

ST MARY'S CHURCH, IDEFORD

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2019 (FOR THE APCM ON 18/10/2020)

Mission Statement

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our Church, and to become part of our parish family. We actively welcome everyone and our main objective is to be a welcoming, open and helpful part of our village community.

Haldon Team Rector Rev'd Roderick Withnell

Haldon Team Vicar

1/1/2019 – 22/6/2019 Vacant, 23/6/2019 onwards Rev'd Jane Frost

Parish Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll for St Mary's was revised in 2019 resulting in the addition of no Ideford parishioners however two names were removed because of death. This results in 34 names on the roll. *Nicki Horseman*.

PCC Members

Liz Rice, Vanessa Morby, Nicki Horseman, Vicki Gardner, Jane Hill, Anthony French, Liz Lucas (until April 2019)

Safeguarding Officer Sue Harvey

Electoral Roll Officer Nicki Horseman

Deanery Synod Representative Nicki Horseman

PCC Secretary Liz Rice

Acting Treasurer Lee Martin

Sidespeople

Alan Wooderson, Vanessa Morby, Nicki Horseman

Safeguarding Report Attached. *Sue Harvey.*

Finance Report Attached. *Lee Martin.*

Messy Church

Messy Church has continued to flourish through 2019, bringing together families from the Parish and beyond. It is run by Rev'd Helen Bays, Liz Rice and Rev'd Jane Frost, with help from Janet Aylmore, Alan Wooderson and Sue Harvey. We met at Lent, Easter, Pentecost, All Hallows Eve and Advent. We enjoyed craft, food, singing and praying together. Our routine is to share craft and food- often having baked something ourselves, in the village hall. We then march up to Church to share a story, prayer and music. Children of all ages and their parents really enjoy this and take a lot from it. We are very proud of this Mission within our Church community.

Church Attendance

Our regular services are one Holy Communion and one Evensong a month. The average attendance for the morning Communion is 10 and for the Evensong 8. We held special services on Mothering Sunday, Easter, a pet service, 'Ideford Remembers' on Nov 10th and at Christmas. Four funerals and 2 weddings were held in St Mary's during 2019.

PCC Meetings

There have been regular meetings during the year to 2019. At each meeting the following reports are received, and other topics often discussed:

- *Deanery Synod
- *Finance and accounts
- *Health and safety
- *Safeguarding
- *Church cleaning, flowers and rota
- *Services and other events which have taken place
- *Plans are made for future services

*Making the Church a welcoming place

Vanessa Morby

Church flowers, key and cleaning rotas

St Mary's offers an open door policy thanks to volunteers on the key rota who take it in turns opening the Church early in the morning and locking it at dusk, a month at a time. The Church is always clad with beautiful flowers due to our wonderful team on the flower rota. We also have a cleaning rota where people take turns, again a month at a time.

Fabric

The PCC is grateful for a Teignbridge Councillor grant that allowed the purchase of 20 folding chairs, and to Teignbridge District Council for continuing to maintain the churchyard and grass cutting. *Lee Martin.*

Bell ringing

A small but enthusiastic group of Ringers from the Parish and beyond, continue to practice and to ring at services on a regular basis. During the early part of the year it became apparent that the bell ropes were nearing the end of their useful life. In October, fundraising for their replacement started and this attracted a great deal of interest from individuals, and organisations in the Parish and others from far and wide who had a connection with St Mary's. One donation coming from the descendants of the Rev'd John Manley Hawker who was vicar in Ideford from 1856-1873. The response was so good, that by the end of December, sufficient funds had been received for the new ropes to be ordered and delivery is expected early in the New Year. *David Aylmore.*

Music

We are grateful to the wonderful Sue Harvey who regularly plays the organ for our Communion and special services, meaning music can remain a huge part of our worship.

Fundraising

During the year we have held several fundraising ventures supporting our Church and local charities. We had an Easter Eggstravaganza day- egg hunt, trail around the village, breakfast and later on cream teas! Open gardens, harvest supper, popup charity shop, concerts and poetry reading.

Report prepared by Liz Rice.