services.

Jane Williams

8. Funky Fish Report 2020

Until mid-March Funky Fish was meeting on both Mondays and Tuesdays after school in church. The younger children were coming on Mondays and the older children on Tuesdays. We had found that this arrangement was working really well. The very large numbers the previous year had meant that we were unable to give the attention and time to the children that we would like. We were also very blessed to have enough helpers to be able split into the two groups. Each week there would be refreshments, times to chat, games, a Bible story and a follow up activity.

Once the first Covid Lock-down was announced in March we had to stop meeting. For a while we tried to meet each week on zoom. There was a small group who came faithfully but, for most, this was not a good option. The children were using zoom for school and "visiting" friends. Adding Funky Fish seemed for many a step too far. However I have regularly been in touch with the parents by texting and letting them know of anything which might be of interest – such as making Easter gardens and the Street Nativity. I also managed to get round most of the families a few times with activities. Many of the parents have told us they are looking forward to Funky Fish restarting – and so are we!
Thank you for all your prayers.

Jane Williams and the Funky Fish Team

9. Ypig report 2020-21

The year started with our usual mix of activities in the memorial hall and out and about. During those first few sessions Kelly had to take a break for surgery and after asking for

helpers, church members stepped in to help out, braving the cold weather for a quiz around the village or enjoying a coffee while the group scaled the walls at clip 'n' climb. In March we took the decision to stop ypig due to the increasing covid situation and we cancelled our sessions for the foreseeable future on March 18th. After a short break we started to use zoom for online sessions. Numbers have been small, with zoom just not right for everyone, but we kept going every other week for a short session, trying to keep the connection with the group. We have done plenty of quizzes, scavenger hunts, bingo, games and crafts all over zoom. In October we were allowed to meet up outside so we managed one session in person with a quiz around the village before the next lockdown kicked in. In December we were able to meet indoors within covid guidelines and had a couple of sessions creating figures for the nativity trail. At the end of the year we said goodbye to Kelly, who had taken the decision that she needed to step down from YPIG. We thank her for all her time and help over the last few years. Kate has kindly helped out and Eloise is now going through the DBS and safeguarding process as she has now turned 18 and can become an official adult leader, but she hopes to go to university next year so we are looking for help in running YPIG in the future. This period has been challenging and the future looks uncertain. Please keep us in your prayers and if you think you would be able to help in any way please get in touch.

Claire

10. Sunday University

Sunday University has been paused since 2019 because the majority of participants have now left home. Provision will be reviewed when there are 3 or 4 teenagers available to form a viable group.

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11. BAPTISM

We have had no Baptisms this year owing to the ongoing Covid19 crisis. We do have six families, waiting patiently, for Baptism services to resume. I have kept in touch with them and hopefully, with Kate, we will make arrangements as soon as possible for the happy family event to take place.

Dorreen Milner

12. FLOWERS

Some Christmas flowers (donation given) otherwise nothing to report, but waiting in the wings, with Mary Hinckley and Jane Cargill, to when we can arrange flowers in Church once again. Dorreen Milner

13. ROTAS

I am very grateful to all, who, when asked to read the scripture / prepare prayers or act as stewards (taking names with contact details and organising seating) very readily agreed to help. A very sincere thank you.

Information for future rotas: When it is known we can attend regularly for Church services, a rota for six months! will be prepared, but until then one will be done on a weekly basis. Dorreen Milner

14. Safeguarding 2020-2021

The new Safeguarding officers have been appointed by Breadsall Church and approved by the Dioceses. We have now completed all current available training and are booked on the final course in May.

The updated Church of England Safeguarding posters have been placed in the Church, Vestry, Bell Tower and Notice Board in the Church yard. Also, the Breadsall Website has been updated to include a Safeguarding statement and up to date contact details.

Moving forward, inline with the new Church of England Safeguarding rules we will be contacting all PCC members and people who hold positions in the Church paid or unpaid to formally introduce ourselves and work through their individual DBS status, level of training and retraining requirements. One of the more significant updates is now the requirement to keep all records for 75 years for all roles taken up and 6 years for roles that were unsuccessful. To this end we have a dedicated email address (breadsallsafe@gmail.com), which should be used for any issues regarding Safeguarding.

During the next few months, we hope to have full acceptance by the PCC of either the Church of England's 'Promoting a Safer Church' safeguarding policy or updated any existing Breadsall policy to include this policy statement.

Philip and Rosie Patrick
Safeguarding Officers, All Saints Church, Breadsall

15. The Wider Church

Owing to Covid 19 there is little to report about our involvement with the Wider Church. The Nightshelter closed early in 2020 for the safety of all. At that point the council stepped in & paid for accommodation in a hotel for our guests during the first lockdown. Derby City Mission's Safe Space & the City's 'No Second Night Out' have worked together & a significant majority of homeless people have been found accommodation with support coming from several agencies. During the 2020/2021 winter period Derby City Mission found guest accommodation at the Mount Cook outdoor activities centre in the peaks where guests from several areas have been able to find sanctuary, guidance & help. No volunteers have been involved however, only paid staff.

16. Friends of Breadsall Church

Our 'Friends' have been unable to meet since February 2020 & we have decided to resume in 2022 when hopefully restrictions will have ended. We placed a report in the Breadsall Parish Council Spring newsletter explaining who we are & what we do & inviting new members. Membership is still £10 per household.

Sarah Hewitt, Secretary

17. The Heritage trust did not meet during 2020

18. The Health and Safety Committee did not meet in 2020 however considerable attention was given by all the PCC to the necessary risk assessments, preparation and on going cleaning of the church.