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A meeting for the election of Churchwardens followed by the APCM to be held in the Parish Hall of St Wilfrid's Church on Sunday 10th April 2016 immediately following the Eucharist.

Opening prayer and address - Fr Andrew Wadsworth

## **VESTRY MEETING**

Election of Churchwardens

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## 2. Minutes of the APCM held on 19th April, 2015.

Chaired by Fr. Andrew Wadsworth.

Opening prayer– Fr. Andrew Wadsworth.

The meeting opened at 12.00

### VESTRY MEETING

It was proposed that the minutes should be taken as read. Those present were content.

#### **Election of Churchwardens:**

Nominated: Elaine Green. Proposed by Neil MacDonald, seconded by Margaret Bateman.

Nominated: Malcolm Vernone: Proposed by Neil MacDonald, seconded by Jean Rose...

Both were duly elected.

### APCM

#### **1. Apologies for absence.**

Brenda Richards, Alison Macaffrey, Ruth Wood, Janet Tate, Mary Gough, Neil and Christine Harris, Julie Starmer, Janine Willard, Brendan Soul, Jean and Maurice Rowling, Chris Sheppard, Margaret Richards, June Ceresa.

#### **2. Minutes of the APCM held on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014..**

Jean Rose proposed that the minutes should be taken as read. Neil MacDonald seconded this. Those present were content.

#### **3. Matters arising.**

There were no matters arising.

#### **4. Adoption of Electoral Roll.**

Malcolm Vernone reported that the electoral roll stands at 167.

Keith Richards proposed the adoption of the electoral roll. Peter Jessop seconded. All present were content..

#### **5. Annual Report and Accounts for 2014.**

Neil MacDonald presented the Annual report and Accounts.

He summarized the statement of accounts.

Peter Jessop stated that as a congregation we are not giving enough and asked members to compare their weekly giving with, for example, the cost of a cup of coffee. He asked that everyone use the gift aid scheme or the gift aid envelopes.

Fr Andrew replied that the PCC had made an effort to address this matter and thanked John Wood and Denis Sheppard for their hard work. He said it was a permanent issue but there is a limit as to what we can do.

Peter Green endorsed this. He added that the level of individual giving is only part of the equation. We need to increase the size of the congregation.

Stuart Hutchison said that we need to concentrate on bringing more young people into the church. This can only be done by making it more attractive and relevant to young people.

Neil MacDonald proposed that the accounts be accepted. Peter Jessop seconded. Those present were content.

#### **6. Fabric Report.**

Peter Jessop congratulated Peter Green on his work. Fr Andrew thanked Peter Green for his work..

#### **7. Deanery Synod Report.**

There were no questions,

Malcolm Vernone reminded members that they could attend the Open meetings of the Synod. He said they were worth while, with good speakers

**8. Elections of Lay representatives to the Parochial Church Council.**

Those nominated were:

John Wood: proposed Denis Sheppard, seconded Margaret Bateman.

Rachel Dyer: proposed Rachel Ison, seconded Neil MacDonald.

Glenda Richards: proposed Rachel Ison, seconded Keith Richards.

Louise Smith: proposed Keith Richards, seconded Glenda Richards.

All were duly elected.

**9. Appointment of Sidesmen**

The following are church sidesmen:

Cherry Ward, Shelly Burford, John Wood, Stuart Hutchison, Linda Beckley, Peter Beckley..

The following will join the team:

Margaret Bateman, Louise Smith, Sue Ward,.

Julie Starmer and Angela Triggs are usually on stand-by.

Fr Andrew thanked the team.

**10. Appointment of Independent Examiner.**

Ian Burroughs is willing to remain as Independent Examiner. Neil MacDonald proposed that he be re-elected. Fr. Ramon seconded. This was agreed.

**11. Safeguarding Report**

**12. Sunday School Report**

**13. House Groups**

**14. Choir Report**

**15. Nyewood Infant School Report**

**16. Nyewood Junior School Report**

**16. Social and Fundraising Committee Report**

**17. Family Support Work**

**18. After School Club**

Copies of the above reports had been circulated.

Elaine Green said that the Social and Fundraising Committee had had a good year, raising £8 500, but this year one event had to be cancelled due to lack of support. She asked that members attend as many events as possible, their support is essential.

Fr Andrew thanked Ruth and Felicity Wood for their work on Safeguarding, which he said was professional and thorough.

Anne Latter said that as there will be more links with the schools we should use hymns that the children are familiar with.

There were no other questions or comments.

**19. AOB.**

There was no other business.

## 20. Vicar's Address.

Father Andrew based his address on the Diocesan Strategy, drawn up by the Bishop of Chichester and due to be distributed to the parishes at Pentecost.

He began by quoting Acts 4, 32 – 34:

Now the company of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things which he possessed was his own, but they had everything in common.

*And with great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.*

*There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet; and distribution was made to each as any had need.*

The Bishop's Strategy covers the three areas of mission, ministry and common good., with an emphasis on Mission in Britain.

Although, in a recent survey, only 30% of the population said they were religious, the churches today are centres of kindness and help for those in need in everyway, showing a commitment of service to others. But Christianity is no longer the norm, the national scene is hard and challenging, with increasing selfishness and depression. In our Parish there are many difficult issues: families, nursing homes, mental health and lack of Christian unity. On the other hand, there have been good developments: Glenlogie House, the food bank and Arun Angels. In St Wilfrid's the After School Club and family support are positive developments. Our challenge is to move from messy church to regular family attendance at church.

Fr Andrew listed the various areas which we need to consider very carefully in order to expand Mission:

- music at family service. A liaison group is needed.
- bridge services. How to develop services which are relevant and attractive to young people while being faithful to our catholic faith.
- dealing with the issues facing families in the parish. More support from Head Teachers would be helpful.
- the 38 residential and care homes in our parish. This is a very testing ministry.
- involvement with the local community. Links with the Rotary Club and the Town Hall are valuable.

Fr Andrew emphasized that ministry and mission are the responsibility of all the people of the church. The responsibility of stewardship is part of the Christian life and identity. He commended the leaflets *Building up the Church*, and *A better way to support your Church* which had been circulated. Every area of Church life should be seen in terms of Mission.

Fr Andrew gave thanks for benefactors who had left money for St Wilfrid's in their wills:

- Amy Krijisman, who left money for the Mission Fund,
- Margaret Payne, who paid for the new heating system and left a legacy
- Joyce Wastell.

Fr Andrew gave thanks for our two Ordinands, Jamie Gater and Angus Reid

Fr Andrew told members that Neil MacDonald was leaving PCC and the Finance Committee in order to concentrate on his Mission in the Community project.

Finally, he asked members to consider attending the Parish Day at the Bishop's Palace on 26<sup>th</sup> September.

## 5. Annual Report and Accounts

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL  
OF THE  
PARISH OF ST. WILFRID, BOGNOR  
FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2015**

**NOTE: The Accounts have yet to be independently examined and approved by the appointed Independent Examiner Mr Ian Burrows who was appointed at the last APCM on the 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 (item 10).**

### Background

St. Wilfrid's PCC has the responsibility for co-operating with the Vicar in promoting the whole mission of the Church; pastoral, evangelistic and ecumenical in the ecclesiastical parish of Bognor. The PCC is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

### Membership

Members are either elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at a rate of three per year to serve a three-year term or are ex officio according to the Church Representation Rules. Others may be co-opted.

Vicar	Revd Andrew Wadsworth
Churchwardens	Mrs Elaine Green and Mr Malcolm Vernone
PCC Secretary	Mrs Louise Smith
Diocesan Synod Rep.	Mrs Rachel Ison
Deanery Synod Reps.	Mrs Rachel Ison, Mrs Jean Rose Mr John Wood
Elected Members	Mr Keith Richards, Miss Glenda Richards, Mrs Julie Starmer, Mr Denis Sheppard, Mrs Margaret Bateman, Mrs Rachel Dyer, Mr Gordon Smith, Mrs Louise Smith
Co-opted Member	Mr Alastair McLean (Honorary Treasurer)
Minutes Secretary	Mrs Shelly Burford

Father Andrew Wadsworth was instituted as Vicar on 18th November 2007, having previously been Priest in Charge. The Parish also had considerable help from other priests, including Father Ray Whelan, Father Ramon Thomas, Father Mark Everitt to all of whom we extend our very grateful thanks.

### Committees

The PCC's Standing Committee, which is required by law, has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. The Finance Committee has also met regularly and devoted much of its time to monitoring the parish budget and seeking ways to increase income and reduce expenditure.

The Mission Action Plan Group has also met regularly and has been active in making suggestions for improving the mission of the church in the community, thereby raising the profile of mission in the life of the parish

### Church Attendance

170 Parishioners were recorded on the Church Electoral Roll as at 31st December 2015, having risen from 167 in December 2014, taking into account deaths, movement to other parishes and new members. The average Church attendance on a normal Sunday is 100

## Review of the Year

For the year there was an overall deficit of £ 3,899 on an expenditure of £ 112,273

Comparing 2014 with 2015:

	current year	prior year	movement
Giving to general funds	64,168	57,047	7,121
Planned giving	47,198	36,443	10,755
Fund raising after expenses	4,574	9,426	(4,852)
additional major income			
Hall income	11,468	10,262	1,206
Legacies	15,350	1,400	13,950
Rent of Shelley Road	4,414	0	4,414

The PCC made charitable donations during the year of £800 to Nyewood Schools.

Our principal duty and commission is to proclaim the Gospel in Bognor, as a community and as individuals. In order to do this we need to be enthused by, and confident in, our own faith. In recent years we have been occupied in maintaining and repairing the fabric of our buildings and other related matters. The Eucharist continues to be at the heart of our worship and is celebrated on a daily basis. Choral Evensong is sung once a month, and average attendance for this is static. There are two housegroups which meet regularly, to study the Bible, to pray together and support its members.

The operation of the office administration with volunteers has resulted in significant cost savings and much improved liaison with visitors and general enquiries.

The St. Wilfrid's Magazine is a major part of the church's communication with the church congregation and all who receive it. The church website [www.wilfrid.com](http://www.wilfrid.com) along with our Facebook page act as key means of communication.

During the year, there was a continuing focus on mission. Family services were continued, a Pilgrimage to Walsingham took place at the end of October. We are continuing to evaluate better use of Church and Hall. A Parish Quiet Day was held in September at the Bishop's Palace to encourage reflection on how more effective mission might develop. The "After-School Club" in co-operation with the Diocesan Family Support Work team, has met on a regular basis. A breakfast group continues to offer men from the congregation and in the parish the opportunity to meet for fellowship and food, and to explore practical ways of giving help within the church. The group first met in June 2012 and have met regularly since then. This has proved extremely popular and newcomers are always welcome. Thanks are due to all who have helped with this, especially John Wood who organizes it each month

The musical life of our Church has struggled in the past year. Our choir trainer left us at the end of 2015. Rex Latter has nobly stepped in and the choir is in better shape.

Jamie Gater was ordained as Deacon in Chichester Cathedral in June 2015 and will be priested this year. We have one ordinand, Angus Reid who is in his second year training at Westcott House, Cambridge and we have two other potential ordinands exploring vocations to the priesthood. This is quite remarkable in the scheme of things.

We are grateful to the team of helpers for their work with the Junior Church, members of whom have shown an active interest in the liturgical year of the church. 5 children have been prepared for the First Communion. The serving team has been augmented by three more servers this year. The continuing process of implementing the Child Protection policy has affected all of our youth work. Our particular thanks go to Ruth Wood, our Child Safeguarding (formerly Protection) officer, for her hard work. The Parish has continued to



## 6. Fabric Report

### Quinquennial Report August 2014

Following the Quinquennial Inspection Report from the Church Architect Mr Richard Andrews, the main focus has been attending to the guttering at high level - Guttering and associated work South Nave-£6,458 +VAT. Guttering and associated work Organ Stair Tower - £2,140 + VAT

The PCC approved the expenditure and the contract was awarded to Taylor Construction but it became evident that the window for doing this work before the onset of winter had gone (delayed as a result of Taylor's workload) and it was necessary to postpone the work until 2016. The remedial work is now taking place (April 2016) and much needed re-pointing of the windows and stonework is being done at the same time. During this work it has become evident that the South Transept window mortar joints and fixings urgently need attention and this additional work has been authorised as an extension of the present works. Other guttering and repointing work on the north east and north facing aspects are being quantified as is inspecting the East window which is showing signs of movement in the middle mullions and detaching of the stained glass from the middle saddle bars.

Other quinquennial work completed has been re-pointing the mortar joints in the porch flagstones, re-pointing and repairs to the boundary west wall in Ellasdale Road, rewiring and installation of plastic conduit for new PIR LED Security Lamps outside the kitchen, fitting of surge protection for the main distribution board and enclosure of the distribution board in a cupboard.

### Parish Buying Scheme Contract Basket

We joined the new scheme from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 and this was renewed on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015 for a further year.

### Lighting Improvements

The standby lighting lamps in the south and north isles of the nave have been replaced with LED equivalents. The process of replacing the 100 watt tungsten halogen spot lamps with 14 watt LED equivalents on all the pier lighting will continue.

A fully networked wireless lighting DMX control has been installed with a trial of two PAR LED spot lamps (at the moment only temporarily fitted) operated either by an iPad, iPhone or small DMX Controller has been successfully installed. The next stage is to extend this DMX control to replace 8 tungsten halogen spot lamps in the nave with new PAR LED lamps. This will then facilitate full separate wireless control of the dais and nave areas with a full range of colours and lighting options and making the lighting much more suitable for performance events like Jazz concerts and dramatic productions.

## 7. Deanery Synod Report

There were three meetings during the year, all open to all parishioners.

The first introduced the Diocesan Vision for Growth and was addressed by the Bishop of Lewes.

The second had a presentation by Nigel Lynn, Chief Executive of Arun District Council, on likely future housing developments in our region.

The Year of Mercy was the subject of the third meeting, and Bishop Martin spoke persuasively for forty minutes on this subject.

All the meetings were well attended, and the general business of the Synod was carried out at the end of each meeting, including an agreement to introduce a cap on parish share of Parish Ministry Cost plus 5%. This means we will have to pay £56821 for 2016 (compared to £54781 for 2015).

A special thank you was given to Jean Rose as it was her last meeting, after 40 years faithful service.

John Wood 03/03/2016

## 12. Safeguarding Report

Despite the continuing pressures on the Diocesan Safeguarding Team and the shocking revelations about historic abuse in the Diocese, I am glad to say that since my last Report there has been improved contact with parishes and improved communication to keep us abreast of developments. In August 2015, we received the First Edition of the Diocese of Chichester Safeguarding Newsletter which will be sent four times a year to Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators and Clergy. It includes news, updates (especially about training), and useful information about publications and policy developments. These letters are circulated to PCC members and members of the Safeguarding Group to ensure safeguarding awareness is widespread. The second edition gives news updates including comments on the Bishop George Bell case and also outlines the Public Enquiry into child sexual abuse and confirms that the Diocese of Chichester will be a Case Study for the Group chaired by Judge Lowell Goddard.

Our own Safeguarding Group has continued to meet regularly, although we have had changes in membership during the past year. Elaine Green replaced Neil Macdonald and, during Mary Gough's absence, Brigid Jones has agreed to join us because of her involvement in the After School Club. Estelle Meagher has replaced Mabel Padfield as the Choir representative. Janet Hopewell joined us at our recent meeting in March and it will be very helpful to have her input in future, particularly in respect of safeguarding vulnerable adults and frail elderly people. Father Andrew, Alan Baker and Linda Beckley continue to give me help and support. We meet four times a year and receive reports from Group members; discuss literature from the Diocese, from CCPAS (The Churches Child Protection Advisory Service), and from the DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service); receive information from Father Andrew about Deanery and Diocesan Safeguarding developments; have feedback about training attended, and generally support one another in what is an important but difficult topic.

During the year Linda Beckley and I attended the revised Diocesan Foundation training in Chichester, and I attended in November the First Diocese of Chichester Adult Safeguarding Conference held in Arundel. Apart from an early reference to the number of major child protection clergy abuse cases since 2012, the day focussed on Safeguarding Adults and the vulnerable elderly, with particular reference to Domestic Abuse. The Diocese will be sending more information, policies and procedures for consideration by the PCC.

At their meeting this month, the PCC will again consider the Parish Child Protection Policy issued by the Diocese. When approved and signed, it will be returned to the Bishop's Adviser for Safeguarding (Colin Perkins). It will be displayed on the Notice Boards in the church, so please read it again as it reminds us all of our responsibility to the safeguarding, care and nurture of all our members.

Ruth Wood

## 13. Sunday School Report

We have 15 children on the Sunday School Register. Two of these joined in 2015 and were also baptised in church, which was very special.

Four of our regular children wanted to take Holy Communion and they met with Father Andrew and Aaron Perry on Saturdays to prepare for this important event in their lives. On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February they took their first Holy Communion and were joined by their family and friends for this special occasion.

We were also pleased when Kaspar Kobusinski, who used to attend Sunday School regularly, came back last year. He also took his first Holy Communion and is now training as an altar assistant.

Although we are only a small group in Sunday School we have been very encouraged by the children's spiritual growth. We continue to prepare and help the children understand the significance of the Eucharist and the teachings of Jesus through the New Testament.

Sarah and Linda

## 14. House Group Report

### Monday Afternoon House Group

The Monday Group have met regularly throughout the year. We enjoy studying the Bible and reading aloud from differing versions of the Bible. After the Lent York Course in 2015, we have studied St Mark's Gospel with the aid of the booklet written by the Archbishop of Canterbury. In the Autumn we read through selected chapters of the Book of Joshua, with much interest.

This year we have studied Paul's letter to the Philippians in January and during Lent we have followed the York Course on Psalms which has created much discussion.

The start date for the new term for the Monday House Group will be on Monday 25th April, 2.30-4.30 pm. and will be held every fortnight through until July.

The meetings are usually held in member's homes, the first one will be at 29 Yeomans Acre.

We would welcome newcomers to join our small group and try out our regular sessions including Bible Study with discussion, Prayer followed by fellowship and tea together.

Contact; Gill Hutchison 827990

### Thursday Evening House Group

The Thursday Evening House Group has 9 regular members who continue to meet together fortnightly 7.30pm – 9.00pm at Linda and Peter Beckley's home. We enjoy fellowship together in bible study, discussion and prayer.

In 2015, after Easter to the end of July, we studied Mark's Gospel, using Rowan Williams book "Meeting God in Mark", which is set out as a 7 week study guide raising many interesting questions.

From September to the beginning of December we studied and discussed the book of Daniel. Then in 2016 January to Lent we read and discussed the book of Zechariah. For Lent we used the York Lent Course Studies of Psalms which we have all enjoyed.

Stuart Hutchison is faithful in leading our intercessory prayers for our church and clergy, the sick, our local community, schools and children's work and organisations helping the homeless.

As always we welcome new members to join us.

Linda and Peter Beckley

## 15. Choir Report

The last twelve months have seen a number of changes undergone by the choir. As you all know Janine, our choir director left early in January and it falls to me to act *in loco* until a replacement can be found.

It will be obvious to us all that there has been a significant fall in the number of singers presently active in the choir: **Lawrence Wood**, one of the basses and his family, have moved to Kent; and very sadly **Mabel Padfield**, who after much soul searching finally decided to be closer to her family in Sheffield. One cannot overemphasise the tremendous debt we owe her for her work, not only as a singer and organist, but for the quiet but valuable counsel she gave, when necessary to any choir member, young or old, who needed it. She was, and indeed still is, a lovely lady, always sociable and with good humour.

On a number of occasions during the year we were joined by members of other choirs: St. Botolph's, Worthing back in the autumn, and more recently the choir of St. Peter and St. Paul, **Rustington**, currently without a church, (it's being refurbished) joined us for Evensong in February this year. The connection here is that their vicar, Zachary Allen did his first curacy here at St. Wilfrid's some 30 years ago. Sadly however, due to ill health Zachary was unable to attend the service.

Because of the choir's dwindling numbers changes to the annual Carol Service became necessary. After some discussion it was decided to put the choral side on ice and reconstruct the service in a wholly congregational format using only congregational carols, (or Christmas hymns as they should properly be called.)

The choir, although diminished in size, does have its upside. You'll have noticed we no longer sing anthems and the psalm is now said rather than chanted, using the Redemptorist sheet setting. This gives us time to work on the more basic parts of the service, like some hymns, for example, that might not be quite as well-known as we thought. Also, at the suggestion of Fr. Andrew, we now have time to prepare an anthem to be sung at Evensong every month.

Finally as you may infer from the above, we are desperately in need of new members. When we were a larger choir we could sustain a few absences without it showing too much; now if anyone is absent it makes it very difficult to maintain the four part harmony required of most of the music we sing. So, if you know of someone who can sing a part, even if lacking in confidence, then please inform Fr. Andrew and me. He or she will be welcomed.

Finally I express my sincere thanks to the remaining members of the choir, few though they may be. Their continued support and loyalty during this difficult time is so much appreciated.

Rex Latter

## **16. Nyewood Infant School**

This year has been one of significant change. Rose Calderwood retired and several key members of staff had to take leave of absence because of pregnancy. However the appointment of a new deputy head, Ms Anna Wells and effective management from the head teacher Mrs Jacqui Cobb have meant that educational standards have been maintained particularly in the area of reading and writing.

The school is popular and for the first time in many years it is necessary for families to apply in good time to get a place in the school and fulfil the admissions criteria.

Father Andrew continues to go into the School every week to lead worship and the Christian identity and ethos of the school are in good shape. It is a pleasure and delight to visit this happy school.

In September the Governors started to use a virtual office system online. This has made a big difference both in terms of being able to view Governor's business quickly and environmentally as there is the elimination of paper reports. The two termly Governors meetings are viewed on screen and this makes the conduct of the meetings much easier.

There remain significant challenges, not least the imposition of the Government policy of Academies and the ongoing issue of children learning the English language for the first time.

Father Andrew

## **17. Nyewood Junior School Report**

This is my sixth report as I am now coming up to the end of my second year of my second spell as a Governor of the Junior School. Due to difficult family circumstances in the Autumn term I was not able to complete any school visits. I have attended a joint inset day morning which was on the teaching of religious education in both the Infant and Junior schools and also attended a joint safeguarding meeting with the Headmaster and Business Manager.

The inset day on religious education was very good as I found that both sets of teachers were very enthusiastic with the resources that the lady from the Diocese was very good in giving the teachers ideas which they seemed to be very keen in using them in their classrooms and how they could interpret them. The group that I was with were looking at using Art to get the religious education message across.

As a governor I am responsible for safeguarding, I am also still on the pay committee, we have reviewed the

staff paygrades for those staff who the headmaster recommended for enhancement.

It was really good to see John Williams attending a family service to explain what the children are doing in religious education. I feel it is good for the congregation to know what is happening at the local schools that we support. As Father Andrew says it is good to make the connection. I was also pleased to see that our Cathedral Guides may well be used as a resource for Nyewood Junior School.

Although challenging I now feel I am able to question the Headmaster and Deputy about the impacts and development of the pupil's education. What has been a success for both the Infant and Junior School has been Governor Visual Office which has meant that our documentation for meetings are held electronically. We are going down to two meetings a term, with the third meeting we have been put into sub committees of Governors which is for us to review.

We have now taken additional 90 pupils as from September 2015 and we have two temporary classrooms installed and fully operational, we are still waiting for the school buildings to be updated.

Again I would also like to thank those parishioners who again are giving me Sainsbury's vouchers for schools. These are very worthwhile in getting the school extra resources in this difficult financial situation. Please continue to collect them and can we continue to pray for both the Infants and Junior School as we may well be in the future an Academy after the announcement in the Budget held in March

Keith Richards

## **18. Social and Fundraising Committee Report**

Once again the Committee organised a variety of events for Parishioners and their friends.

The Barbershop Quartet once again gave a stunning performance which also included several of their fellow students from the University. Sadly this was to be their farewell as they would all be graduating during the next few months. It hardly seems possible that it was just 18 months since they arrived at St Wilfrid's with their inaugural concert.

Sadly the Beetle Drive had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers.

The Vintage Tea Party was a huge success and will be repeated at some time during the coming year. Our thanks go to Carole Rogers who provided us with such beautiful melodies.

The Summer Fair was held on a lovely July day and was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and we were suitably entertained once again by the Belly Dancing group that Cherry belongs to. The movements were precise and in unison. What skill and how beautifully turned out they were in their beautiful Casbah costumes!

Trying something a little different the 'Team' decided to embark on what may be the first of 'themed' dinners. An Italian Evening was held in September. The Hall and Porch were suitably decorated by Cherry and her Grandson Tyler. A excellent 3 course meal, cooked by the ladies, was enjoyed by 46 people. The diners were all in agreement of the quality of the evening and asked that it may be repeated. What Country could be next? Watch this space!

Two excellent Jazz Nights took place, each with a supper all very much appreciated and well supported

The Committee hosted the Macmillan Big Coffee Morning here in the Hall and were able to send £300 to their Charity.

The Autumn Fair was a little disappointing, but then the weather was against us.

For the coming year the Committee has drawn up what is hoped to be a most enjoyable programme.

Elaine Green

## 19. After School Club Report

The After School Club continues to grow and develop. The Messy Church format is used for each session and the programme follows the Church year with a Christian based theme each month. The sessions are from 3.30-5.30 on the third Thursday- for ten months of the year.

On March 25th 2016, we are offering a Good Friday Workshop with appropriate craft activities, refreshments, and an all ages Worship session and Drama of Jesus's Passion led by Fr. Andrew, in Church, for all age participants.

On a normal AfterSchool Club session the families arrive after school and register their names, contacts and addresses as they are welcomed with drinks and biscuits. The Hall is prepared in advance with 4 or 5 craft tables each with a designated volunteer helper, the crafts will develop the theme for the session. There will be cakes or biscuits to ice and decorate, pictures to colour, models to make and maybe adding pictures to a larger collage for display in church.

The children and their Mums can try all the activities for about an hour. Then, whilst the helpers clear tables for tea, the children all go into church for a celebration of a simple worship with songs, story time ,maybe a short drama or role play and a prayer. The families all return soon after 5pm into the hall for the very popular meal.

Everyone can sit down at table together to enjoy the tea of sandwiches, vegetables, fruit and cake with a drink which we provide. It is an opportunity for our volunteers as well as Rebecca Carter, the Family Support worker, to engage and get to know the Mums or Dads and to be available, if needed to see if there is a particular social or emotional problem or to refer for other professional follow through.

The monthly session is advertised by posters and flyers in both Nyewood Schools also by Mumsnet, Facebook and texting regular reminders. A similar Messy Play session is organised by Rebecca at the Regis Centre, with some support from the Council. There is some crossover of families and volunteers attending both sessions. A core group of families attend our sessions regularly each month and we have had a number of new families, some with pre- school children attending recently - brought along by other Mums. Numbers attending the Club vary but we often have between 20-40 , ie parents and children coming each month. We cater for up to 50 each time and several food parcels may be given out at home-time when we know the particular needy families.

The Christmas Party at the beginning of December with 100 attending was a great success, much enjoyed by all. The availability of access to a quiet space and story time in the Book Bus which was parked outside church in the road was appreciated by many. Father Christmas visit was enjoyed by all and we had many worthwhile gifts donated by Family Support Work , suitable for children of all ages .Another group of children and parents enjoyed a visit to the Pantomime at the Regis Centre, this will be repeated again this year as it was a very popular outing. We are very grateful for the generous donations we have received to fund all these events.

As ever we have a faithful core group of St Wilfrids Volunteers who come every month and also attend planning meetings for the team to choose monthly themes and the craftwork is planned for each session throughout the year. Both Rebecca Carter ,the Family Support Worker and Jacque Carter, the paid Playworker from FSW attend every month to support the Club and help with family needs.

Without all our regular volunteers and the very generous providers of all the food for the tea and refreshments from both St Wilfrids and 2 helpers from St Richards Church, we would not be able to run the club, so we thank all our donors of food, all those who help support our team and who pray for us and for all our families who attend.

Visitors are always welcome and it would be great if anyone else could lend a hand once a month on the third Thursday excepting April and August, when other holiday events are organised locally. The next dates for the Club are May 19th, June 16th and July 14th.

Gill Hutchison