

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

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Priest Address

A little girl in kindergarten was painting a picture. Her teacher asked her: 'What are you painting?' The child replied: 'It's a picture of God.' Very interested to see what the result would be, the teacher commented: 'But nobody knows what God looks like.' 'They will when I have finished my picture,' replied the child confidently.

Welcome to our annual review of this Church family's life in 2015. It is very much a celebration of all that went on last year in our parish - and it is a good celebration.

Let me remind you again of these words from St Paul, "*Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is from God*" [2 Corinthians 3.5]. They are to remind us that we are not celebrating what we have done, but what God has done and continues to do with and through us.

We all have our 'pictures of God', and most of them started to form in early childhood. Of course none of us has seen God. So it follows that any picture, or image of God that we may form is going to be completely inadequate, and may even be seriously harmful. The life of a Church family is one such picture or image of God that forms in people's minds and can lead them to ask, 'Is this God worth finding out about and having a relationship with?' The answer is succinctly summed up in the following quote, '*You can judge the quality of their faith from the way they behave*' (Tertullian, early Christian author (160-220 CE)).

As you read this review, I hope you too begin to see how full of variety our Church life is, how committed people are to living a God centred life, and how important a Christian presence in our neighbourhood - encompassing Brent Knoll, East Brent, Eastertown, Eddingworth, Lymsham and Rooksbridge - is. Our Christian faith and presence is recognised by many people in many different ways, and I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone (I cannot name them here), who in large or small ways are involved in keeping the Christian presence and thus the rumour of God alive, in our neighbourhood. **Thank you. Thank you** for helping to keep the Church as a beacon of hope, stability and reassurance in the neighbourhood we serve and by doing so, reflecting something of the love and inclusivity of Christ. I believe this is a good 'picture of God'.

Here is a prayer I encourage you to pray each morning, before the day really gets going.

*Father God,
you love me so much;
fill my heart with love for you
so that I have enough to share
with the people I meet today.
May your name be blessed.
Amen.*

Simon Lewis
Priest-in-Charge

Part One — Celebrating the year:

A summary of what the church has achieved as a whole, throughout the year

CHURCH LIFE

WORSHIP & LITURGY

Worship Team

During 2015 the team started to review the sorts of worship offered by our Church and the festivals we celebrate. This was to explore what breadth of worship is offered and if there are any areas of life that we do not offer to God our thanks for.

A number of interesting questions have arisen that the team will begin to answer during this coming year, not least the introduction of Taize worship, more Iona (Celtic) worship and space for prayer when natural disasters and national and international tragedies happen. Alongside this, some have mentioned the introduction of a Songs of Praise and a Pets service. So, watch this space, as they say!

Simon Lewis



Prayer Group

The Prayer group meet every 3rd week, and we are all committed to pray for those who need and ask for prayer.

We started our year with prayer and Stanley Price administered communion to those that came, which he does from time to time during the year.

We have all felt God's presence in our time together praying for others.

If anyone would like prayer for healing, please get in touch with Gwen Hatton or anyone on the prayer team.

Gwen Hatton

MISSION AND EVANGELISM

Growing and Nurturing Faith

Growing and nurturing faith (people's relationship with God) is vital to sustaining the life of the Church. The life of the Church is not dependent on money - money helps it function: faith makes it live. We live in a world where many people believe in God - or should it be 'in a God' - but they do not belong to a family of people (let me call it Church). As I have said above, faith is about having a relationship with God. How on earth - it will be different when we die - how on earth does one expect to have faith, if we are not actively finding out about who it is that we are having a relationship with. And how do we find out about God - by learning together, talking together, exploring together, sharing together, celebrating together, being alive as God's family together.

Throughout 2015 our Emmaus groups have continued to offer that opportunity; to grow in a relationship with God. Ask anyone who goes. From my point of view as a priest, it is such a joy to walk with someone, who's love of God, through their relationship with Christ is growing and is being nurtured in glorious ways. That is what happens when people come to Emmaus. Ask anyone who goes. In fact, why don't you come to Emmaus yourself and find out in 2016.

Have you heard of *Messy Church*? It is 'being Church', every two weeks on a Friday afternoon, in school term-time and is for families to discover and explore about God and life through art, craft, story, music, singing, fun, and of course food. It started in 2015 and is based in St Mary's church. Okay, it started slow but the momentum is there and it is now having an average of fifteen children from our local three schools attending. It is a wonderful and superb opportunity to tell God's story. And it needs more and more volunteers to come and help with the refreshments and the art and craft. Just ask Nikki Burns, Maxine Bashford, Dot Coles or me.

Simon Lewis

“Re-Pitching Our Tent (RPOT)

Following a PCC action to consider long-needed updates to our church facilities and buildings, a review of the outputs from 11 discussion groups, faith-led weekends, community-wide questionnaires and children’s exercises was undertaken to establish the future requirements for activities and facilities of our Parish. These were placed in a table called The Matrix, prioritised and approved by the PCC. The project (RPOT) to change our church buildings to meet The Matrix requirements, needs to include the views of the community and major stakeholders and so a phased Strategy was drafted and agreed by PCC in July.

Subsequently we have approached the Diocesan Advisory Committee who need to approve all church building changes. We also plan to approach other major stakeholders like local Parish Councils, schools, Methodists, etc to send representatives to a Working Group that will manage the consideration and selection of changes.”

Geoff Searle

REACHING OUT

Brent Knoll School C of E Primary School

Rev Simon Lewis has held half termly services in St Michael’s Church with the children of Brent Knoll School. A school leaver service was also held at the end of the summer term. As in previous years, food was collected by the children for the local food bank at Harvest Festival. Christmas was celebrated with two performances of the Nativity by the children with a Christingle Service being held in the evening, to which parents were invited.

Children from Morpurgo class assisted in creating a Peace banner which was displayed in the Church at Christmas and has also been hung at the school. The church was also full for an Easter celebration. Preschool children from the local Tadpoles Group attended both the Nativity and Easter celebration

As a Foundation Governor I have attended a number of Collective worship sessions at the School. Rev Simon Lewis is a regular visitor to the school and provides excellent pastoral care. He is also a member of the Brent Knoll School Ethos Working Party set up in 2015 to ensure that the school maintains its distinct Christian Character and to promote a Church / School partnership, so that each can enrich the life of the other. This working party has held termly meetings and there has been a particular focus on the development of the School’s mission statement and developing the themes of respect, partnership, love of learning and faith.

The school has supported many fundraising initiatives for St Michael’s Church including the May Fayre and the Easter egg trail.

Rosemary Keele
Foundation Governor

East Brent C of E First School

2015 was another good year for East Brent First School. An Ethos committee has been set up, to deepen the partnership between Church and School and so far they have organised various events (some of which are mentioned below!) They are also looking at the RE curriculum and updating the Collective Worship policy amongst other things.

The children loved the Christingle service and particularly making their Chistingles. They also took part in services for Harvest, Easter and the end of year leavers’ service. The year 4’s also attended a Pilgrim Day in Wells Cathedral. The nativity play was excellent and enjoyed by all who came to see it. The school also put on Carols under the tree outside the church and sang at the lunch club in the village hall for the community to enjoy as well as singing in Rooksbridge on request!

Messy Church has started in St Mary’s Church on Friday afternoons and several of the children attend with their parents/carers. They have craft activities, stories, games and music whilst also making new friendships with children from the other two schools in the parish.

The school is currently in the process of joining the Wessex Learning Trust (Multi -Academy Trust) with other schools from the Cheddar Valley. This will help a small school like ours, as some of the administrative burden can be shared. We will also gain support from the other schools in terms of teaching and learning, skilled personal and joint activities. It is thought this process will be complete for September 2016.

Claire Lewis

Lympsham C of E First School

During 2015 the Church and Lympsham School have continued to grow and nurture a wonderful partnership. This is reflected not only in the positive response of the children and staff towards Collective Worship, aspects of professional development and pastoral care, when necessary, but also in the positive responses parents have given to questionnaires about their experience of having their children part of a Church School. Then there is the way in which the children refer to St Christopher’s church building as being “our church”. This is a very positive, supportive and productive link which they recognise and enjoy.

The church welcomes various displays and prayer books created by children, effectively informing parishioners about the work of the school. Leaders have worked hard to adapt and develop the school building, making exceptional use of the resources available to support learning.

We all look forward to the partnership between Church and School developing further as we look for more exciting things to do.

Pastoral Care in the Community

During 2015 we have continued with our three support groups: the Bereaved; Carers to those with dementia and the Comfort Group for anyone with a serious/life limiting illness. Each of the groups meet on a monthly basis for tea and cake and provide a chance to chat and share experiences, as they wish, in a friendly, informal environment. The signs of a real benefit to our community is evident, particularly with the Bereaved and Dementia Carers groups.

Despite renaming the 'serious illness' group to Comfort, it has not encouraged anyone to come along yet, but we shall persevere. Details of the sessions are on our website or from any of our pastoral team members.

We also continue to take very seriously our responsibilities to the nursing and residential care home, Holywell, in our parish and are grateful for the welcome we receive from the staff and residents.

We visit each month and hold a small time of worship, linked to any of our special festivals, like Easter and Christmas, and regularly hold holy communion. Although some residents are very frail and/or confused, they appreciate the familiar liturgy, prayers, readings and hymns. It is a real privilege to spend time with them. If you would like to come along and join in with any of these worships, please speak to one of the co-ordinators.

We again assisted Simon with the liturgy for the Lights of Love worship in November, which gives time for reflection and remembrance of those we've loved who are no longer with us. Each year we endeavour to vary the theme. As always, we're very appreciative for the great support and help we have from many lovely people in making and serving the refreshments. Thank you very much!

If you feel you would like to find out more, or become involved with our pastoral care in any way, please do speak to any of the team. You can find the Pastoral team members under PCC teams at the end of this report.

Sandra Hanmer

Knoll Group Bellringers

During the last year the Knoll Group towers have played host to various visiting ringing groups from all over the country and we have had a good range of visitors joining our practices on Tuesday evenings, for which we are very grateful, as this helps us to improve the ringing experience for our learners.

We were very sad to lose Brian Rich, our longest serving ringer, in October 2015, but were honoured to be asked to ring a quarter peal following his funeral service.

At Easter 2015 one of our young ringers, Daniel Anderson, came third in the Bath & Wells Diocesan Young Ringer of the Year Competition. This is open to ringers under the age of 18, so Dan has another couple of years to claw his way to the number one position and we will be helping him as much as possible. Our two other young ringers, Ella Caulfield and Sam Kail-Dyke, who were taught in 2014, are making steady progress and are now confidently plain hunting to doubles methods. Ella's progress is particularly rewarding as she started ringing when she was partially sighted; she had several months of no ringing when her sight became worse, but has now re-joined our practices and Sunday service ringing and rings entirely by ear – she is an inspiration to us all to listen to our bells and strike them accurately. Sam is a talented musician, plays with a youth orchestra and also a rock band and presumably feels that ringing is 'cool'.

Our next act of commemoration for the 100th anniversary of World War I will be to ring a date touch on July 1st at St Michael's, Brent Knoll, to honour Alfred Webber, who was a Brent Knoll ringer, on the 100th anniversary of his death. This date touch will be 1916 changes, rung by our local band, and will last about one hour 15 minutes. We have rung quarter peals in memory of local ringers who died in WWI; at Lymsham in May 2015 for Arthur Charles Janes and at East Brent in October 2015 for Sidney William Ham, on the 100th anniversaries of their deaths.

We organised a ringing outing to Devon, in the South Molton area and rang at four towers, inviting all of our regular visitors to join us and several parents of our youngsters came, too, so a total of 22 of us invaded our neighbouring county. We were blessed with lovely sunny weather and enjoyed a brilliant pub lunch at Chittlehampton. Our ex-tower captain, Mike Champion, who moved to Umberleigh late in 2014, joined us for the day's ringing and then treated us all to tea at his lovely cottage on the banks of the River Taw.

In our planned programme of improvements to the

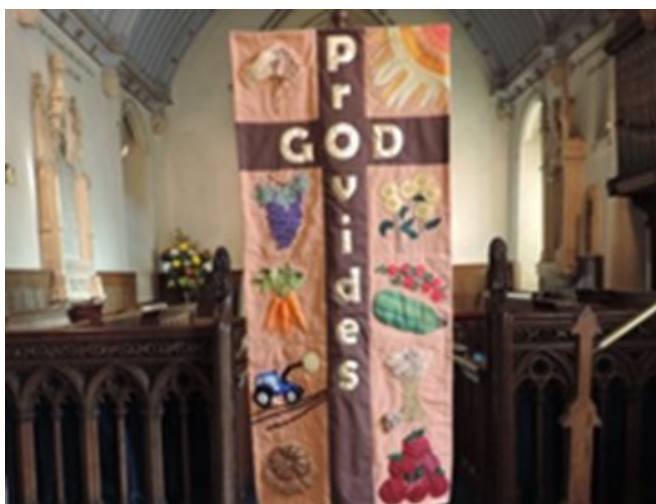
ringing installations, we were successful in being awarded funding from the Nuttall Trust towards renewing the tenor clapper at St Michael's, Brent Knoll. The order has been placed and we are eagerly awaiting its arrival. The new clapper should significantly improve the 'go' of the bell and improve its bass notes, giving it a more sustained 'hum'.

We continue to ring for the 10.00 Sunday service, plus other special services. Practice night in the Knoll Group is on Tuesday evening, from 7.30pm – 9.00pm and moves around the three towers in rotation and there are notices in each church porch detailing how visitors can join us either on a Sunday or on practice night.

For any further information about the bells, learning to ring, etc, please contact Melvyn Freeman on 01278 641214.

Mo Sweet

Brent Banner Team



In 2014 two banners were created: "Allelujah" and "Emmanuel." The first used handprints and the second used gold stencilled angels. Both banners were hung at Christmas services in the Parish.

The success of the first banners encouraged the setting up of a small group - the Brent Banner Team - which meets on an ad hoc basis at Woodlands Hotel and in member's homes to plan develop and work on new projects to celebrate the church calendar. Simon Lewis attends some of our meetings to inspire and guide our projects.

We have all discovered the fun in working together, and bringing together different skills and watching the projects evolve. During 2015 we produced three further banners: Holy Flames (for Pentecost); God Provides (for Harvest Festival) and Doves of Peace (for Christmas). The Pilgrims Way, to illustrate the Lent journey has just been completed.

Rosemary Keele

FINANCIAL

Stewardship

Stewardship and in particular financial stewardship has continued to be a challenge. We knew from recent years that we needed to increase the level of giving as our outgoings are higher than our income.

We presented the situation to the Church membership both via a written summary and face to face as part of Church services with a stewardship theme.

We have seen some increase in regular committed giving (via standing order) which is very important in enabling us to plan and to know how we stand financially, this is very much our preferred method of giving. These increases include the amount some members have committed to and the number of members who have signed up to standing order giving. There are still some that do not feel comfortable with standing order type giving and continue to use the envelope system. We did stop using the collection plate in services for a while to emphasise the point that this is not the preferred method of giving and as some felt it was disruptive to worship.

Sadly, for various reasons we have also lost a number of generous givers over the year and this has offset some of the increase which is sad but something we have to take into account.

At a PCC meeting later in 2015 it became apparent that our overall finances were in a fragile way and the PCC members were surprised how close we were to not being able to pay our way.

As a result we reinstated the collection plates at services and the finance team met to consider further options. We agreed to meet for a PCC "away day" in February 2016 to consider the situation in more depth and what can be done differently to move forwards financially.

Nick Bashford

Treasurer's Report

The overall expenditure for The Parish of Three Saints for 2015 was £100,337 (Church Life & Heritage).

N.B. The extra fund-raising for our roofs has tipped us over the £100k level that could mean we have to register with the Charity Commission in our own right, but we will be asking for an exemption as this is an exception to our usual business.

The main items of expenditure were:

- the Parish Share, paid annually to the Diocese, to support 496 parishes in resourcing mission & ministry (enabling God's Church to grow), inc. clergy pay £33,497
- the regular running costs for all our churches: insurance, admin costs, routine maintenance, heating & lighting, upkeep of services &, in some cases, churchyards £37,774
- repairs to church buildings £24,354
- costs of raising funds £4,712

Income was £107,186 (including tax or Gift Aid recovered for 2013 & 2014 of £14,222).

This income came primarily from:

Planned Giving	£27,855
Collections	£9,521
Grants & Donations	£21,066
Fund Raising	£15,072
Parochial Fees	£8,998
Other Incoming Resources (Ins. claims)	£9,173

N.B. The above does not include the market value at 31.12.15 of shares in St Michael's Brent Knoll Trust: £27,331.

As a reminder, the Church Life Fund covers the cost of running our Parish, its ministry and its mission - this includes:

- the Parish Share of the Common Fund i.e. the central Diocesan fund that allows the Diocese to provide for every parish in Somerset (over 200 clergy); it pays their wages, their pensions and their housing, their training and the training of future clergy; it pays for chaplaincies in schools, prisons and residential homes, and it supports around 180 Church Schools in Somerset
- parish expenses
- utility bills
- worship materials
- Parish Office & administration

Regular 'Giving' to The Parish of Three Saints through weekly collections, envelopes and standing orders, supports it.

We will be making a claim re 2015's Gift Aid for £8,800 to be shared between Church Life & Heritage.

There have been several positives:

- There has been a rise in both Planned Giving & Collections, etc.
- The renegotiated contracts for gas & electricity seem at last to be showing some savings

- We have benefitted from strong fundraising during the year & increasing success in attracting grants
- 2015 is the third year that our Parish has paid the full Parish Share
- We have finally reduced the number of accounts we administer, i.e. one main account for The Parish of Three Saints and 3 separate 'Heritage' accounts for each Church plus the Friends of St. Michael's Brent Knoll Account – this latter due to be transferred to St. Michael's (Heritage) account in 2016.
- Jim Hanmer, with the support of the Finance Team, has introduced 'budgeting' for future planning

However, it should be noted that Fundraising was boosted by St. Christopher's need to 'cover' its roof (in both meanings of the word) & obviously those repairs dramatically increased the repairs payments category.

Also, less weddings during the year have meant a decrease in Parochial Fees.

Pages 2 & 3 show the income & expenditure of all Heritage (Buildings) Funds during 2015, but I have added extra information on page 5 to demonstrate funds raised at events that supported Church Life including Heating & Lighting.

Once again I would like to express my appreciation of David Edworthy's time and efforts in examining these accounts: every year we make an effort to improve the format & explanation of them & every year he patiently ensures we are on the right track!

As many will know from my last annual appearance, I am handing over the Treasurer's mantle to Jim Hanmer: I can't think of a better person to take over the role I collected a few years ago. However, with the PCC's support, I have offered my services to co-ordinate donations coming into our Parish (Church Life & Heritage): this is partly to support Jim in his role, but also to streamline how we claim the full Gift Aid to which we are entitled in the light of HMRC changes & to respond more proactively to the very generous people who contribute to the funds.

Finally, thanks to the Finance Team for their support, to Simon for his trust & allowing me to punctuate his sentences (!), and, of course, to Mary Ford for her patience, good humour, sandwich making & for working with me to move this Parish's finances forward to enable the budgeting concept to be planted.

Robin C. Leveridge

THE PARISH OF THREE SAINTS									
Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2015									
			2015	2015	2015	2014	2014	2014	
			Church Life	Heritage	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
			Funds	Funds		Funds	Funds		
RECEIPTS									
Planned Giving			24070	3785	27855	23762	828	24590	
Collections & Other Giving			5991	3530	9521	2284	5635	7919	
Income Tax Recovered			14222	0	14222	0	0	0	
Grants & Donations			0	21066	21066	3471	14212	17683	
Legacies			0	0	0	0	6630	6630	
Interest			0	1279	1279	12	1265	1277	
Fundraising Events			8525	6547	15072	6654	4288	10942	
Other Incoming Resources			100	9073	9173	0	250	250	
Parochial Fees			8998	0	8998	12690	0	12690	
			61906	45280	107186	48873	33108	81981	
PAYMENTS									
Donations/Grants to Charities			0	67	67	50	0	50	
Mission & Evangelism			18	300	318	404	378	782	
Parish Share			33497	0	33497	31349	0	31349	
Clergy Expenses			3385	0	3385	2343	0	2343	
Church Running Expenses			8748	5646	14394	11977	5402	17379	
Churchyard Maintenance			144	3432	3576	3351	0	3351	
Cost of Raising Funds			190	4522	4712	105	218	323	
Salaries			6457	0	6457	6125	0	6125	
Administration Costs			8894	0	8894	6261	0	6261	
Sundries			433	250	683	247	886	1133	
Repairs to Church Buildings			0	24354	24354	0	1946	1946	
			61766	38571	100337	62212	8830	71042	
Excess of Receipts over Payments			140	6709	6849	-13339	24278	10939	
Opening Bank Balances at 1 January 2015					58042			47103	
Closing Bank Balances at 31 December 2015					64891			58042	

Notes	Fees received	12524
	Paid to DBF	-3164
	Paid to ministers	-362
	Parochial fees	8998

Total bank balances per summary	64890
Rounding	1
Closing balances as on left	64891

THE PARISH OF THREE SAINTS

Heritage (Restricted) Funds for the year ended 31.12.2015

	Income	Expenditure
TPOTS (A)		
LPoW Grant	£286.00	
St. C.'s Roof Alarm		£4,788.00
	£286.00	£4,788.00
ST. MARY'S (B)		
Donations	£335.16	£66.91
Friends	£65.00	
Standing Orders	£1,585.00	
Churchyard	£1,205.00	£1,440.00
Insurance	£2,448.20	£1,656.79
Fundraising		£27.00
Quizzes	£2,034.20	
Barn Dance	£278.60	
Major Repairs		£3,448.20
Minor Maintenance & Repairs		£198.40
	£7,951.16	£6,837.30
ST. MICHAEL'S (C)		
Donations	£1,954.59	
Friends	£880.00	
Standing Orders	£90.00	
Churchyard		£400.00
Insurance		£2,431.05
Fundraising	£93.06	£15.00
Easter Teas	£310.64	
Fete (Plants)	£166.56	
Wind Band	£460.00	
Open Gardens	£256.00	
Afternoon Teas	£37.00	
Beethoven Evening	£370.50	
Burns Night	£120.00	
Sale of logs	£200.00	
Minor Maintenance & Repairs		£4,587.11
Book of Remembrance	£50.00	
	£4,988.35	£7,433.16

Heritage (Restricted) Funds for the year ended 31.12.2015 (continued)

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S (D)	Income	Expenditure
Donations	£1,224.65	
Friends	£70.00	
Standing Orders	£659.00	
Grants (Gazebo)	£250.00	£250.00
Churchyard	£815.00	£1,591.92
Insurance	£5,503.78	£1,352.59
Roof Appeal: Donations	£1,137.00	
Roof Appeal: Grants	£3,000.00	
Roof Appeal: Sale of scrap lead	£646.40	
Roof Appeal: 'Raise the Roof'	£15,577.80	£4,480.00
Open Gardens	£926.10	
Coffee Mornings	£454.30	
Compassion	£192.00	£300.00
Christmas Cracker	£170.10	
Sale of pew	£150.00	
Major repairs (Roof)		£16,117.61
Minor Maintenance & Repairs		£860.61
Interest	£4.03	
	£30,780.16	£24,952.73
FRIENDS OF ST. MICHAEL'S BRENT KNOLL (I)		
Interest	£1,274.95	
SUB TOTALS	£45,280.62	£44,011.19
Adjustments:		
Insurance premiums paid by TPOTS		-£5,440.43
Rounding	-£0.62	£0.24
TOTALS	£45,280.00	£38,571.00

THE PARISH OF THREE SAINTS

Bank Accounts Summary for the year ended 31.12.2015

		Fun	Balance	Balance at	
		d	at 1.1.15	31.12.15	Notes
A	The Parish of Three Saints	CL	10,427	14,243	
B	St. Mary's Church	H	24,838	24,380	
C	St. Michael's Church	H	8,517	6,072	
D	St. Christopher's Church	H	5,255	16,674	
E	St. Christopher's Church (Dep.)	CL	56	-	
F	Friends of St. Christopher's	H	90	-	
G	Trust (Dep.)	H	5,167	-	
H	Brent Knoll PCC ('old' Santander)	CL	1,442	-	
I	Friends of St. Michael's Brent Knoll Trust	H	2,246	3,521	
			58,038	64,890	58042 (Rounding difference)

FRIENDS OF ST. MICHAEL'S BRENT KNOLL TRUST
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2015

RECEIPTS

Investment income	COIF Charities Fixed Interest Shares	£276
	Charifund Units	£999
	Santander Interest	£0
		<u>£1,275</u>
Gift Box		£0
Donations		£0
Fund Raising		£0
		<u>£1,275</u>

PAYMENTS

	<u>£0</u>
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Surplus of receipts over payments	£1,275
Trust Fund at 1 January 2015	£23,146

TRUST FUND AT 31 DECEMBER 2015	<u>£24,421</u>
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FINANCED BY:-

TRUST FUND ASSETS

1,447,755 Charifund Units at cost	£14,618
4,999.98 COIF Charities Fixed Interest Shares at cost	£6,282
(Market Value at 31 December 2015 £27,330.89)	<u>£20,900</u>
Santander Bank Balances	£3,521
	<u>£24,421</u>

Funds raised at various events to support TPOTS inc. heating & lighting expenditure

Carol singing	£78.93
Mad Hatter's	
Tea Party (BK)	£627.99
Fete (EB)	£1,905.29
Fete (BK)	£465.01
Fete (L)	£4,032.05
Christmas	
Cracker (L)	£747.90
Christmas Fair	
(BK)	£667.91

Church Life Fundraising

St Christopher's Fundraising

We had a very busy summer in 2015 and a very successful one in terms of fundraising.



The highlight of the summer was the “*Night on the Tiles Ball*”, at Batch Country House, on 5 June 2015 to help to fund the repairs to the north and the vestry roof after all the lead was stolen from St Christopher's in two burglaries in the middle of 2014. (The repair work has now been done and an alarm installed but we have had to use up our reserves to pay for it.) We had the Lipinski Band to entertain us, a three-course dinner, an auction and a raffle. The items on offer in the auction included a week in a Mallorca farm-house for 8 (very generously

donated by Nigel and Rachael Holland), two separate golf rounds for four persons at Burnham and Berrow Golf Club, a flight for two in an aeroplane over the Somerset countryside, a trip in a vintage car to Wedmore with lunch at the Swan PH, a signed Somerset Cricket bat and a visit to the House of Commons, hosted by our new MP and many other prizes.

Although we had to raise well over £15,000 at the start of this project, thanks largely to Jim's extraordinary ability to persuade every possible source to stump up money, we actually needed to raise a very much smaller sum by the time of our ball. In fact, the evening was a huge success and we raised £11,602.28 and if gift aid can be claimed the total profit will be about **£12,950!**

This was far more than we had anticipated and shows what can be done for specific projects if the event is felt to be one really worth attending. Huge thanks to our specially extended committee and to all those who came, especially those who came from East Brent and Brent Knoll – much appreciated. The funds have allowed us to pay off the amount paid for the roof repairs and to increase our much needed reserves.

The fete took place as usual in June and was as successful as ever. We raised **£4,181**, a mere £5 less than our record in 2011. Thanks, as always, to all who helped but especially to Rosemary and Andy Carr who lead the organising committee.

We also had the Open Gardens, in aid, principally, of the National Gardens Scheme, which raises millions each year for a basket of nursing and cancer related charities. 90% of the proceeds of our plant stall and our tea and cakes stall goes to the church though and this year, we raised £1,719.97 for the NGS and **£942.93** for the church. We had 323 people through the gate .

Thanks especially to all who helped man the gate and the tea- and plant-stall and to Graeme Hale our gardener, for his incredibly hard work in June, but especially to Kim King for organising the cakes and teas and to Marcus Hatton who donated a fantastic array of plants and flowers and helped boost the profits, as can be seen by the 470% increase in plant profits.

Thanks also to Gwen for giving tea and cakes in the Hall to a group from Weston who came on a pre-arranged visit one day in August to look round the Manor Garden and donated **£72** to the church.

We could not have been more pleased with the generosity of all who came to these events - **£18,144** in two months. As the ball, in particular,

demonstrated, such events not only raise much-needed money but put the church firmly at the centre of village attention, at least for a while. Fundraising events are not just about the bottom line. They involve people who do not normally come to church, perhaps had never thought of coming. If they enjoy being part of these events, perhaps, they will...

We had two fund-raising events arranged for the last month of the year:

We joined forces with the Sports Club and the Shop to hold a very successful winter fair. This year the format and location was changed and this appeared to go down well with all who came and it was remarketed under the name "Christmas Cracker". The event raised £918 for church funds and it was great to see more people from outside the congregation willing to give of their time to raise money for the Church.

As usual, Gwen had her coffee morning on the first Tuesday of December. The event was very well attended, despite being in competition with the recently opened café in the pavilion on that day. Gwen raised £300, another impressive effort.

What is planned for the future?

NGS Open Gardens in the Manor Garden
18/19 June 2016

Church Fete in Manor Garden 25 June 2016

Gwen's coffee morning – December 2016

James Counsell

St Mary's Fundraising



Throughout the year we had eleven Pub Quizzes in the Brent Knoll Inn here in East Brent and raised £1,956.90. We have lots of support from the

Community every month.

In October we organised a Barn Dance for a change. It was fairly well attended and with tickets and a raffle we raised £278.60. The local band reduced their charge specially because the money is for St Mary's Church. Thanks to all our supporters.

2015's Fete on the Green was a great success with James Heappey at the helm, lots of stalls, one of Ben Stokes England Cricket Shirts plus a large photo of the whole team surrounded by their signatures to auction. The event soothed by the New Society Jazz Band raised just over £2,000 for the Parish of Three Saints.

Kathryn Quinnell

St Michael's Fundraising

The St Michael's Fundraising Committee has met on three occasions in 2015 and has organised four significant events. In our role as Heritage Fundraisers we have also looked ahead and submitted some budget proposals for 2016. After discussion with the Treasurer these have been approved.

Our first major event was the Spring Fair at St Michael's. Mike and Margaret Smith set up the event with the theme of the Mad Hatters Tea party.

Everyone dressed for the occasion and we held a competition for the best dressed child. There were stalls and games in the church yard and the sun shone throughout the day, although it was a bit windy. It was a memorable afternoon and thanks are due to all who helped on the day.

Our second major event was a visit by the Worle Wind Band in July. This started out as an outdoor concert at Ivyclad Hall with cream teas on the lawn, but, due to weather conditions, had to be "contained" within the confines of the Parish Hall.

We were provided with superb renditions of tunes that ranged from Michael Jackson and the Beatles, to jazz classics by Duke Ellington. The cream teas were served "from the hatch" rather than a refreshment tent, but this did not prevent us enjoying the occasion.

In October Brian Freestone provided us with another magnificent talk entitled Moonlighting with Beethoven, and John Page ably supported him by providing music and slides. We managed to sell 60 tickets and the evening was a great success. Our final major event of the year was a repeat of the 2014 formula for our Christmas Fair at St Michael's. The gratifying thing from our point of view was the number of people who contributed some superb craft goods to our Parish stall. This year these

contributions made up over half the sum we raised on the day. The church was beautifully decorated and the new Community Choir gave us a superb rendition of some favourite carols. It was a memorable morning.

Other events that we have taken part in were our usual Easter Teas at St Michael's which were combined with an Easter Egg trail. This year we held the event over the Easter Sunday and Monday and were pleased to find that our takings on each day were similar, which justified the decision to have the event over two days.



At the Village Fete we took over the role of providing cream teas for the event from the Guides. We also had our usual cake stall and plant stall organised by Sue Boss. During August we opened the church for teas and were fortunate that the Sundays were dry throughout the month. However, attendances were a bit disappointing.

Ged Keele

DIOCESE

Deanery Synod

The Axbridge Deanery Synod met four times during 2015. The venues were:

St Peter's Church, Draycott (4th February); St John's Church, Highbridge (15th April); Holy Trinity Church, Blackford (7th July) and St Michael's Church, Brent Knoll (22nd October).

The subjects for discussion were varied covering the

following items:

Understanding Our Parish Share/Common Fund – Speaker: Andrew Rainsford Diocesan Stewardship Adviser; NHS – Speaker: Reverend Dr Trevor Dean and discussion of 3rd time post, Lay Development Co-ordinator; The Deanery Plan and Shared Ministry and finally Lay and Ordained Ministries – Fostering all Vocations – Speakers Reverend Sue Rose, Diocesan Vocation Adviser and Caroline Bruce Parish Consultancy Officer.

In March 2015 the Rural Dean changed from Reverend Sue Rose (who was appointed Director of Vocations) to Reverend Sharon Crossman. The Lay Chair is Mr Alan Rayfield and the Honorary Secretary is Mr Brian Halliday.

The meetings are attended by both clergy and lay representatives of each church in the Axbridge Deanery. The Parish of 3 Saints qualifies for three representatives to attend the meetings – Mrs Maxine Bashford, Mrs Carla Searle and Mrs Sally Wingate. All meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend.

Forthcoming meetings for 2016 are:

Wednesday 3rd February, St Andrew's Church, Burnham-on-Sea – 7.00 pm for 7.15 pm/7.30 pm – The body of Christ or simply a collection of Limbs.

Tuesday 26th April, St Mary's Berrow – 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

Tuesday 19th July, Cross Farm, The Borough, Wedmore – Tour of farm (courtesy of Mr & Mrs Tincknell) followed by supper. 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm (times to be confirmed).

Thursday 6th October, Venue to be confirmed – The Right Reverend Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton – 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm.

Carla Searle, Maxine Bashford and Sally Wingate

CHURCHWARDENS

St Christopher's

Apart from our usual weekly services, we started the new year with an All Sorts Worship at 11am, we have an 8am Holy Communion on the 3rd Sunday of each month and a 10.00 am Eucharist every 4th Sunday. We have a communion service on a Wednesday morning, with about six who attend.

Yet again we have had some excellent festivals, and in January we had our Christingle service for the children of Lympham First school with their teachers and some parents.

The school uses the church on a regular basis and

Simon continues to attend different times during the year.

Palm Sunday and Holy Week was also celebrated at St. Christopher's with the church decorated with palms.



Our annual crib service on Christmas Eve starting at 5-30 was once again very well attended, lovely to see so many parents and grandparents, thanks to Sarah and Helen for all their hard work. We had Christmas Day service and on the Sunday which were both well attended.

A Gala dinner at Batch Country house in June was very successful.

2015 has also seen our new Bishop of Taunton installed (Bishop Ruth Worsley). Nikki was licensed as our Reader in Wells Cathedral by the new Bishop at a lovely service in October.

Our Emmaus course continues to grow our relationship with God, if you are interested in joining, please see Simon.

We would like to say a big thank you to Greta for her continued work playing the organ and keeping Simon on his toes!

Flower Ladies

We have a small group of ladies who come to do the flowers on a fortnightly basis, thank you everyone who gives of their time and puts some beautiful arrangements in our church.

There are posies to make for Mothering Sunday and Baskets to dress the windows for Easter. We have two new ladies helping in 2016 and we all look forward to working with them. If anyone else would like to join, please see Gwen.

Cleaners

Thank you to all the ladies and gentlemen who come and clean our church on a regular basis, and a special thank you for keeping our toilet in good working order and clean.

Stewards and Welcome Team.

On entering God's house, it is always lovely to be

welcomed with a nice smile. We need to encourage new people to make them feel welcome. Thank you stewards for your continued support.

If anyone would like to help in this way, please see the church wardens.

Refreshment Team

Again a big thank you to everyone for their continued help making teas and coffees after the worship and making and bringing along cakes and biscuits. It is always lovely to stop and chat after the service and make new friends.

*Gwen Hatton & Jim Hanmer
Church wardens*

St Mary's

Early on in January 2015 some young people decided they would steal the lead on half the chancel vestry roof. Geoff Searle had great fun straddling the roof with Julian's assistance trying to attach tarpaulins to protect the 'bare' roof. I was instrumental in passing tools and offering encouragement while we all tried to stay focussed in the strong cold wind. Later in February 2015 a fairly serious leak in the chancel roof was repaired by the Church Commissioners so no cost to our church....But we were festooned with scaffolding for around two weeks.



Then there was a big change in May 2015. Christine Hussey became a Churchwarden so then there were two of us overworked and under paid! It has been great to share the tasks. In June we created a Prayer Tree in the North Aisle Chapel and quite a few people use it from time to time. In July we used a Nuttall Trust Grant to have armoured cable laid in a trench across from the church vestry to the lantern at the church gate entrance. This has meant that our path is much safer and our neighbours were glad about it too. The lead being stolen was unsettling and worrying for them so a lantern is a slight deterrent. In 2016 we hope to do more improvements to the exterior lighting.

In September one of the notice boards in the porch simply fell off the wall so we had to have it fixed but not with glass. We chose Perspex for health and safety reasons.

All these things were as well as our usual duties, which are a joy and a privilege to do because of our love for God.

*Christine Hussey and Kathryn Quinnell
Churchwardens*

St Michael's

As we report on another year we thank Revd Simon Lewis and the worship team for leading through the year with a variety of services.

The school has continued to visit the church regularly and also held the Leavers Service, Christingle and Nativity Services there.

The school children from Kenya paid us a visit and gave a wonderful concert,

We held the Lent group which was well attended.

The NFU Carols Service was also held.

The Brent Knoll Churches Toddler group continues to be a witness in the community led by members of our church and the Methodists. Members of our church have been strengthened by attending the Emmaus and Lent groups.



The fund raising group continues to meet and organise events which this year included Easter Teas, a Mad Hatter's Tea Party and Christmas Fair.

The church is in a relatively good condition thanks to those who continue to maintain it, although we have a shortage of brass cleaners and cleaners.

We would like to thank all the ministry team,

organist, readers, servers and intercessors that have all helped us progress in our church journey. Our stewards and refreshment providers have helped us to be a welcoming church, as have the flower arrangers and bell ringers.

In closing we pray and trust that as we continue to journey together in our parish development you will give your support to the ministry team and Simon and continue to work together to enable us to grow and shine in our village.

*Frances James & Mike Smith
Churchwardens*

HERITAGE

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

General

In February 2015 we entered applications, one for each church, for government funds for the replacement of leaking church rooves. In May we heard that these were all unsuccessful but that the scheme was to be repeated, starting in December. Hence three repeat applications for the same work content are being assembled. These will be submitted by the end of February 2016 with outcomes expected by the end of May 2016.

St Christopher's



- Annual maintenance of fire extinguishers was carried out and reported to be satisfactory.
- The Organ was retuned and overhauled
- Richard Marsh carried out health and safety check on the memorials in the churchyard
- A faculty was granted for the sale of four redundant pews. One was sold privately; the others were included in the Central Contents Register of the Church of England and listed in the Available Lists for July and October with no responses to date.
- Following the theft of lead in 2014, an Archdeacon's Certificate was granted for the installation of a Security Alarm system installed in January 2015.
- An Archdeacon's Certificate was granted to enable trees in the churchyard to be lopped and trimmed. The work will be carried out in 2016
- A loose lead flashing at the east end of the north aisle roof was secured by Robin Hoare.
- Churchyard maintenance was carried out regularly and satisfactorily by Robin Hoare.

St Michael's



We are extremely grateful for all the voluntary work done in and around the Church, enabling the building to be well cared for and in relatively good order.

The main items of work which have been carried out in 2015 were :

- The quinquennial report has been received from George Chedburn and some urgent works have been attended to.
- The gulleys have been repaired near the front vestry and damp treatment applied to the external wall.
- The leaking central heating pipework has been repaired , the pews were removed to enable repair to be carried out, now the area has dried out the pews have been put back to their original positions.

- The boilers have been serviced.
- A review of the windows has been undertaken re the Quinquennial –no further action taken.
- A costing to repair steps to church has been obtained –no further action taken.
- The installation of new emergency lighting in the bell tower has now been completed.
- A replacement flood light for the church has been supplied and installed free of charge by a local Electrical Contractor.
- The churchyard clean-up was carried out under the guidance of Sue Boss and the help of local residents.
- A dead tree has been removed from the churchyard near the War Memorial of which the majority of the costs was recovered by the sale of the timber.
- Some temporary roof repairs to the lead on the North Aisle and Tower roofs have been carried out.

St Mary's



Again a lot of voluntary work has been carried out in the churchyard keeping the bushes and undergrowth under control.

- The front vestry roof suffered theft of some of its lead at the end of 2014 and this was replaced under insurance during January, although the £1000 excess had to be found from church funds.
- Following a successful application for funding from The Nuttall Trust, the lamp by the entrance gatepost has been replaced and connected via an underground armoured cable to the church building supply. This is an automatic dusk-till-dawn lamp which provides a low level continuous illumination during the hours of darkness to help users of the footpath and a degree of security.
- One of the two Notice boards in the porch fell down and broke its glass front. This was repaired by a local volunteer.
- Further leaks occurred in the North roof and

these were again temporarily repaired using flash bonding and bitumastic paint. This roof is now at end-of-life and needs replacement. Another leak has occurred in the window in the gable above the pulpit. This will need attention soon if permanent damage is not to result.

- The heating system was serviced.
- A Quinquennial Inspection was undertaken by George Chedburn on 10th December 2015.

Geoff Searle

FRIENDS

Over the past year there have been no major developments on the Friends front. St Michael's Friends have received two newsletters and an AGM was organised in the church during May at which John Page gave us a guided tour of the church. As everyone is aware a considerable amount of voluntary effort goes into supporting the day to day running of St Michael's eg brass cleaning, flower arranging, annual churchyard clean up. This work could be expanded to include voluntary labour on maintenance jobs. Nearly all of this work is currently done through Mike Smith and Tony Gilbert, with Sue Boss managing the churchyard. Let us hope that this work can be co-ordinated so that others are involved. I am also hoping that it will be possible to devolve the responsibility for running St Michael's Friends fundraising away from the local fundraising committee.

On the financial front I hope that St Michael's Friends subscriptions will bring in around £1000 during 2016.

St Mary's Friends have reported a small increase in their membership as a result of a circulation via their local Parish magazine. St Christopher's and St Mary's have not mounted a targeted campaign for membership but may tie this in with their fundraising activities during 2016.

Ged Keele

General

Report from the TPOTs Information Co-ordinator

During the year the role of Parish Information Co-ordinator has been set up. This has arisen through combining a number of tasks that have been undertaken over the past two years. In 2014 a database was set up to support the Friends scheme and we did the initial work to set up our Website.

During 2015 the role for the database has extended to support recording of other data such as the electoral roll. It has also been extended to cover those who play a role in Church services eg readers, chalice assistants. This has been done so that we can provide administrative support to Simon Lewis in constructing Parish rotas. The website continues to be updated regularly and has expanded to include pages on Friends and the Brent Banner Team.

All this requires administrative work and I have been appointed to oversee these activities. During 2016 I intend to continue developing the work on streamlining the process of constructing rotas and develop the Access database that has been set up so that other people can share in its use. I also want to introduce new "role based" email addresses, look at the use of online calendars and to review our use of file storage on our computing systems. These may not sound very glamorous and exciting tasks, but "back office" administration is not like that!

Ged Keele



Part Two — Administration, Structure and Data

Administrative information

Geographically the Parish of Three Saints:

- is constituted of the following villages, Brent Knoll, East Brent, Eastertown, Edingworth, Lympsham and Rooksbridge in Somerset;
- has three parish church buildings St Michael's church in Brent Knoll, St Mary the Blessed Virgin church, East Brent and St Christopher's church Lympsham;
- is in the Diocese of Bath & Wells, a member of the Church of England.

Correspondence address

The Church Office,
Church Road,
East Brent,
Somerset
TA9 4HZ

Parish Staff

Incumbent (Priest-in-Charge)

The Reverend Simon Lewis

Churchwardens

St Michael's church, Brent Knoll

Miss Frances James
Mr Mike Smith

St Mary the Blessed Virgin church, East Brent

Mrs Kathryn Quinnell
Mrs Christine Hussey

St Christopher's church, Lympsham

Mr Jim Hanmer
Mrs Gwen Hatton

Reader

Mrs Nikki Burns

Parish Administrator

Mrs Mary Ford

PCC Treasurer

Mr Robin Leveridge

PCC Secretary

Mrs Sandra Hanmer

Organists

Mrs Greta Plank assisted by Pauline Chadwick

Safe Guarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Officer

Mrs Kathryn Quinnell

External Organisations

Inspecting Architect:

Mr George Chedburn
Chedburn Design & Conservation,
Bath Brewery, Toll Bridge Road,
Bath, BA1 7DE

Financial Organisations specific to the Parish:

CHURCH LIFE

CAF Bank Ltd

25 Kings Hill Avenue,
Kings Hill, West Malling,
Kent, ME19 4JQ

CCLA

Senator House,
85 Queen Victoria Street,
London, EC4V 4ET

HERITAGE LIFE

Friends of St Christopher

Friends of St Mary

Friends of St Michael

Friends of St Michaels Trust

CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Ave,
Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent,

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Santander, Bootle, Merseyside

Independent Examiner D. W. Edworthy, BSc., FCA., Chartered Accountant
The Old Rectory, Rectory Way,
Lympsham, Somerset, BS24

Charity Commission

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity *excepted* from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC Membership

<i>Ex-officio</i>		<u>Position</u>	<u>Term</u>
<i>Incumbent</i>	The Reverend Simon Lewis	Chairperson	
<i>Churchwardens</i>			
	<i>Brent Knoll</i>	Miss Frances James	Annual until 2017
		Mr Mike Smith	Annual until 2017
	<i>East Brent</i>	Mrs Kathryn Quinnell	Annual until 2017
		Mrs Christine Hussey	Annual until 2020
	<i>Lympsham</i>	Mr Jim Hanmer	Annual until 2019
		Mrs Gwen Hatton	Annual until 2017
<i>Reader</i>	Mrs Nikki Burns		Continuous
<i>Deanery Synod Representative</i>	Mrs Maxine Bashford		2017
	Mrs Carla Searle		2017
	Mrs Sally Wingate		2017
<i>Elected</i>			
	Mr Nick Bashford		1 year term / 2016
	Mr Anthony Gilbert		1 year term / 2016
	Mr Geoff Searle		1 year term / 2016
	Mr Tim Hannah		1 year term / 2016
	Mrs Dot Coles		2 year term / 2017
	Mrs Sarah Cole		2 year term / 2017
	Mr Ged Keele		2 year term / 2017
	Mr James Counsell		2 year term / 2017
	Mrs Della Brewer		3 year term / 2018
	Mrs Sandra Hanmer	Secretary	3 year term / 2018
<i>Co-opted</i>			
	Mrs Mary Ford	Parish Administrator	2016
	Mr Robin Leveridge	Treasurer	2016

Structure, governance and management

- The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.
- Each elected PCC member is encouraged to be a member of one of the PCC Teams. Ex-officio members (excluding Deanery Synod Representatives) may sit on any Team.
- Non-PCC members invited to join PCC Teams are co-opted members. They are invited to join because of the gifts and expertise they have. Their term on a Team might be short-term (for example, the duration of a particular project) or long-term.

Objectives and activities

- The Parish of Three Saints PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, The Reverend Simon Lewis, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical (as expressed in the *Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 No.3 4 and 5 Eliz 2*).
- It also has maintenance responsibilities for the three church buildings, St Christopher, Lympsham, St Mary the Blessed Virgin, East Brent and St Michael, Brent Knoll, and for the Church Office in East Brent.

Changes to the Electoral Roll in 2015:

The Electoral Roll at the end of the 2013	=	145
Deletions (including due to death)	=	7
Additions	=	2
Total at the end of 2014	=	140

Church attendance for the main festivals (NR = Not recorded)

FESTIVAL		2013	2014	2015
Mothering Sunday		50	51	44
Palm Sunday		54	49	36
Easter Sunday		76	74	102
Harvest Festival		67	51	48
Remembrance Services	(St Christopher's church)	45	30	38
	(East Brent Memorial)	NR	24	9
	(St Michael's church)	190	220	190
Lights of Love (All Souls)		30	35	23
Crib Services	(St Mary's church)	75	80	81
	(St Christopher's church)	220	225	225
First Communion of Christmas		102	98	105
Christmas Thanksgiving		58	96	160

Number of Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals for the Parish

	St Christopher	St Mary	St Michael	Parish Total
Baptisms	8	7	7	22
Weddings	0	2	3	5
Funerals	3	3	7	13
Burial of Ashes	6	0	4	10
Crematorium	2	2	3	7

Part Three — Our Parish: Who's Who

Worship Team

Priest-in-Charge Revd. Simon Lewis

Reader in training: Nikki Burns

Scripture Readers: Nick Bashford, Della Brewer, Nikki Burns, Robbie Burns, James Counsell, Victoria Daintree, Bernice Davies, Ellis Davies, John Harper, John Hughes, Anne Munchin, Kathryn Quinnell, Carla Searle, Jean Tincknell, Sally Wingate, Maurice Jackson, Christine Hussey, Dot Coles

Intercessors: Nikki Burns, Carla Searle, Jean Tincknell

Chalice Assistants: Della Brewer, Nikki Burns, Dot Coles, Victoria Daintree, Gwen Hatton, Mike Smith

Organist: Greta Plank, supported by Pauline Chadwick

PCC Teams

Worship and Liturgy

Simon Lewis, Nikki Burns, Dot Coles, Sandra Hanmer, Mike Smith

Prayer

Gwen Hatton, Pauline Chadwick, Viv Freeman, Eva & Stanley Price, Kathryn Quinnell

Mission and Evangelism

Simon Lewis

Pastoral

Dot Coles, Sandra Hanmer, Nikki Burns, Maggie Gardiner, Gwen Hatton, Carla Searle, Margaret Smith

Buildings and Grounds

Geoff Searle, Gwen Hatton, Kathryn Quinnell, Tony Gilbert, Mike Smith, Stanley Price

Friends

Simon Lewis, Ged Keele

Stewardship

Nick Bashford

Church Life Fundraising

St Christopher's: James Counsell, Nikki Burns, Julia Carr, Rosemary & Andy Carr, Lisa Counsell, Victoria Daintree, Gwen Hatton, Kim King, Lucy & John Teteris

St Mary's: Kathryn Quinnell, Maxine Bashford, Molly Richards, Claire Lewis, Della Brewer, Helen Broderick, Dot Coles, Beverley Lloyd Jones and Zoe Warner-Deards

St Michael's: Ged Keele, Tony Gilbert, Mike Smith, Sally Wingate

Finance:

Robin Leveridge, Mary Ford, Nick Bashford, Jim Hanmer, Ged Keele, Simon Lewis

Deanery Synod:

Maxine Bashford, Carla Searle, Sally Wingate

Support Teams

Sunday Link

Sandra Hanmer

Electoral Roll

Margaret Smith

Stewards/Welcomers

St Christopher's: James Counsell, Victoria Daintree, Sandra & Jim Hanmer, Gwen Hatton, Ron Hatton, Jean Rawles

St Mary's: Collette Winfield, Carla Searle, Geoff Searle, Kathy Quinnell, Jean Tincknell, Nick Bashford, Jill Kidley, Dot Coles, Christine Hussey, Della Brewer

St Michael's: Sally Wingate, John Harper, Jane Hannah, Tim Hannah, Margaret Smith

Refreshments

St Christopher's: Victoria Daintree, Viv Freeman, Sandra & Jim Hanmer, Gwen Hatton, Sandra Lomas, Kate Lee, Jean Rawles, Audrey Toogood

St Mary's: Max Bashford, Nick Bashford, Della Brewer, Carla & Geoff Searle, Claire Lewis, Dot Coles, Christine Hussey, Jill Kidley, Kathy Quinnell, Jean Tincknell

St Michael's: Sally Wingate, Bernice Davies, Jane & Tim Hannah, Florence Hale, Jackie & Tony Gilbert

Flower Arrangers

St Christopher's: Pam Collings, Pauline Greenwood, Rebecca Harris, Gwen Hatton, Rita Jolliffe, Cindy Tratt, Tracy Stearnes, Rosemary Twining, Sue Twining

St Mary's: Jean Tincknell, Felicity Ham, Janet Harding, Janet Harding, Christine Hussey, Dot Coles, Mary Ellen Harris, Caz Townsend, Jill Kidley, Mary Ford

St Michael's: Marion Vining, Jean Milton, Sue Boss, Jo Fox, Sally Wingate, Jane Hannah, Lisa Pringle, Alison Barnes, Andrea Hurcott, Hazel Elton, Sarah McLean

Church opening/closing

St Christopher's: Joan Wood, Jean Rawles, Pam Collings, Stanley Price, Gwen Hatton

St Mary's: Geoff Searle, Geoff Adams, Mike Grant, George Frost, Michael Grant, Kathy Quinnell, Christine Hussey, Dot Coles

St Michael's: Frances James, Mike Smith

Cleaners

St Christopher's: Zora Ford, Myrna Guest, Liz Hart, Gwen & Ron Hatton, Kim King, Margaret Luff, Stanley Price, Jean Rawles, Anne Tinknell, Isobel Wall, Audrey Toogood

St Mary's: Kitty Harding, Inky Harding, Mrs Ham, Mrs Wall, Zoë Warner-Deardes, Debbie Goodman, Zoë Davies, Janet Nurse, Mary Ellen Harris, Jane Ratcliffe, Bob Harris (rubbish bins)

St Michael's: Wiet Harper, Jane Hannah, Bella Ward, Bernice Davies, Frances James, Margaret Smith, Jan Watt, Sally Tucker, Ann Butt, Jackie Gilbert, Maggie Gardiner

Brass Cleaners

St Michael's: Jean Tinknell, Sally Wingate, Mr and Mrs Steve Russell, Phyllis Loynd, Frances James, Rosemary & Ged Keele, Jean Rich, Tanya Cavill, Maggie & Andy Gardiner, Amanda Reason, Rebecca Durston

Clock winders

St Mary's: George Frost, Geoff Adams, Julian Nurse

Churchyard

St Christopher's: Robin Hoare

St Mary's: Mike Grant, Zoe & Alan Davies, Janet & Julian Nurse, Nigel Lloyd Jones, Kathy Quinnell, Dot Coles, Stuart & Joan Harding and Jason Mayo and company

St Michael's: Jason Mayo and his company (grass-cutting), plus a welcome number of volunteers

Coffee Morning helpers:

St Mary's: Dot Coles, Bernice Davies, Zoe Warner-Deardes, Kathy Quinnell

Bell Ringers:

Parish: Mike Champion, Melvyn Freeman, Emily Frost, Mo Sweet, Jane Yeats, Daniel Anderson, Mary Keay, Viv Freeman, Ben Searle, Helen Addis, Sue Cowell, Kaitlin Jarvis, Alex Freeman