

ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING 2022 AGENDA



**Holy Trinity, and the Mission Church, Street
Thursday 19th May, 2022 7pm in the Parish Church**

Vestry Meeting 2022

This part of the evening can be attended by anyone on the electoral roll or resident in the Parish of Street.

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 27th May 2021.
4. Matters arising.
5. Election of Churchwardens.
6. AOB.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2022

This part of the evening may be attended by members of the electoral roll for the parish.

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 27th May 2021.
3. Matters arising.
4. Brief reflections on the life of our churches and ministry and mission across the parish.
5. Electoral Roll Officer's Report 2021.
6. Election of Electoral Roll Officer.
7. Annual Parochial Church Council Report 2021.
8. Treasurer's Report 2021.
9. Appointment of Independent Examiner.
10. Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church.
11. Election of Parochial Church Council Members 2022/2023 and Deanery Synod representatives 2020/2023.
12. AOB *please let the Rector or the church office know of any items in advance.*
13. Closing Prayer.

MINUTES of Holy Trinity Street and the Mission Church Street

Annual Parishioners' VESTRY MEETING followed by the ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING, held on Thursday 27th May 2021 at 7.15 p.m. in the Mission Church.

The Rector Anastasia Lawrence chaired the meeting.

The Minutes were taken by Linda Wilson.

VESTRY MEETING.

- 1 The Rector welcomed 22 people and opened the meeting with prayer and a reading from 1 Chronicles 16.
- 2 Apologies for absence were received from: Sue Ripley, Gary and Liz Sowerby, Carol Brewer, Pauline Hatrey, Brenda Bergner and Frances Smith.
- 3 Minutes of the meeting held on 1st October 2020 were approved. Prop. Jeff Brewer, Sec. Peter Axhorn.
- 4 Matters Arising from the Minutes. None.
- 5 Election of Churchwarden Diane Gray. Proposed Bob Lampert, Sec. Pam Harmsworth. Proposed Suzie Williams, Sec. Michael Bell. The Rector thanked DG. Adopted.
- 6 AOB. None.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING.

1. Apologies for Absence. As at Vestry meeting.
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 1st October 2020.
Jill Perryman item 5. Electoral Role Officer's Secunder name not recognised. Deleted from the record. Minutes adopted. Proposed Peter Axhorn. Sec. Diane Gray.
3. Matters Arising. None.
4. APCM Reflections on the Life of our churches and mission across the parish.

Rector's annual report (joined you part way through last year, but is something of an overview) "wait for the Lord, be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord"

Gathering on an evening like this, of course it is right that we look back on the year that has past – and 2020 has been an incredibly difficult and challenging year in so many ways, for us individually, as churches and as a wider community. Much of it has been framed in terms of what we have not been able to do, and we are still acutely conscious of such limitations.

One feature of the pandemic has been the increased use of online worship – worshipping on Zoom for many months. In many ways this has been positive in terms of building the benefice, meeting one another across our different churches has been a blessing. We have learned much about online church, nationally as well as locally and I am keen that we continue to maintain an online presence – whether monthly services, prayer meetings etc.

- House groups have moved online and again this has worked well and kept people connected.
- We set up some intentional pastoral phoning ensuring that everyone in the benefice received one if not more than one phone call from a member of the church.

- Website – has been developed last year and has been refreshed. This is a way into the life of our churches for many who are exploring and looking around.
- Occasional offices have been somewhat curtailed for Covid reasons, but we have conducted 2 weddings – with a backlog over the next couple of years – there are increasing numbers of Baptism enquiries and during Covid, we have conducted standalone baptism services due to numbers and social distancing but the intention is to reset them into the main Sunday services restrictions permitting.
- Children and Young people's work has inevitably been limited and curtailed, but there has been provision in the Mission Church of activity bags for children who have come to church.

Future – reset and re-imagine which is our current sermon series.

As well as giving thanks for what has been, the APCM is also an excellent place to look forwards.

Much to look forward to, but 3 things to highlight:

- Focus on reaching new generations – it's been exciting to see Little Stars re-start but I want us to think about new and creative ways we can be reaching out to the next generations. and this is something we would love to develop and build on – there are many in roads and connections to be made with our local families and a significant form of outreach.
- Being Family – one of the things that pandemic has taught us is the value of community and I want to do more with our pastoral care, bereavement care and serving those in need in our wider community family.
- Looking Outward – in the Parish profile you told me that you wanted help to look outwards and I want to keep us focussed on being a church that prays for, expects to see and welcomes new people.

There is much more – eco church, charitable giving, use of our buildings, stewardship, and making sure that we are the best that we can be in areas like safeguarding, policies, worship, weddings etc. I am excited and I hope you are too.

I really want to take the opportunity to thank particular people – but always concerned in doing this that someone gets missed out – so if I don't mention you personally, please don't take it personally! Thank you to Diane, as warden for the many areas of church life that happen behind the scenes and also to our caretakers Roger and Pam for going over and above their formal duties. Thank you to Sonia both in her treasury role and in her administrative role – I am so grateful to you as we have got to know one another over the past 8/9 months. Thank you to clergy colleagues, readers, lay worship assistants and all those who assist in the smooth running of public – Sunday and Midweek worship.

5. Electoral Role Officers Report. 91 on the list which is a slight reduction on last year.
6. Election of Electoral Role Officer. Sonia Beaty agreed to continue. Proposed Jill Perryman. Sec. Roger Harmsworth.
7. Annual Parochial Church Council Report was accepted. Papers already circulated. Benefice Reports – pages 6 – 9. Parish Reports pages 10. – 15.
8. Treasurers Report. Already adopted. There were no questions.

9. Appointment of Independent Examiner. Edward Howells ACA FCCA. Proposed Kevin Lawrence. Sec Michael Bell.
10. Report on Fabric. Goods. Ornaments. None.
11. Election on PCC Members 2021/2022. Delyth Wride and Michael Bell standing down. Tim Hindle nominated. Proposed Diane Gray. Sec Ian Jones. Elected.
Deanery Synod members Jane Tomsett and Suzie Williams agreed to continue.
12. AOB.

A question from the floor asked if café church at the Mission Church could re-start in July. Ana Lawrence replied that we do not yet know when restrictions will be eased and whilst it was very much her heart to provide services more accessible to children and young people, the exact nature of what these might look like was still being considered as part of re-imagining our service pattern and provision, post pandemic.

Thanks were given to the Rector by Jill Perryman.

There being no further business the meeting closed with prayer, and the Grace at 7.45 p.m.

RECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2021

A year ago, in my previous rector's report, I wrote about the concept of waiting and whilst Covid and all the associated restrictions had begun to ease off towards the end of the year, 2021 still felt like a season of ongoing waiting. At the beginning of the year, we were worshipping online once again, and other meetings continued in a similar way until a re-opening of all our churches on Easter Sunday.

I recognise that this has been a painful time with a longing for the removal of face coverings, an ability to sit close together in church and something of a return to 'normality'. I know that the strains of living with Covid have limited us socially and in so many other aspects of our intentional outreach. Not being able to get into schools, hospitals and nursing homes has been frustrating for the clergy and those who administer home communion and pastorally visit. Some of this began to change over the year, though the change has been gradual and fragile, so easily reversing on an outbreak of Covid in any institution.

Despite the restrictions and frustrations, some of the highlights were the continuation of the Bible course and the various Lent groups, all of which met online. After a few false starts, a return to our churches meant that we could host a 'back to church' Sunday in September, where it was good to see the return of some 'old' friends and some new faces. We also had an almost 'normal' programme of Christmas services and outreach both of the well loved and familiar and a few new things including 'Get in the Picture' #babyjesusrocks and blue Christmas. Our PCC's tackled some weighty issues during the year and gathered together for a day away in October, some of the fruits of which we hope and pray we will see in 2022. Summer rain failed to dampen the rectory garden party in August, and it was good to welcome so many into our home at last.

2021 has been a year of goodbye and welcome. Caroline Riall (Mission Church) one of our readers moved away in the Spring and in the Autumn, we welcomed Alison Tolson, who is training for ordained ministry at Cuddesdon Theological College, Oxford and is on placement with us.

It was wonderful to see our own Suzie Williams (Mission Church) be licensed to a new chaplaincy role with the Glastonbury and Street Sea Cadets. Kevin Lawrence (Mission church) was formally 'welcomed' into the Diocese at Wells Cathedral for the transfer of his reader licence, and it was good to support Andy Savage (Walton) at his confirmation service also in the cathedral.

Inevitably, 2021 saw some sad farewells as we mourned the deaths of, amongst others, John Troake (Street), Heather Kennard (Street) and Gary Sowerby (Street). Whilst such longstanding servants of our churches will leave a huge gap, I have been encouraged to see, as our churches reopen, new faces joining the church family. Even amidst ongoing restrictions, it was a joy to celebrate 13 baptisms and 6 weddings during the year.

I am grateful to our Parish Safeguarding Officers who undertake an administrative role to ensure that all are both kept safe and up to date with ongoing training requirements. Thanks go to Sonia, our benefice administrator, who works tirelessly, flexibly, and often well beyond her contracted hours.

I want to pay tribute to Diane Gray, our warden, our caretakers, treasurer, and the PCC as we have continued to navigate new ways of doing things both in procedural matters and in the arrangements that we have had to put in place during the months when our churches have been open in order to keep everyone safe. A huge 'thank you' to all those who lead and preach at our Sunday and Midweek Services: licenced Readers, Lay Worship Assistants, intercessors, welcomers, and readers. I want to also thank my clergy colleagues, Rev'd David Hatrey and Rev'd Sister Diana Greenfield for their support, commitment and partnership as we lead our churches together.

Ana Lawrence, Rector

2021 APCM REPORTS

BENEFICE REPORTS

Pastoral Care

As churches, we seek to support one another as part of our Christian calling and care.

Pastoral care has been done in a variety of ways and as restrictions began to ease during the year, visiting people in their own homes resumed whilst the formal phoning lists began to be phased out over the first few months of 2021. I appreciate that there is much care ongoing including home visits, hospital visits (where possible) and other support. Most of the pastoral care is 'informal' and I am looking to adopt a more 'strategic' approach, without, of course, stifling any of the existing care.

Ana Lawrence

House groups

House groups are a place where we can share fellowship and Bible study and pray for one another as we grow closer. Over the past year, friendships have grown and deepened even with some meeting online. Over the year the online group have continued to meet. Meanwhile, the 'Body, Mind and Soul' group decided for good reason to cease meeting. In its place, two new groups have been created, a daytime and

an evening group, both which began during the second part of the year. These groups are growing and there is an increased desire to belong to such groups. Groups have studied the bible using bible study resources and have also used the sermon series questions.

Ana Lawrence

Lay Ministry

As a benefice, we encourage lay ministry in its different forms and love to see people called by God into new areas of ministry. It has been good to see our lay ministers use their gifts more fully once again as our church doors have been open for Sunday worship since Easter.

We have a number of readers, a reader in training and lay worship assistants who are part of the leading and preaching team. The abundance of lay ministry adds a richness in the variety and quantity of services we can offer both on Sundays and midweek.

Ana Lawrence

Mission and Outreach

In my 2021 APCM report, I encouraged us to focus on being connected, reaching out to our community and sharing the great commission to make Jesus known.

Through our mission and evangelism in 2021, we have sought to continue to do this as a church family as Covid restrictions relaxed. Some of the ways we have seen this being worked out include: Christmas outreach such as 'Get in the Picture', #babyjesusrocks etc.

A Back to church Sunday in September. Various social activities including walks as we seek to 'do life together'. The launch of Messy Church in Walton. Restarting the coffee morning in Walton with a regular 'thought for the day' sharing Christian perspectives on current issues. Supporting others both through our charitable giving and one-off collections.

During the year our churches also collected items for the foodbank and through the Cox's charity we have been able to support various individuals in particular need.

Ana Lawrence

Schools Work

Open the Book

Open the Book offers primary school children an opportunity to hear and re-enact key Bible stories. Our team in Street and Walton has volunteers from our local churches. The sessions are about 15 – 20 minutes and we use three year rolling programme materials from the Bible Society.

Sadly, due to the Covid pandemic we have still been unable to go into Walton, Elmhurst, Hindhayes and Brookside Schools to share our Bible stories with the children since March 2020. We are however still actively praying for the school communities. We met as a team in January 2022 to catch up with each other

and look at updates to the situation. We also discussed Safeguarding and DBS, making sure we all have the necessary documents to volunteer as Storytellers. It was great to see the team again.

As a team we hope to return as soon as we can. We are ready and waiting for the good news from our local schools.

Pauline Hatrey, Open the Book co-ordinator

Walton Church of England VC Primary School Governance

We have two Foundation governors, including our Rector Ana, as well as a co-opted member with a specific focus on Church school distinctiveness. We are all members of the full governing body as well the governor's Ethos Team which takes the lead in ensuring that the distinctive Christian values underpin all aspects of the school's life. This year we have been able to meet in person and maintaining close links with the church and school. A key function of the Ethos team is to advise the headteacher and the full governing body on any matters relating to the ethos and spiritual life of the school.

The Ethos team last year contributed to the development of the school strapline linked to its vision: 'Every child, Every chance, Everyday'. We have been determining its effect on the school community and their awareness of its meaning for them. It is linked to the Bible verse in John chapter 10 verse 10 – 'Life in all its fullness'.

The Ethos team have worked on linking Bible stories to the Christian values of the school. We enjoyed the challenge. The church school is due its SIAMS inspection within the next academic year, 2022-2023 and the Ethos team has a key role to play in this.

We take a full role in school governance and we have all been linked to a subject area.

It has been a rewarding year with governors being able to make monitoring visits to the school and Ana being able to take collective worship.

Pauline Hatrey, Ethos Team leader

SWCD Churches Book club

It has been good to launch a new book club which is open to anyone from across our churches. The group meet roughly every two to three months to discuss the 'latest' read. Titles have varied considerably from 'The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry' to 'Sensible shoes' and 'Planet wise' amongst others. Do feel free to come along as we meet in a relaxed way to chat through our reactions and reflections to what we have read.

Ana Lawrence

Prayer Report

I am able to report on some of the Prayer initiatives that took place during 2021.

Prayer Topics in Lifeline:

Prayer Topics continued to be published every week in Lifeline until the introduction of the quarterly “Time to Pray” prayer diary. Subsequently, a “For your Prayers” section was added to the weekly Lifeline to provide information for some particular prayer needs.

Prayer Support Group:

While still affectionally referred to as the Prayer Chain, the Prayer Support Group has continued to receive a number of prayer requests across a variety of prayer needs. It is worth stressing that the Prayer Support Group is and remains: -

1. a small group of Church members who have a heart for praying for the needs of others, which
2. treats all prayer requests in the strictest confidence.

Prayer requests can be made by anyone, and not just by those who are part of the group – all you need to do to ask for prayer is to simply email me at prayers.street@gmail.com with an outline of the particular prayer need.

Thy Kingdom Come:

The Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) initiative was held between Ascension Day and Pentecost 2021 – with resources made available across the Benefice. A detailed Guide to TKC was produced for the Benefice outlining everything that was planned and being made available.

As in previous years Church members were encouraged to: -

- pray for 5, family or friends, to come to know Jesus,
- follow in daily reflective prayer using either the dedicated Prayer Journal or Novena that were made available to Church members, and
- join in the 24-hour Prayer vigil which was delivered throughout the 24-hours by either coming to one of churches at a set time or to pray at home.

I am uncertain as to the number of people who joined this initiative in one way or another. However, those who I know that did take part, found it a worthwhile and uplifting experience.

Tuesday Morning Prayer:

A small but dedicated group met, via Zoom, on most Tuesday mornings at 8:00am, to pray for the needs of the world.

Jeff Brewer

Charitable Giving

In all of our parishes we have a long tradition of supporting other organisations through charitable giving and, in late 2020, a group was constituted, from across the benefice, to consider how we might develop this further.

Appointed by the PCCs the groups drew up guidelines and criteria for our giving and, following approval of these by each PCC in early 2021, members of the church family from across the benefice were invited to nominate organisations for their parish to support.

As a result and following approval at each PCC. 12 organisations were supported during 2021, 4 by each parish, being a mixture of local, national and international causes, involved in a range of work. Some were new to us, whilst others we have maintained our support for over many years.

Whilst restrictions in our churches meant that we were limited in the way we could promote the work of these charities and share their stories, regular articles in 'Life' and details on our web site kept people in touch, whilst a number of events were held during the year to support individual causes. In addition, prayers for our partners were included in our 'Time to Pray' resource and elsewhere.

We are always keen to improve the way we communicate about those organisations we support and find new ways of sharing their stories, but generally the profile of our charitable partners has been improved this year. A disappointment has been that our aspiration to find a cause that we could support across the benefice has not yet been realised, but we are sufficiently encouraged to continue with this agreed approach for a second year.

Kevin Lawrence, on behalf of the benefice Charitable Giving Group

Deanery synod

The first meeting of the year was in Feb 2021 and due to covid was held on zoom. The meeting started with a minute's silence to remember Jill Done who has stood as secretary for 12 years and done sterling work throughout that time. She will be very much missed by all.

We now have a Deanery Mission planning group similar to a standing committee to a PCC. At present our representatives are Jane Tompsett and Sandra Gristock.

Jane Durham continues to work as part time parish priest for Wheathill and Half time Deanery Mission enabler. In this role she produces the termly prayer diary and works on the Deanery Mission plan. She facilitated a deanery away day and continues to offer Lay worship assistant training. Latterly her focus has been on rolling out the Living in Love and Faith course to clergy and churches in the Dioceses. The deadline for Deaneries to have delivered the LLF course was extended to March 2022. Jane made it clear that she wishes to have ongoing dialogue with all congregations in order for her job to be a success. We currently support Jane's role with a levy of £3.50 per member but this may go up in the future.

We were introduced to Ed Gregory our Deanery accompanier and Diocesan director of Education. His role is to support inter church and schoolwork and develop links and working bonds throughout Bath and Wells. He reported in the Nov meeting that Somerset schools are being moved either to academies or Somerset County council. The Diocese will provide direction after its meeting on 4th Nov. A new initiative we were asked to pray for was Finding peace within, a meditative practice being run by Chris Whittingham. During the November meeting Jane Durham led a creative brainstorming session based on the 5 Marks of Mission to inform the vision for the new Deanery plan. We were also introduced to the idea that Glastonbury and Shepton deaneries may look at the possibility of merging at some point in the future. Hold on to your hats more to come on that in next year's report.

There is no doubt that Deanery Synod meetings have become more interactive and livelier in the past few years and it is very enjoyable to go along and feel like you can represent the concern and desire of the

congregation so if you think this is a role you may want to explore, I am sure any of the Synod reps or Ana would be only too happy to chat to you.

Suzie Williams, Deanery Synod Rep, on behalf of the benefice

Eco Church report 2021

Eco Church Group members for part or all of 2021: Trish Cox, Pat King, Helen Thomas (Compton Dundon), Kay Savage, Suzie Williams, David Yemm, Sue Ripley (Street), Sandra Gristock (Walton).

Eco Church Awards

Saint Andrew's, Compton Dundon, applied to the A Rocha Eco Church scheme and received a Bronze Award in July 2021, the other three churches in the Benefice had received their Bronze Awards in 2020. Our work in 2021 was to maintain and try to improve on that level with the aim of applying for a Silver or Gold Award.

Wilder Churches

During the year we participated in Wilder Churches, a churchyard project jointly organized by the Diocese and Somerset Wildlife Trust. Some changes had already been initiated in Street (including the Mission Church grounds) and Walton. Through regular webinars we were encouraged to take a detailed look at our churchyards and to develop management plans that respected wildlife including plants. We were fortunate in being able to involve Celia Linney (Compton Dundon) who provided detailed plant surveys of Compton Dundon, Street Parish and Walton churchyards. These revealed an fascinating mix of plants including some unusual trees in Street Parish churchyard. We applied for funding from Mendip District Council towards management of the new graveyard at Walton including hedge planting to take place in 2022.

Energy Use and Carbon Footprints

We calculated the Carbon Footprint of each of the four Churches in the benefice using the online Carbon 360° Survey. Following on from this we began the process of obtaining energy audits through Green Journey.

Thank you to all those who have contributed to these and other Eco Church activities, including those in the Eco Church Group.

Sue Ripley

Bereavement café

The benefice bereavement café formally came into existence in September 2021. This followed some two years of waiting during the Covid pandemic and at least 18 months previous to this in setting out the aims and structure for the initiative to take shape. Behind the scenes other bereavement cafes were visited and good practice identified. This led to the theft of approaches and types of open-ended questions which could facilitate discussions. Through a consideration of other ideas from Cruise and beyond various strategies have been put in place; this means that no one coming can anticipate what we will be doing. We meet once a month at the Mission Church, at a time when those who have lost a loved one have suggested they feel lonely.

The aim of the bereavement café is to offer a safe place where anyone can share, if they decide, to share thoughts and memories. This can be part of the healing process, it is not a once and cure all, rather a gradual move to come to terms and move on, whatever this may mean for each individual. We have created postcards to give away which shows what we do. All of the funeral directors in the Street area have taken them and any funerals involving those from the benefice are left one of these. Our thanks go to Kevin L for his skills in putting this together.

We are enormously grateful for the skilled input of Sue Ripley in this venture, whose knowledge we have drawn upon heavily. She has led training sessions so those who sit down with 'our guest' have an understanding of what to say and how to say it. There are things we can say and things we should not. Volunteers have come forward and given up their time to learn and be supportive in these groups. In addition, others have kindly helped to prepare refreshments, which have become a feature of our meetings. The additive of things go better with cake seems to me to certainly be true. (If there are those who could offer a cake or similar from time to time, we would seriously welcome this.)

Are we making a difference? I am not sure how to measure this! If it is simply numbers, then maybe we are not yet a success. Numbers vary, but a core is becoming clear, they value this time. Feedback has been good. A frequent response has been, it was not what we thought it was going to be like. But when asked, 'what did you expect?' there has been no reply. We know from other bereavement groups that it can take 18 months to 2 years to become established. Covid has hindered this. We wait, expectantly for the Lord's direction and seek to bring his peace and love into lives that have been hurt and where there is fear. What can you do? Simple, take one of the postcards and give it away to someone whom you feel would like support and care. We would rather you give one away than did nothing. (PS I like coffee cake!)

David Hatrey

PARISH REPORTS

Church Warden's Report for the Parish and Mission churches

Well, 2020 started off well - we had finalised the profile for our new rector and the vacancy was being advertised. Plans were being made for the usual dates in the Church calendar as well as the forthcoming V.E. Celebrations in May. Then 23rd March arrived, and things changed as we have never known before. However, we were lucky to appoint a new rector before this date.

With the wisdom of several people and technology we began the Benefice Zoom service which was greatly appreciated by all and the numbers of viewers grew. This was continued until the beginning of September and restarted each time we went into lockdown. Also, coffee mornings, bible study, prayer meetings and PCC meetings were all held on Zoom.

We did not forget those who did not have social media - these members were called regularly on the phone and they received doorstep socially distance visits.

July and August both Churches were open once a week for members who wanted private prayer, Also, on Remembrance Day the Parish Church was open and this was very much appreciated.

Ana was licensed in October in the Mission Church by the Archdeacon of Wells. This was carried out under the government restrictions however, it was a lovely service.

Fortunately, most of our Christmas services were able to go ahead. The Carol Service was a drive in at Strode car park in conjunction with the Churches together and this was very popular.

We held two weddings (the rest were rescheduled 2021/22), one baptism and just a few funerals.

The normal yearly checks and maintenance work were carried out in both churches. We were visited in the Parish Churchyard by a couple of swarms of wasps but luckily this was safely dealt with.

I would like to give a big 'Thank You' to everybody who helps me with my role as Churchwarden.

Diane Gray, Church Warden

SWCD Youth

As easing of Covid restrictions made it possible during 2021, Ana and I invited the young people in our churches (roughly school years 7 – 13) to meet in the Rectory on Friday nights, roughly monthly.

Our aim was to offer a space for the young people to meet, get to know each other, relax and do fun stuff together as well as beginning to talk and reflect on some of the bigger issues of life and faith.

A great group of young people now regularly fill our lounge with talk, laughter, games and food, with parents on collection duty firmly relegated to the kitchen.

Kevin Lawrence

Children and Young People

Over the last year we have tried to establish some continuity to our children's work on Sundays at the Mission church. On the second and fourth Sunday of the month a children's group runs at the mission church. Attendance is usually only one or two. The first and third Sundays are all age services.

Our teenagers have enjoyed some evening together at the rectory and it has been good to see some getting involved during all age services.

Sadly, the joint glitter and glow venture for Halloween with the Baptist church was cancelled at the last minute due to Covid.

Outreach efforts have involved craft and games afternoons for children and their families at Walton church which happen every few months. About 10 children have attended these events with their families.

Hannah Hindle

Little Stars

In April 2021 we opened the doors to Little Stars again! We were so happy to be back, even though things had to be different to keep everyone safe. Until very recently the volunteers wore masks, and we have only started singing since September. Our group started small, with about 8 regular families, and now we welcome between 15-20 families each week. I regularly read a Bible story, and we sing each week, which is fun! At Christmas we gave each family an advent calendar with the Christmas story, which was appreciated.

Myself, Pam, Suzie, Darrell, Sylvia and Glynys are on the team, with 4 of us being there each Friday. We could really benefit from 1 more helper who could help out when one of us can't make it. Please continue to pray for the families.

Ana comes along occasionally, so families recognise her. Thankyou Ana.

Julie Day, Little Stars Leader

Safeguarding Report for the Churches of Street and Walton

Sandra Gristock and Jane Tompsett have continued to work together as the safeguarding parish officers. Though 2021 has been another year affected by Covid. The Street and Walton churches are up to date with all DBS checks.

Due to covid the Diocese have run no face-to-face safeguarding courses. We thank those who have completed their Co and C1 being completed on line. These are found on <http://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>. Please remember to let us know when you have done these.

The Diocese have bought out an online safeguarding action plan template which the PCC's have accepted. Safeguarding is important for a safe environment to worship in and is essential that we are all involved for the protection of our vulnerable young people and adults but also for our own protection. Risk assessments are in the process of being updated as groups have restarted again.

We both thank you for all your support during this last year and look forward to meeting and training face to face in the near future.

Sandra Gristock and Jane Tompsett, Parish Safeguarding Officers

External Use of Our Buildings

The Health Visitors continued to use the Mission Church main space from the beginning of the year, operating a booking system to discourage too many families entering the building at the same time. A local Counsellor came back to use a room on a one-to-one basis from Easter time. Again this was on a booking basis and continued throughout the rest of the year.

We were able to help a new business group who are in the care sector in the community by renting space for them to recruit staff. They also rented the main Church space for a Lifting and Handling course.

Part way through the year Somerset Children's Services started renting various rooms for their work with families.

Towards the end of the Summer Term, Somerset Skills who help young people find work joined the list of groups who use our Mission Church space.

Since the start of the Autumn Term the Bereavement Cafe has happened once a month in The Main Church space. We welcomed the U3A back into the building after a long break. A new booking was Edge Acrobats who have used the entire space in the main church. Another new booking was someone who comes in to practise on the Clavinova, he has recently achieved a grade four pass for piano playing. It has been good to welcome lots of people into the Mission Church during 2021.

There were two annual users of the Parish Church that cancelled in 2021 due to the Covid restrictions, Strode college 'Unplugged' concert and the Strode College Graduation ceremony. One of the college students did however use the Church for a recording one evening.

The Steet/Glastonbury Tower Bellringers held their A.G.M. in the Church with a short service. Also later in the year the Street/Glastonbury Sea Cadets had a service and presentation.

There were a 'restricted attendance' number of Funerals, Weddings and Baptisms that went ahead.

Pam Harmsworth, Mission Church. Roger Harmsworth, Parish Church

Street Electoral Roll Report

86 on the list. Since last year 5 people have been removed, 1 person has moved away and 4 have died.

Sonia Beaty, Electoral Roll Officer

Trinity Handbells

For the first 6 months we were, as in 2020, unable to practise due to the recommendations of the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain, and the church, but with the restrictions of the time we were able to meet up again at the end of July to talk and decide our practice restart which we resumed in August.

With a month of practising, we were able to play at the Merriman Park Fun Day, where we entertained the many passers-by. In November we were booked for the annual Glastonbury Frost Fayre, ringing various tunes including some Christmas Carols in front of St John's Church where we received appreciative support from the many visitors to the church.

Our Wednesday evening practises were mainly held in the Mission Church, but with other groups requiring the church we moved Bells, Foam, etc down to the Parish church on occasions.

Here's hoping for a more normal 2022 and hopefully a chance to get together with some other H.R.G.B. teams from the Southwest once again.

Roger Harmsworth, leader of Trinity Handbells, Street.

