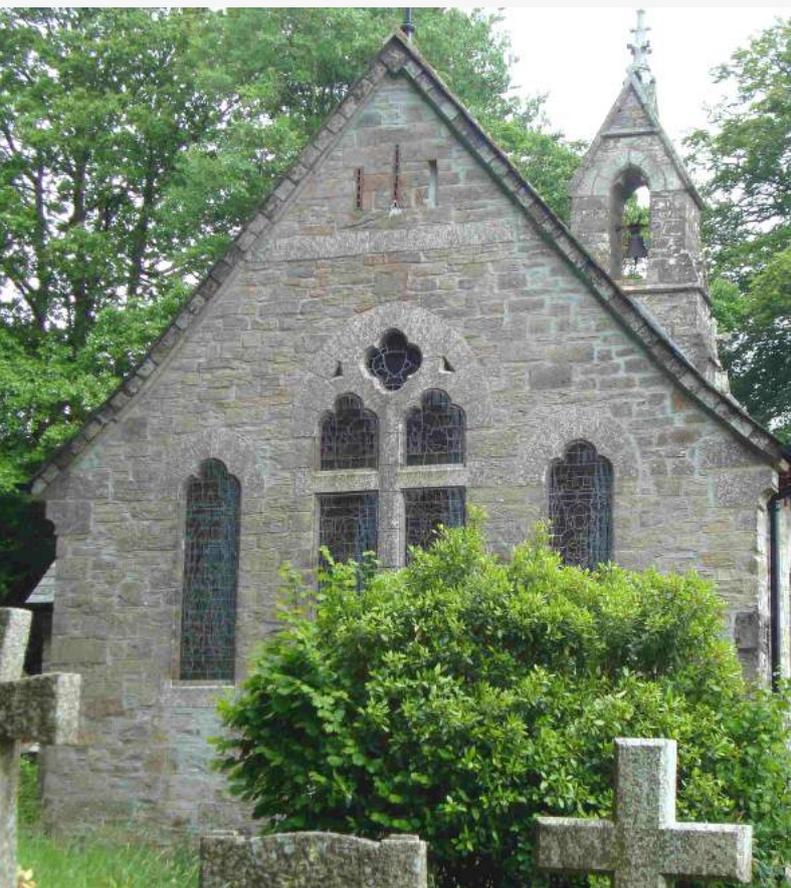




THE PARISH OF ST BROOKE & EGLOSHAYLE IN
WADEBRIDGE

A YEAR IN THE LIFE



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PURPOSE

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Councils Powers Measure. The PCC is exempted by Order from registration with the Charity Commission.

The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules.

The PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC meets bi-monthly alternating with the Standing Committee. The PCC holds a Forward Planning meeting on an annual Away Day for the consideration of broader strategic issues.

RECTOR

This is my final annual report as Rector since I retire at the end of 2018. It has been a full final year with all the usual activity. We have continued to engage with the Churches Together in Wadebridge activities – a highlight for me was the sunrise service at St Breock down on Easter Sunday



and more recently the half term holiday club.



At Rogation we tried out a more ambitious walk which encompassed our three church buildings, being blessed with dry weather this was most enjoyable. Another innovation was greater collaboration with the folk festival during our craft fayre weekend. We also had a most enjoyable barn dance during our harvest festival weekend.

Thanks to a more active presence on social media we have organised a couple of Saturday tower tours days at Egloshayle. These have been well received and helped with raising money to buy new bell ropes.

Janet and I are truly grateful for all the love support and encouragement we have received, and I would particularly like to thank Jessica, Nikki, Clare and Roy for their hard work and partnership in the gospel. It has been a joy and a privilege to serve as Rector in this parish and I wish you well as you journey forwards.

Do call in if you are ever visiting Cardinham woods.

John Hereward

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

During 2018 we had 10 weddings, 11 Baptisms and 35 Funeral Services. We already have 11 weddings booked for 2019 which throws out the theory that couples only want to get married during a year with an even number!

We tried some different events in 2018 such as the Barn Dance and the joint Craft Fayre/Folk Festival. The work that the Event Planning/Craft Fayre Team and members of the congregation put in to make these events happen is something to be proud of as a Parish and I give my thanks to those who work under the radar to keep our Churches ticking over. I was extremely pleased with the Barn Dance popularity and everyone's participation.



The band were fantastic, and the caller worked her magic to get everyone on the dance floor. I think the reason this was my favourite event of the year was because we offered something for everyone in our community and surrounding towns with real value for money.

I think it's fair to say that everyone had a cracking time, my 6-year-old particularly!

As always, I would like to thank Sue Priestley, Sue Vivian & Wendy Dalley for their support and time throughout the year for which I am extremely

grateful, and I would like to give my thanks to John and Nikki for their spiritual guidance by sharing their love of Jesus and wish them all the very best for their future.

Jessica Lawrence

CHURCH WARDENS

Wendy's is becoming a master at being Churchwarden, while I'm still finding my feet. No panic though, Peter B regularly points out where I should be focusing my attention. For me it's been an interesting (let's leave it at that) first year, where we said goodbye to John and Janet at the beginning of the year, followed closely by Nikki in March. I feel as a parish we were truly blessed to have had such amazing spiritual support from John and Nikki and know that we'll all miss them. But onwards to new things, we now have the exciting task of finding a new vicar. Both Wendy and I along with Roy, Claire, Helen and Chris, at the request of the PCC have formed the transition group and with the support of Julian Briscoe from the diocese are working to create our parish statement. A vital part of this is prayer and reflection. Looking for Gods guidance as we look for what he wants here in this parish. I think it's important that we all take time daily to pray and reflect and to listen to the spirit as we hear his guidance.

Across the parish, our churches are in good order thanks to the sterling work Roger has been doing as property officer, I know it's a massive relief to Wendy and I that Roger looks after our buildings and I can tell you from PCC it's a huge amount of work and effort! So thank you, Roger. With Rogers help, it looks like this could be the year that we get some closure on the old St Mary's site. The success of the services at the John Betjeman Centre and in particular the memory friendly service, show that God will be with us wherever we gather in his name. I for one can't wait to see how we're guided to grow the parish with these additional funds.

Finally talking about funds, I remember a joke I heard a few years ago

"A rabbi, a priest, and a minister are discussing what they do with donations to their respective religious organisations. The minister says that he draws a circle on the floor, throws the money up in the air, and whatever lands in the circle, he gives to God, and whatever lands outside

the circle, he keeps. The priest uses a similar method. He draws the circle, but whatever lands outside the circle, he gives to God, and whatever lands inside, he keeps. The rabbi has a slightly different method of dividing the money. He throws all the money up in the air. Whatever God wants, he keeps..."

Sadly, it doesn't work quite that way, and you're going to hear more over the coming months about the dire lack of funds we have. We're going to need to dig deep and rally together not only to plug the short-term hole but to deliver a parish that's strong enough to help put God firmly at the centre of our community, not just for our generation, but for the generations who come after us. It's a mammoth task, but with prayer and sheer determination, I have every faith that we can do it.

So, let us open our hearts to prayer and our ears to hear as we seek God's guidance in the year ahead, that he may show us his path for our new Vicar and aid us in the financial stability of the Parish.

Craig Fawcett and Wendy Dalley

FABRIC REPORTS

Egloshayle

During the course of the year the sections of the ceiling that had fallen into the Chancel were repaired and at the same time the builders sealed a leak in the roof caused by the slitting of lead in the valley. It was also found that around 40-50 slates have screws and nails through them from previous work to the roof. This needs following up.

A Faculty application has been made in relation to the replacement altar table, choir and clergy frontals for which funding is being investigated.

St Breoke

External lighting has been installed, chippings spread and rolled on the drive and new gates provided. The handrail leading up to the village has also been replaced. Inside the Church the Tapestry War Memorial has been restored, backed with moisture resistant boarding, re-sealed and

repositioned to the right of the south door. The woodworm infested chairs have been removed from the Church and replaced by some chairs from Egloshayle.

In the light of the available resources and other priorities the installation of a wooden framed glass screen between the Church and the Tower has for the time being been put on hold.

St Conan's

Following concern as to woodworm a survey was carried out which found evidence of active infestation to the chairs and exposed roof timbers, particularly the internal wooden cornice at eaves level and the timber beads between the rafters and the plaster board inserts. There was also evidence of slight infestation to the truss members and the boarded barrel ceiling to the eastern part of the Church. Given the presence of bats a survey was then carried out for the Bat Conservation Trust who act for Natural England and who advised, amongst other things, that the woodworm treatment be carried out during April when bats would be likely to be less vulnerable to the effects of disturbance. This has been arranged. As a preliminary, the chairs need to be replaced as successful treatment of these is not considered possible.

The issue of the Biolet water-free toilet not working properly has yet to be resolved.

St Mary's Site

Following a further 12 months of discussion with little effective progress being made the PCC towards the end of the year received an offer to purchase the land from Paul Boote (on behalf of his company Chase Independent Ltd). The offer price matched the fresh valuation under Charities Act of £420,000. This was undertaken by Jeffery's at the end of the year bearing in mind given that the former valuation by Grenville Stanbury had been around 4 years ago. The sale is now with our Solicitor. The sale does not provide for a Rectory. It does however include an arrangement whereby the former prospective purchasers

Geordi and April Watson would acquire part of the site for one pair of semi-detached houses.

Once again, thank you to all volunteers, too many to mention, for their considerable contributions in caring for our Churches. This is very much appreciated.

Roger Priestley

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

John Hereward began each meeting by thanking the congregation for attending the meeting. The congregational officers and their teams were then thanked for all their hard work during the past year, and new officers were elected. These are:

St Breoke Church:	Congregational Warden - Joy Hine Church Cashier - Mary Eustice
St Mary's at the BC:	Congregational Warden – Welcome Team Church Cashier - Mary Eustice
Egloshayle Church:	Congregational Warden - Nicola Wills Church Cashiers - Janet De la Cour & Hazel Leach
St Conan's Church:	Congregational Warden - Congregation Church Cashier – Sandy Towers

The meeting started with some updates from John Hereward. He announced he will be retiring at the end of the year.

Each church then raised items specific to them and further details are in the individual Congregational Reports which are available in the churches.

PARISH OF ST BROOKE AND EGLOSHAYLE IN WADEBRIDGE 2018

Membership

Rector	Revd John Hereward
Curate	Revd Sr Nikki Thornhill
Readers	Claire Charlton Roy Holmes
Churchwardens	Wendy Dalley Craig Fawcett
Deanery Synod Members	Claire Charlton Christine Todd Michael Todd
Parish Administrator	Jessica Lawrence

PCC Officers

Parish Treasurer	Helen Hyland
Lay Vice Chairman	Chris Saitch
Minutes Secretary	Helen Eustice
*Safeguarding Officer	Wendy Dalley/ Jessica Lawrence
*Electoral Roll Officer	Jessica Lawrence
*Planned Giving Officer	Helen Eustice
Health and Safety Officers	Churchwardens
* <i>NOT PCC members</i>	

Additional PCC Members

David Cornall
Don Hopper
John Leach
Steve Watkins

Congregational Wardens – *not ex officio PCC Members*

St. Brooke Church	Joy Hine
St. Conan's Church	Congregation
Egloshayle Church	Nicola Wills
St. Mary's at the Betjeman Centre	Welcome Team

Church Cashiers – *not ex officio PCC Members*

St. Brooke Church	Mary Eustice
St. Conan's Church	Sandy Towers
Egloshayle Church	Janet de la Cour
St. Mary's at JBC	Mary Eustice

Churches

The PCC owns and is responsible for the upkeep of:

St. Brooke Church, St. Breock, Wadebridge, PL27 7JS

St. Conan's Church, Washaway, PL30 3AD

Egloshayle Church, Egloshayle Road, Wadebridge, PL27 6AD

The site of the former St. Mary's Church Centre, Wadebridge, PL27 7PL

St. Mary's Church Centre Congregation continues to meet at the Betjeman Centre, Southern Way, Wadebridge, PL27 7BX.

Committees

Standing Committee

This committee is required by law and undertakes urgent business and such other matters as may be delegated to it by the PCC

Revd John Hereward	Rector
Curate	Revd Sr Nikki Thornhill
Chris Saitch	Lay Vice Chairman
Wendy Dalley	Churchwarden
Craig Fawcett	Churchwarden
Helen Eustice	Minutes Secretary – in attendance

100 Club

A fund-raising activity

Paul Brocklebank Co-ordinator & Treasurer

Event Planning Group

Plans and co-ordinates social and fund-raising activities on behalf of the whole parish

Revd John Hereward

Revd Sr Nikki Thornhill

Mary Eustice

Jessica Lawrence

Janet Hereward

Joy Hine

Mary Margerrison

Christine Pearn

Lis Romans

Angela Richards

Rita Watkins

Other Representatives

Churches Together in Wadebridge

Claire Charlton

Janet Hereward

Roy Holmes

Christine Todd

Open the Book

Revd John Hereward

Revd Sr Nikki Thornhill

Roy Holmes

Christine Hopper

Don Hopper

Di Knight

Sue Priestley

Angela Richards

Nicola Wills

Di Knight

Rita Watkins

Egloshayle and St. Breoke Bell Ringers

Stefan Davey Tower Captain

Wadebridge Youth Project Liaison

Roy Holmes
Claire Charlton

Shuttleworth Hall Trustees

None

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

The Electoral Roll Officer reported at the APCM in April 2019 that there were 105 names on the Electoral Roll following a complete revision of the Roll in comparison to 139 people last year. The Official Return of Attendance in 2018 was as follows:

		St. Breoke	St. Conan	St. Marys	Egloshayle		Total
Baptism		3	0	0	13		16
Confirmation		0	0	0	0		0
Marriage		8	1	0	2		11
Funeral		4	2	Glynn Valley Crematorium 11	16		33
Easter							
	Communicants	15	16	0	94		125
	Attendance	35	16	0	118		169
Christmas							
	Communicants	28	0	0	130		158
	Attendance	28	0	0	515		543
October	Attendance						
	Adults (16+)						
7		18	0	0	38		56
14		0	14	17	20		51
21		19	0	26	33		78
28		0	19	17	29		65
	Attendance						
	Children /YP						
7		0	0	0	0		0
14		0	0	2	0		2
21		0	0	0	0		0
28		0	0	2	0		2
	Attendance						
	Midweek						
7		7	3	0	18		28
14		7	3	0	18		28
21		7	3	0	18		28
28		7	3	0	18		28

In addition to the above, Special services are also held and include the annual Civic Service, Remembrance Sunday plus several Schools Carol Concerts and general services held throughout the year.

REPORTS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

Safeguarding

The PCC of St Breoke and Egloshayle in Wadebridge adopts and implements the policy and procedures, based on the guidelines from The Church of England's Safeguarding Policy Statement. We are committed to the respectful pastoral ministry of all adults within the church community as outlined by the Adult Safeguarding Policy 'Promoting a Safer Church'. For a copy of our Safeguarding Policy or for more information, please contact Jessica Lawrence.

Churches Together in Wadebridge

CTW Annual Report 2018 for Wadebridge Parish APCM.

Our Parish continues to be actively involved in all that Churches Together does. Through the year John Hereward was chair and Janet Hereward secretary with Claire Charlton, Nikki Thornhill and Christine Todd playing an active role in forum meetings. We had a number of events in the year, starting with the service for the

Week of prayer for Christian Unity January 2018

The speaker was Alistair Sharp, and we also had a presentation by Christians Against Poverty to which the collection went following deduction of expenses.

Lent Groups

These followed the same pattern as last year using the CWR course Seven Words of Jesus from the Cross. The Lent lunches also continued and were well supported.

Walk of Witness

We were blessed with good weather and the walk was well supported by the local churches. Many thanks to those who carried the Cross and helped with the readings and prayers. The walk continues to be an important presence in the town and a witness to the true meaning of Good Friday.

Sunrise Service

This was a definite highlight of the year with perfect weather and timing, watching the sun clear the horizon as we declared the praises of our risen

Lord. Well done if you made it and thanks to those who provided breakfast in some shape or form!

AGM in May, apart from the business there was a presentation from David Curry on the work of Arocha and how we can engage more actively with environmental issues as churches

Thy Kingdom Come our local Churches Together did not organise any central events this year but encouraged member churches to support in their own way. There was a good Cornwall-wide event at Truro Methodist church.

Big Lunch There was good support for this, mainly from WCC and the event ran well.

'It's your move' Scripture Union books were given to Yr 6 students at St Breock and Wadebridge primary schools at the end of the summer term.

The October Holiday Club

The annual Wadebridge Churches Together Kids Holiday Club once again took place during the October half term. Rev. Alistair Sharp took the lead on this on the theme of the Incredibles. We were assisted by a group of Bible college volunteers and had similar numbers attending as last year.

Christmas Carol Singing Was unfortunately cancelled on account of poor weather, but individuals and churches donated to St Petrocs society at other events.

Other events CTW continues to work with and support a range of other activities, most notably Foodbank, Fairtrade, CAP, and The Churches Tent at the RCS.

Ongoing Activities

Monthly Prayer for Wadebridge meetings continues on the first Friday of each month at Cornerstone at 8.30 am for 30 minutes. There are usually around 8-10 people present and it would be great to see more people coming along.

Memory Friendly Worship

MFW is a partnership between CTW and Wadebridge Memory Cafe and is a shining example of how our churches can work together with other community groups.

Wadebridge Youth Project

A separate charity but supported by churches together in Wadebridge.

Christian Aid.

CTW continues to oversee the supporting of Christian Aid in Wadebridge.

During the year Rev Alistair Sharp has taken over as Clergy chair, Martin Dean as lay chair and Claire Charlton as secretary.

Janet Hereward
on behalf of Churches Together in Wadebridge.

Deanery Synod

The Deanery Synod has met on three occasions during 2018. There continues to be much discussion about the MMF contributions and the impact on Benefices/Clusters. The Bishop's Council discussed the mechanism by which the MMF contributions are allocated. Our deanery moved to a cost-based allocation some time ago. As a consequence, the deanery has met 95% of its total contributions, compared to other deaneries which have struggled to reach 50% of their allocations. It was felt that our model would be one to emulate across the diocese. Diocese are making changes and cutting expenditure and there is to be more transparency at Diocese about programmes and projects and how they are funded.

This year, the focus of Deanery Synod has been on mission and evangelism throughout our parishes and the deanery. Deanery has contributed to supporting the role of Revd Elaine Munday from the Bodmin Team Ministry to become Pioneer Minister for a 'Fresh Expressions' mission initiative to residents of Bodmin's social housing estates. Community engagement and outreach through the 'Living Churchyards' project was explored in a presentation during one of the synod meetings. This could be applied to both Egloshayle and St Breoke churchyards.

Revd John Hereward was thanked for his work as Rural Dean when he stepped down in September. At the final meeting of Deanery synod in 2018, a Deanery Eucharist was celebrated by Bishop Chris at St Petroc's Church Bodmin, which included the licensing of Revd Paul Holley as Rural Dean. Paul suggested that we take stock of our deanery synod and chapter meetings and asked that we prayerfully consider what would add value to these meetings for the coming year.

Claire Charlton

Egloshayle Choir

Since my last report, after John's retirement, we have of course lost Janet from the choir (and John when duties permitted). We would always be pleased to welcome new singers. Our practices last for about an hour on the Thursday evening before the 1st and 3rd Sunday communion services. The current members of the choir are very committed, for which I am most grateful. I would also like to thank the one or two members of the congregation who comment on our contribution to worship. It is helpful to have some idea of what the congregation thinks of the music. All comments are welcome even if not favourable! As has been said several times before our seating arrangements are not ideal. We hope that some more suitable moveable seating can be agreed on in the near future.

Peter Meanwell

Bell Ringing

Ringers

We now have a team of 12 ringers of which 10 regularly ring for services and weddings. We have had two new learners start in the last year, Steven and Stuart are progressing well.

Finance

Egloshayle ringers continue to bank the money from weddings so we have a fund to help with the maintenance of the bells and funding for the annual outing for the ringers.

Maintenance

We have on order the new Bell Ropes. We were kindly donated money from the following to achieve this as well as using our funds for the balance.

Cornwall Councillors, Karen Mchugh and Steve Knightley, RJ Bray & son, Anne Connolly, Carl Serba, John Taylor, Dave Connell, Pam Davey, Liz Dyke and our new learner Stuart.

Visiting Ringers

We continue to have requests for ringers to come and ring our bells. The requests are now going to be forwarded to the Parish Administrator to be entered in the parish Diary.

Winter League

We are taking part in the winter league which see us ring at different towers on one Friday a month with the final in Looe mid-March.

Stefan Davey

Event Planning Group

The group met regularly to review past events and to plan and co-ordinate future Parish events, some social, some specifically fund raising. Event check list and risk assessment procedures are in place and members of the congregation who are not part of the planning group are encouraged to take responsibility for organising some events.

The year was busy with not only the established events, but also various new initiatives. Early in January Lynette Rentoul organised a concert by Songsmith, her music group. This proved to be very popular and raised over £800 for Parish funds. On Rogation Sunday Revd. John organised a 10 mile walk around the whole Parish, stopping at each church in turn for appropriate refreshments. 20 or so brave parishioners took part. A small group headed by Geoff and Angela Richards organised a most interesting Now and Then exhibition in Egloshayle Church. The money raised was used to purchase extra free-standing chairs.

The Craft Fair Committee liaised with Wadebridge Folk Festival who performed two evening concerts in Egloshayle Church during the Craft Fair weekend. This proved to be a most successful venture which also raised a substantial sum of money for Church funds. Another new and hugely popular event instead of a harvest lunch was the Parish Harvest Barn Dance which attracted people of all ages. A commemorative World War One Concert organised by Lynette Rentoul was a most moving experience. However, due to inclement weather and being unable to use the Rugby Club car park, attendance was limited. Various other concerts took place throughout the year. The Pancake party in February was once again enjoyed. Rummage sales continued along with the Summer Fair and Autumn Bazaar. December is always a busy month for the Planning Group with Wreath Festival, Live Nativity, Parish parties, school and Parish carol services etc. The year ended with Revd. John's Retirement service and farewell lunch. All in all, another busy year.

We are indebted to Jessica our Parish Administrator for all her support, also to Revd. John and Janet as they were very supportive of all events and especially the Rummage Sales. We welcomed Rita Watkins to the group and much appreciate her help. Thank you on behalf of the Group to all who have worked hard at all events. 2019 will be challenging but hopefully there will be many more events to look forward to.

Lis Romans

Fund Raising

After lengthy discussions at our Planning Meeting it was decided to continue with Rummage sales into 2019. The opinion was these sales have been held since 2002 and not only has it brought a regular income to Parish Funds it is also a venue where Parishioners meet for coffee and friendship. After an appeal for help at these sales and with transporting the Rummage to and from the Town Hall we now have some regular help, but we would also welcome anyone who can give an hour of their time on the 2nd Saturday of each month. We do not hold sales in January, June or December. If you have any suggestions how we may improve the running of these events, please don't hesitate in contacting anyone on our Planning events team.

We thank all those who have given their time over the years and hope you will be able to continue to help us.

Many thanks

Joy Hine

Health and Safety

Risk assessment Forms are now in place and completed for events and services.

Home Study Group

The last year has been one of change yet again. Having split into two groups to accommodate a number of new members we have reverted to a single group as numbers returned to a more manageable level due to several key people moving.

In April Sue and Andy Hamilton moved to Honiton to be nearer family, they were very hospitable hosts for several years and I'd like to record my thanks to them for their generous hospitality and commitment to the group.

John and Janet have now retired, and Nikki is moving on in her ministry. Several other members have other commitments on Wednesday evenings, so it seemed sensible to meet as one group again.

We have been meeting at "Cornerstone" for our most recent studies and this has proved to be a convenient and comfortable venue.

In the last year we have been looking at the book of Revelation and doing an in-depth study of Paul's first letter to Timothy.

Leadership of the group has been shared and this has proved to be very successful. We have looked at some challenging scriptures and enjoyed some stimulating and rigorous debate!

We continue to meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month-dates are usually included in the "What's On" and in the weekly pew sheets.

The evenings are very informal and always end with refreshments and a time of fellowship. There is no pressure to speak or contribute-it is fine to sit and listen to everyone else's opinion!

We are always pleased to welcome new members so why not give it a try. Do please speak to myself or Claire if you'd like to know more.

Roy Holmes

Memory Friendly Service

3rd Sunday in the month: 10.30 am: John Betjeman Centre

These monthly services are organised by members of Churches Together in Wadebridge in conjunction with those from the Memory Café. They are hosted by the Anglican congregation who meet at the Centre at that time on other Sundays. All denominations of the town are represented, sharing in preparing and leading the services, providing the music and in serving the refreshments to follow.

There is an attendance of around 30. We are pleased that the numbers have been maintained despite the break in the summer when the John Betjeman Centre was being refurbished. The services have proved attractive, helpful and accessible to a wider elderly group than just those living with memory loss. We seek to support one another in our continuing Christian experience and discipleship. For a number, whose habit of regular church attendance has lapsed, this short informal service of 35-40 mins has enabled them to renew their contact.

A standard PowerPoint presentation and format, drawn up by the organising group, is used for the service, aiding concentration. Reminiscence is an important and valued part of the service. Through this, past lives and experiences are affirmed and esteemed. There is laughter and fun, a chance for all to contribute.

At the same time, using well-known hymns, prayers, bible reading, followed by a short reflection, the Christian message of the good news of the hope we have in Jesus, the assurance of his continuing presence with us, of love and peace is made clear.

Refreshments afterwards provide opportunity for social contact. Wendy's cheese scones have become a legend, a special, much enjoyed treat, these supplemented with delicious cake. It is an extended time of conversation and sharing, much appreciated, particularly by people living on their own. We exchange news and pray for one another. We know that our life in Christ as his disciples remains whatever our situation and frailties.

In this year, in December, a highlight was our adaptation of a Christingle service. We had become aware that the Children's Society was celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Christingle services. This was an opportunity for us to remember and to create memories. Families were

invited and it was great to have so many children there as well as our usual, more elderly folk. We reminisced about 50 yrs ago. Then the children made and distributed the Christingles, whilst listening to the message of Jesus, the Light of the World, of the love and significance of his coming.

In April comes another special celebration, the sixth anniversary of these services. Please do come and join us on this or another third Sunday. We affirm again that whatever our age or circumstances, we are all part of 'the body of Christ, individually members of it'. We come to worship him with praise and joy.

Christine Todd

Pastoral Care/Home Communion

The Pastoral Care Team, strengthened through the dedication of Revd Nikki, has continued to visit and distribute home communion to those who are unable to get to church. It is a great privilege, not only to witness at first hand the spiritual support and comfort that this gives to those who can't join the congregation, but also to receive from them their witness to the Christian life. This is particularly powerful when we are joined by family members or others who are not part of our worshipping community.

Although we visit those who cannot get to church, the team also provides a listening ear and spiritual support for all within the Parish. We are well aware that we are not alone in this. There are many who do this naturally; quietly and in the background providing encouragement and support to the whole community. I'd like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone who takes part in this ministry.

Claire Charlton

Open the Book

We are pleased to report that Open the Book has continued at both St Breock Primary and Wadebridge Academy – the former on a Wednesday and the latter Thursday. Our practice is to repeat the St Breock story the following day at Wadebridge. We still work mainly as two teams with Sue Priestley planning St Breock and Rita Watson arranging the planning for Wadebridge.

Sadly, Revd John and Nikki have left and they were such stalwart volunteers over the years. Our first session without Rev John caused a little boy to ask, “Where is the man?” and on learning John had moved from Wadebridge made a little girl question “Has God gone?” So often the children associate us story tellers with the character we portray. Our format is to go to the schools twice a month and present our story to the 5 year – rising 7-year olds. Angela does a wonderful job with props and costumes – storing, making sure the robes are clean and pressed – and with Geoff’s help coming up with the varied props which may be needed. This could be anything from a scroll, quill, or imitation fire – we have an excellent “boat.” Thank you.

Our stories at the beginning of the school year began with Moses through to Joshua taking them across the river, a bit of prophet Jeremiah and the Walls of Jericho. With that story we were able to use a large number of the children in a circle to represent the wall – they were very good at falling down - and another group as the soldiers marching round the walls. From February to end of the school year we will focus on stories from the New Testament.

We are indebted for the continuing support from both schools and with our willing team of Story Tellers - Rita, Angela, Nicola, Patricia, Christine and Don, Roy, John L and Di - Open the Book will continue.

As a point of interest this year is the 20th Anniversary of Open the Book and there have been celebration services throughout the country.

Sue Priestley

Parish 100 Club

A full 100 numbers were sold this year, and this raised £1800 for the Parish.

Over the year 38 prizes were drawn and there were 26 people who won a prize with 1 of those lucky enough to win twice on the same number. There were 7 people won more than once but with a different number that they held, 1 very lucky person winning 5 times holding 4 numbers.

Unfortunately, we only have 99 members for 2019, but it is not too late for someone to join. The full amount of prizes will be paid with a small reduction to the Parish Funds at the end of the year. Thank you for your continued support and good luck.

Paul Brocklebank
100 Club Administrator

Readers

It has been another busy year for Claire and myself as we continue in our role as Licensed Lay Ministers.

We have continued to help with the worshipping life of the parish by assisting and preaching at Communion services and in helping to plan and lead the Worship Together Services, including the “poemslot” as it has come to be known! For further clarification, please ask Claire or myself. We also both help to lead the house group which currently meets at Cornerstone.

In addition to our teaching/preaching roles, we are also privileged to help with some of the pastoral aspects of ministry. We are licensed to conduct funerals and to administer Home Communion, both to those who can no longer get to church and to residents of the local nursing homes.

The annual Reader Service at the cathedral is always a highlight of the year, even more so this year as Readers were more involved in leading the service and one of the Readers preached an excellent sermon.

We also have an annual Reader Day in Bodmin and look forward to hearing from our new bishop in May.

As we move into a time of Transition, we would value your prayers for the times ahead which promise to be not only challenging but also hugely exciting as we seek the way forward for the parish.

Roy and Claire

Wadebridge Youth Project

Wadebridge Youth Project has continued to provide a place for the young people of Wadebridge to meet on a Friday night during term times.

There are two sessions, one for Juniors (school years 3-6) who meet from 5.45pm until 7.15pm and one for Seniors (school years 7-13) who meet from 7.30pm until 9.00pm. During these sessions, WYP provides space for young people to catch up with friends, talk over issues and take part in activities, crafts, drama and games. There is also a small amount of Christian teaching within the sessions. Subsidised trips are provided where possible. This year, a number of young people were supported to attend Rise Up, a Christian youth gathering.

We have been fortunate to benefit from the services of a SWYM (South West Youth Ministries) worker, working in conjunction with WCC during 2018. The SWYM worker has planned, led and co-ordinated the provision of both sessions each Friday. Without a dedicated and committed team of volunteers to support the session leaders and provide supervision, the sessions could not go ahead. We are so grateful to all who volunteer their help in this important work. The Trustees have continued working on updating policies and paperwork as well as visiting the sessions on a regular basis to support the on-going work.

It has remained a challenge to find sufficient volunteers for the sessions. However, with the departure of the SWYM worker, it has proved an even greater challenge in appointing those who have the expertise and time to lead sessions. This, together with the changing nature of youth work in

the churches, led to the Trustees reluctantly taking the decision to suspend the Friday evening sessions from September 2018. We would ask for your prayers as we consider the way forward for WYP.

Claire Charlton

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO MORE FANTASTIC EVENTS AND FELLOWSHIP IN
2019

