

# Shottery St. Andrew



## Annual Report for 2019

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## THE ANNUAL MEETINGS 2020

due to Covid-19 restrictions, the meetings will be held by zoom on  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 7:30 pm

### AGENDAS

#### ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

1. **Opening Prayer**
2. **Election of Churchwardens** – *all present entitled to vote*
3. **Prayer of blessing** for Churchwardens

#### ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. **Opening Prayer**
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **Minutes of the Annual Meeting** held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019
4. **Matters arising** from these minutes
5. **The Reports** – *to be given verbally*
  - (i) Electoral Roll – *current number on the roll and changes*
  - (ii) Annual Report – *what the church has done in the last 12 months*
  - (iii) Financial Report – *presented by PCC treasurer*
  - (iv) Annual Report on Fabric & Inventory – *by churchwardens*
  - (v) Deanery Synod Report – *presented by member of Deanery Synod*
  - (vi) Safeguarding Report – *presented by Parish Safeguarding Officer*
6. **Elections and Appointments** – *only those on ER eligible to vote*
  - (i) Election of representatives to Deanery Synod – *every three years*
  - (ii) Election of PCC Members
  - (iii) Appointment of Independent Examiner of the accounts
7. **Vicar's Charge**
8. **Any Other Business**- only items submitted prior to the meeting can be addressed
9. **Closing Prayers**

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Sunday 14th April 2019 at 11:30 a.m. In Church

The meeting opened with a warm welcome from the PCC Secretary – chairing this meeting during the interregnum and until churchwardens were elected by this meeting.

1. Minutes of the meeting held last year on 22nd April were signed as a true record.
2. There were no matters arising.
3. Election of Churchwardens. David Whyman and Bob Macvie were nominated and were both duly elected as Churchwardens to serve for another year. David Millington thanked them both for their support in the work of the church.

Both David Whyman and Bob Macvie thanked everyone for the confidence to elect them. Members of the congregation showed their appreciation with applause.

The Annual Parish Meeting duly closed.

## ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. **Those present:** David Whyman, Bob Macvie, Denise Andreo, Rebecca Bartlett, Alan & Mary Boddington, Mary Bowditch, Hilary Capron, Nic Carree, David & Anne Challis, Margaret Champion, Gary Collins, Phil Collins, Margaret & Tom Cox, Mary Crameri, Doris Cryer, Sarah Cushing, Jackie Daniels, Marion Davies, Audrey Edwards, Les Emes, Stephen Evans, Sheila Gullick, Janet Insoll, Jane Ireland, Ann Jenkins, Orion Johnson, Daphne Jones, Clodagh Mallison, Jane Matthews, Hilary Mattocks, Ann McNeill, David & Ann Millington, Julie Milne, Ann & Peter Morris, Pat Morris, Graham Poole, Corinne Richardson, Bob Robbins, Viv Russell, Kay Sillitoe, Chris Susnik, Liz Talbot, Carole Taylor, Pat Wade, Jan Walker and Joan Whyman – 51 attendees. Apologies were received from 9 people.
2. **Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for 2018** were signed as a correct record.

**3. Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising.

**4. Churchwarden David Whyman's Introductory Remarks:**

First of all, may I thank you on behalf of Bob and myself, for the confidence you have placed in us as churchwardens. We both count it as an honour and a privilege to serve St. Andrew's Church in this way, and trust that we will serve you well and faithfully as churchwardens in the year ahead.

This last year has been unusual to say the least! After some 19 years of James' ministry, his announced new appointment in the Oxford Diocese left us with an interregnum. The whole issue of appointing a new vicar is both complex and time consuming, and involves working with a whole range of people, especially within the Diocese. I must acknowledge and give huge thanks to the PCC for their help and support during this time. For a number of us, it has been a whole new experience and, dare I say, "challenge", which at times has been frustrating. The Standing Committee – Bob, David Millington, Carole Taylor and myself together with our two Churchwardens Emeriti David Challis and Jackie Daniels, co-opted onto the committee – have together steered the whole process. To them, I give my heartfelt thanks for all they have put into this whole process. James, before leaving, spoke of "Team Shottery" – the working together in a most complementary way of so many people – is to be praised. To each one of you on the PCC and Standing Committee, I applaud you and thank you so sincerely for all you have done, and are still doing for St. Andrew's Church.

I feel I must make mention of our clergy. This year, the interregnum has put great strain on our resources for preaching and leading worship. Both Revd. Mary Crameri and Canon David Capron have been unstinting in taking services, both on Sundays and mid-week Eucharist services throughout the year. Together with our Readers, Jan and Sarah, Canon Alan Boddington, Alan Minchin, Bob Macvie and Revd. Joan Whyman, every service has been covered. This is no mean task – we thank each one for their service to God in covering our pulpit requirements. This has brought a diversity of approach, together with a richness of spiritual development for us all. Thank you again for your prayerful, dedicated time, energy and resources in giving to God.

As I look around this group today, each and every one is involved in some way or other in sustaining and promoting our Church. – some contribute

in ways small and some large, some behind the scenes and some up-front. As you read this year's Annual Report Booklet, we have a whole variety of groups, interests and activities and this makes our church what it is – and may I thank you, everyone, for the way you bring your skills and gifts to God's work here.

May God Bless You Each One.

5. **Electoral Roll:** Anne Challis reported that there were 148 on the Electoral Roll, which is a decrease of 30 from last year, but this is a new Electoral Roll. Anne was thanked for her help in keeping the Roll up to date.
6. **Elections:**
  - a. PCC Members: Two members of the PCC came to the end of their three year term, Chris Susnik and Jane Ireland and were eligible and willing to restand for a second term. Fran Kibblewhite also agreed to stand for election. There being three vacancies, all three were eligible and willing and after a show of hands all three were duly elected to the PCC.
  - b. Sidespersons: There were a few reductions to the number of Sidespersons. Thanks go to all for your diligent work.
7. **Presentation of Accounts:** The Accounts had been circulated and, in the absence of Richard Prior, Carole Taylor talked the meeting through the key points of the Financial Year to end Dec 2018.

The accounts showed a surplus for the year of £1,368, giving Total Funds Carried over of £106,950 – up from £105,582 the year before.

Incoming Resources at £112,875 were £6,735 lower than those for 2017. Resources expended at £11,507 was some £3,944 higher than the previous year, mainly due to an increase in the Diocesan Share.

In answer to a question from the floor about the level of the Diocesan Share, Carole said that it was an amount which had been agreed at Deanery level, with more healthy parishes giving some support to less healthy and rural parishes. She explained that neither the fact that we had had no incumbent during more than half the year, nor that the Diocese took all the rental from the vicarage, were factors in the level of our Share.

Thanks were extended to Richard Prior and his team for producing the Accounts. The meeting agreed to accepting these accounts.

8. **Appointment of Independent Examiner:** - The chairman proposed that we once again appoint Chris Wilshire as Independent Examiner and this was agreed by the meeting.
9. **Reports:** David Millington as PCC secretary was thanked for producing the booklet of reports.
10. **Tabled Questions:** There was one tabled question (from Janet Insoll):

*What plans did the PCC have to make the church and its services more Disability Friendly:*

David Millington responded that the church endeavoured to provide facilities which met the perceived needs of people with various disabilities. Wheelchair access, through the welcome area was used by several members of the congregation; Large print service sheets had been added to tie with the existing large print hymn books for those with sight problems. Whenever new issues are raised they are treated seriously by the PCC and necessary actions taken.

In response to a further point from Janet about automatic lighting around the west porch, it was agreed that this would be investigated for urgent action.

The congregation thanked the churchwardens and the “St. Andrew’s team” for their hard work throughout the year.

With this, David Whyman closed this annual meeting.

**David Millington**  
*PCC Secretary*

## **Vicar’s Comments**

As you read this, I will be fifteen months into the role as your vicar! What a journey since June 2019. Sue, Elliot, Gus and I arrived at the vicarage a couple of weeks before my licencing with Bishop Christopher on June 26<sup>th</sup>. We have been welcomed so well and have been bowled over by the warmth and love of everyone. A colleague advised to me however not to underestimate how long it takes to arrive in a new place. It does take time to settle in, get to know people

and to get your head around the ways of St. Andrew's but it is a great place to be and we are thrilled to be here with you. I felt very strongly that God was calling me here to grow the church both spiritually and numerically and this is at the heart of my vision for us – to grow. I have been drawn to Acts 2.42-end as I have reflected on this:

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

Based on this I want us to be a church that has four main ‘blocks’ on which we build:

- 1) Worship and prayer
- 2) Teaching and learning
- 3) Fellowship and community
- 4) Mission and outreach

If we want to grow spiritually and numerically, we must think about how we do this - we need to think strategically and plan. To help us with this we have just completed our ‘Eight Essential Qualities of Growing Healthy Churches’ survey. When we receive the results, we will then need to address our weakest areas and work on improving them. I am hopeful that the PCC will be able to spend a day with me looking at these areas in depth and then planning the way forward.

We have already begun to see growth in our children and family work. I am delighted with the new ‘Illumin8’ team of leaders and the new impetus this has brought to church and our worship. I am very grateful to Becky Beverley who has worked tirelessly in keeping ‘Fellow Travellers’ going with her dedicated team and I am pleased that Becky continues to be part of the new Sunday group and has been instrumental in shaping the new style.

Music is always so crucial in church worship. I want to pay tribute to Rosemary and Larry Robson who continue to lead the choir, resource music for us and play for 2/3 of our evening services during the month along with Jackie Whiteman and others. I am grateful to Matt Penn who is now our organist on Sunday



mornings and for the way that the team are working so well together – we are very blessed indeed!

Dag Hammarskjöld famously said; “For all that has been, Thank you. For all that is to come, Yes!”. May these be our words too as we go forward together into the adventure that is God’s kingdom, and may we see more people coming to Christ and becoming part of his church.

God bless you.

***Reverend Craig***

## **REPORTS**

### **Churchwardens’ Report**

Once again this year, Bob and I have been nominated by the APCM and were duly sworn in at the Archdeacon’s Visitation Service to “faithfully and diligently discharge our duties as Churchwardens”. Throughout the year, we have endeavoured to do this to the best of our abilities.

This year, our Church has seen major changes with the resignation of Revd. James Warren as Vicar, after 17 years. The whole process of appointing a new vicar was new to many of us. With some experience in such matters, we enlisted the help of David Challis and Jackie Daniels, our Churchwardens Emeriti, who proved sources of such valuable advice and suggestions. With help from the Diocese, and a wonderful team spirit, we went through the process as a church of constructing a Profile, advertising the post and the whole process of interviewing candidates. We did this prayerfully and, wherever possible, involving the opinions of the whole church body. In brief, we were looking for someone, male or female, who would move our church forward, involve families and young people and spiritually enliven and deepen our faith in the God we love and serve. I suppose the rest is history – Revd. Craig Grocock was duly approved by Bishop Christopher and appointed as Vicar of St. Andrew’s Church, Shottery on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2019. Revd. Craig, Su and family have now been with us some 7 months and already we are seeing changes in worship style which is attracting some families and young people from around Stratford – thanks be to God! We are delighted to have Revd. Craig with us, leading us prayerfully and spiritually.

For some time during the past year, negotiations have been taking place to increase our team of organists. We are most fortunate to be able to say that, in January 2020, we welcome a new organist, Matt Penn, who takes up his post. We welcome him, his wife Caroline and their two small girls into our fellowship.

I report to you that our church building and premises are generally in good order, being faithfully maintained by a number of our congregation. Our genuine thanks to those many people who clean our church each week, maintain decorations and flooring, drains, roofs and gutters etc. We appreciate your (often unseen) loyal service to our fellowship. I also report that I have checked that all silver, vestments, fixtures and fittings, as recorded in the Church Property Register, are all present and in good order.

This year has once again been an honour and privilege for Bob and I to serve as your Churchwardens. We are most grateful to the church, the Standing Committee and PCC who have supported us - as together we serve God and seek to bring praise and glory to His name.

**David Whyman and Bob Macvie - Churchwardens**

### **Fabric Report**

I am sure we all appreciate coming into a warm, clean, comfortable church building each week. This year, circumstances have led us to do the cleaning of all the property ourselves. This hasn't been an easy task – we are all busy in various ways and the cleaning responsibility has fallen to a small group of willing volunteers. So, right at the beginning of this report, our grateful thanks to the team who keep our premises sparkling bright each week – and along with that a plea to anyone who could possibly help in any way - please, please have a word with David Millington who can point you in the right direction!

Our thanks to those who have kept the gardens and grounds neat and tidy, especially David Challis who loyally maintains our flower beds, trees and various aspects of our grounds. Thank you, David! Over the years, our gardens were beautifully maintained by our gardener John Faulkner. Sadly, after his illness he has recently died. We miss John's skills and commitment and wish him God's peace. Whilst mentioning our grounds, comment has been made with reference to the car park, the top surface of which is beginning to break up and

the white lines are beginning to disappear. The white line problem is in process but needs dry weather for us to replace it.

To the best of my knowledge, all the required annual checks have been maintained or are in process. 2020 is the year in which we are required by the Diocese to have a Quinquennial Survey by a qualified surveyor. In preparation for this survey there are a number of checks/tests to be made some by appropriately qualified people. Our Survey will take place later in the Autumn. The PCC have approved, and I have arranged for, all the wooden windows to be painted by a professional painter in early Spring (March/April). Whilst the present paintwork is in quite good condition it will ensure the window frames are protected for future years and will also comply with the Quinquennial Survey.

Throughout the year, there have been numerous essential routine maintenance tasks – checking alarms, clearing drains and gutters, re-laying uneven slabs, replacing light bulbs etc. Many of these could go unnoticed except for a team of observant helpers – thank you each one.

For some time now, we have been planning improvements to our church lighting, postponed due to the Interregnum, which is now all but obsolete being very difficult to replace broken lamps. Our proposal is to replace the lighting with an LED lighting system together with proposed screens, cameras and projectors and with benefits of linking with a Wi-fi system. This all takes time and is quite complicated and is in the process of Faculty application from the Diocese.

Again, our grateful thanks to those many people who help maintain our premises to a very high standard.

**David Whyman – Chair of Fabric Committee**

## **Parochial Church Council (PCC)**

**A reminder of the function of the PCC:**

**‘It shall be the duty of the Minister and the PCC to consult together on matters of general concern and importance to the parish. The PCC works in co-operation with the Minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church: pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical.’**

During 2019, the PCC met together 8 times; the first meeting of the new PCC, after the April APCM, was held at The Redhill Christian Centre near Stratford. Other meetings were at the Parish Centre.

At the APCM in April 2019, three members were elected to the PCC – Chris Susnik and Jane Ireland, both of whom were re-elected to another term of 3 years (hard servitude), and Fran Kibblewhite who was a new recruit to our group. We welcome all three and look forward to a productive and responsive period ahead.

During the interregnum period to June 2019, David Whyman and Bob Macvie, our valiant churchwardens, were also required to continue their roles as Sequestrators, running the parish for the Bishop, in the absence of a vicar. David Challis as Churchwarden Emeritus was also co-opted onto the PCC to “beef up” our experience and resilience during this difficult period. Our heartfelt thanks to all three of them.

Thus, after the APCM, the members of the PCC were:

**Chairman to June 2019:** David Whyman **Churchwarden** (7/8)

**Chairman from August 2019:** Revd Craig (4/4)

Mesdames: Hilary Capron (6/8), Sarah Cushing **Reader** (5/8)\*, Jackie Daniels **Deanery Synod** (7/8), Sylvaine Gravestock (7/8), Jane Ireland (7/8), Orion Johnson **Deanery Synod** (8/8), Fran Kibblewhite (5/6), Clodagh Mallison **Parish Information Officer** (8/8), Hilary Mattocks (8/8), Anne McNeill (6/8), Pat Morris **Deanery Synod** (8/8), Chris Süsник (4/8), Carole Taylor **PCC Treasurer** (8/8), Jan Walker **Reader** (7/8)

Messrs: David Challis (5/5), Bob Macvie **Churchwarden** (8/8), David Millington **PCC Secretary** (8/8), Bob Robbins (8/8). (The numbers in brackets show the number of meetings attended during the year out of a possible eight. \*Sarah Cushing was absented for a number of meetings due to her training for the induction.

During the year, the PCC discussed the Parish Share, Outside Giving, Safeguarding, Finance, a project to improve lighting and visual presentations in church. We had regular updates from members about the Deanery and Diocesan Synods, Coventry Cathedral (from our Cathedral Parish Partner), Stratford Churches Together, the Worship and Parish Centre committees, and Pilgrimages.

Revd Craig joined us, in the chair, for our August meeting, as he started the difficult process of understanding what had gone before, how we as a team worked and thought, and how best to lead us in the future. What a brave man!

Working with Craig has been remarkably easy. When we recruited him, we said we wanted someone who would lead us away from our comfort zone, to embrace change which would help our church and ministry grow – but that we didn't want to leave any behind on this journey. Slowly but surely, small but important changes have been, and are being, made in music, children's groups, website and other aspects of our church life – with very positive effects.

Little did any of us know, prior to March of 2020 and the pandemic, just how far from our comfort zones we would be required to move – and just how important that desire to leave none behind would become. Craig continues to shine as a beacon of good leadership, inspiring whilst nurturing – caring, cajoling and communicating.

This current period is difficult for us, indeed for all churches, but we are doing our very best in the face of this adversity, learning new skills and developing new ways of working with each other – so character building! Indeed, this next APCM in October 2020 will be the first ever to be conducted over zoom. How many of you had even heard of zoom this time last year?

***David Millington***  
*PCC Secretary*

## **Deanery Synod**

Shotton lies in the Fosse Deanery, which groups us with other parishes and benefices across South Warwickshire: Stratford-upon-Avon, Alveston, Wellesbourne, Barford, Mid-Fosse, Edgehill, and Dasset Magna.

There are two Joint Acting Area Deans: Rev Patrick Taylor (of Holy Trinity, Stratford-on-Avon) and Rev Barry Jackson (Edgehill Benefice, which includes Kineton). Orion Johnson from Shotton is the Lay Chair, and Helen Gunton from Edgehill has supported synod as Secretary. Anthony Woollard, from Stratford-upon-Avon, advises on parish share and Fosse Deanery's contribution to the Diocesan Support Fund, from which clergy stipends are paid.

## **Parish Safeguarding**

The Disclosure and Barring Service checks all members of organisations within St. Andrew's if they have any connections with children or vulnerable adults.

During the year, I attended further training courses on Safeguarding and encouraged others in St. Andrew's to attend the C0 and C1 courses as appropriate. I had already conducted a Safeguarding course for the PCC at level C0.

New initiatives have taken place in church on Pastoral Care and on Children's groups and all leaders and helpers have either been checked or will be checked as soon as practically possible. Similarly for Team Shottery, more recently

Whilst the requirement for significant numbers of volunteers within the church to undergo various levels of safeguarding training can at first seem onerous and a little overawing, it is right that the church takes all necessary steps to prevent abuse and also to be seen to be doing whatever it can in this respect.

As requested by the Diocese, the PCC of Shottery St. Andrew has re-adopted *The Safeguarding Policy for the Diocese of Coventry*. All members of PCC had a copy of this updated policy, and a copy is posted on the PCC board in the Welcome Area of St. Andrew's.

Safeguarding is now an agenda item on all PCC meetings and at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

The parish has copies of all the resource documents listed in the policy. The policy may be downloaded from the Diocesan website.

**David Millington**

*Parish Safeguarding Officer*

## **Sacristan's Report**

It seems that the time for our Annual Report arrives more quickly each year!

The month of June saw the arrival of our new Vicar, Craig, and hopefully he found the Altar servers / chalice administrators an efficient team and this, I trust, allowed him to be "eased" into our pattern of services.

We currently have 15 volunteers on the rota fulfilling the requirements of our services. People, of course, come and go. It was a pleasure to welcome Ruth Yeates, David Millington, and Tom Cox to the rota whilst saying goodbye (hopefully, perhaps, just "au revoir") to Elliot Reaney as he starts University

This is always the time, of course, to publicly thank those who quietly work "behind the scenes" and contribute so much to the smooth outcome of our duties and responsibilities. Betty Ingram, John Naish, David Challis, Trevor Cox, Orion Johnson all carry out various tasks thus ensuring that things run smoothly week by week. These tasks include laundry, cleaning of silver,

"running repairs", printing of rotas, mid-week setting up and closing of church, and cleaning up after accidents. (Removal of hot wax spilled on carpet has become a speciality of David Challis for which I am very grateful !!)

Andrew Mills continues to be an able Assistant Sacristan and I am very grateful for his support. Our various needs throughout the year - altar wafers, candles, palm crosses continue to be efficiently supplied by D.M. Hay (Church Supplies) and our Communion wine from C.A. Rookes with many thanks to Carole Taylor.

So, thank you, everyone, who give their time and talents to the Sacristy team but I reserve the biggest big thank you to my wife Jenny for her continuing support in undertaking various tasks, and for her patience in her continuing realisation that I, like many men, am rubbish at multi-tasking!

***Alan Minchin***  
Sacristan.

## Communications

With the arrival of Craig and Su, our communications took a step into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with improvements to our website, Facebook, Searchlight, service leaflets, etc.

Su has started our own Instagram account (standrewsshottery).

With superb input from Ruth Yeates, St. Andrew's now has its own logo:



Added to this we have agreed a common typeface so that all our communications will appear the same. St. Andrew's now has a strapline – **“Worshipping, Growing, Transforming”**.

I, personally, have appreciated the input and fresh ideas for the website, Facebook and Searchlight. I hope you will have seen an improvement.

As ever, new items for inclusion in Searchlight are always welcome. Please feel free to submit whenever you feel “moved”. I appreciate our regular contributors and try to include a variety of interests and information - something for everyone.

As ever I am backed up by Jackie Daniels, who does sterling work proof reading each month. The stalwart team of Bob and Fran Kibblewhite ensure that the magazine is “on the streets” pretty pronto. My thanks to all.

Likewise, any information for the website or Facebook would be helpful. It is important that the website, particularly, is kept up-to-date so please keep me posted.

***Clodagh Mallison***

Parish Information Officer

## **Music Report**

2019 was a challenging year for St Andrew's Music Department. For the first half of the year, with the church still in interregnum, there was the additional work of keeping music going without the input of a full time Vicar. So, a good way to begin is to give our grateful thanks to Rev. Mary Crameri and Canon David Capron for all their help and encouragement during this time and beyond.

As we enjoyed our annual Choir meal at El Greco in early February, we could not have predicted that we were to face 2019 without so many of our regular choir members. Denise Andreo, one of our core altos, left the area early in the year. We lost another alto, Mavis Gray, who regularly sang with us for evening services, due to ill health. The irreplaceable Bob Wright was away for nearly eight months during his illness. Gary Collins was also away for many weeks while recovering from surgery and Mary Crameri was unable to sing with us as often, due to her increased workload. In addition, the significant loss of Gareth and Lily leaving for University in September marked the end, for the time being, of a Junior Choir. Not an easy year, but we continue to encourage new people to join the wonderful family that is our choir at every possible opportunity!

In spite of these setbacks, we worked hard to provide all the necessary special extra music, beginning with Lent through to Easter. There is always much to be prepared with Ash Wednesday, Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday Services. Lily took charge of much of the rehearsing, and kept us on



our toes with many tips from her growing experience with RSCM. Our Good Friday service, as always, contained some very special music. As it was their last Easter full time with us, we had solos from Gareth, who opened the service with *Let not Your Heart be Troubled* (Eric Thiman) and Lily who sang *Pie Jesu* from Faure's Requiem. One of the highlights of the service was a simple but lovely piece *Christ has no Body now but Yours* by David Ogden with clarinet solo.

As Summer approached, we continued work on music for Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity Sundays. A number of us went to sing at a Wedding on June 1<sup>st</sup> at St James's Snitterfield. It is always good experience to sing in the choir stalls at another place of worship.

Our big annual music event in June was of course RSCM Music Sunday, which this year coincided with Trinity, when we offered a range of anthems from ancient to modern. We introduced a new hymn, *When Miriam's Daughters Rise and Sing*, written a few years ago for use on Music Sundays, and also a new anthem commissioned for this year by Joanna Forbes-L'Estrange, *God the Holy Trinity*. We also included a beautiful anthem in communion that we had sung on Good Friday, *Morning Glory, Starlit Sky* by Geoff Weaver. We sang descants to all the hymns, and Larry and Lily shared the conducting. David Capron, who kindly led the service for us, paid tribute to St Cecilia and the occasion also raised £273 for the RSCM.

With the end of June came the long-awaited arrival of Rev. Craig. The excitement and anticipation of this was huge, as the relationship between Music Directors and Vicars is key (excuse the pun!). It was very clear from our first meeting that Rev. Craig was keen to encourage the continuation of the Choir and other areas of established music. It was great to give back control of the setting of hymns each month. Craig has been amazingly easy to work with, and over the summer we were able to negotiate plans for the future, to allow some degree of stepping back for the Robsons in 2020.

We enjoyed our Summer Choir Party, in the garden at Pathlow, and were overjoyed that Bob and Margaret Wright were well enough to join us. We gave our St Andrew's tribute to Norman Warren (Priest, Composer and great encourager of our music) who died this Summer, on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July by singing and playing his compositions at the 10am Service. The Choir helped out at a wedding on August 31<sup>st</sup> in an otherwise quiet holiday period. We were able to provide instrumental music and chants for two special Sunday evening Services (Celtic and Taize) organised by Craig.

In October, we sang for Harvest and also the *Time to Remember* Service. We said goodbye to Gareth and Lily as they headed off to Oxford and London in the happy knowledge that they would be back to sing during holidays when possible. We gratefully welcomed back Bob Wright, now recovered enough to rejoin the choir. Rosemary and Larry were able to take some planned holiday in the Autumn and we are grateful to Jackie Wightman, David Capron, Karen Reaney and Margaret Cox for playing at various Services.

We continued to enjoy the challenge of Craig's input of occasional "new to us" hymns on Sunday mornings, as we worked on preparing music for Advent and Christmas. Our Advent Carol Service included old favourites like Margaret Rizza's *Magnificat*, as well as new music, such as *King of the Ages* by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty, and *Here in this Place* by Marty Haugen. Sadly, the organ was too out of tune to use at this service, but it has become more stable with permanent use of a heater. There are certain improvements which our Organ Tuner has recommended, and these have been put to the PCC.

Musical highlights at the Nine Lessons and Carols were the classic *Sans Day Carol* arranged by Rutter, a lovely arrangement by David Willcocks of the French carol *Quelle est cette Odeur Agréable?*, and a lively modern Moravian carol *Angel Tidings*. We were pleased that Su Grocock was able to sing with us at this Service, and this is perhaps a good moment to thank those who swell our ranks on important occasions during the year, in particular Helen Hall, Anthony McIsaac and Hilary Capron. As the year closed we were privileged to be asked by Holy Trinity to provide extra singers for the Memorial Service for Saskia Jones, who was killed at the London Bridge attack, and four of us were able to do this.

Going forward into 2020, we keenly anticipated the appointment of our new Organist Matthew Penn, who has been contracted to play for Sunday morning services. All other musical duties will continue without change.

We always value the support and interest of everyone at St Andrew's in our endeavours to enhance worship through music, and hope and pray that others will soon be moved to join our wonderfully loyal choir members in this rewarding way of serving God.

**Larry and Rosemary Robson**  
Directors of Music

## **Baptism Ministry**

We are grateful and have been significantly blessed over many years by the ministry and work of Betty Ingram and Mary Radbourne. Losing Mary last year was a great loss to Betty and to all of us. We continue to thank God for Mary and for Betty and Mary's work in supporting, both physically and spiritually, this important ministry.

This last year we have had six baptisms at St. Andrew's.

I am grateful to Sylvaine Gravestock and Jill Hurst who have agreed to be part of a new team with me as we go forward in this area of ministry. We are currently updating the booklets we provide to families and are putting into place a baptism preparation programme that will involve home visits and an evening of Baptism preparation prior to the baptism.

***Reverend Craig***

### **Induction of our new vicar, Revd Craig Grocock**

On the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019, after over a year of interregnum, the day finally arrived when St Andrew's church could welcome its new vicar, Revd Craig Grocock, to Shottery.

Preparations had been going on for several months to ensure that all would work smoothly on the day. The church would be packed to its full capacity of just over 220 people to accommodate our congregation, local dignitaries, friends, family and fellow priests, and the throngs of Craig's former flock from Harbury & Ladbroke – arriving in cars and charabancs. And then to feed and water the same number in our church hall.

There is no better sight than a full church, suitably decked with flowers – including rows and rows of individual flowers from our own gardens, each with a personal message of welcome to Craig and his wife, Su.

Churchwardens David Whyman and Bob Macvie were both resplendent and commanding, leading with their wands throughout the service.

Vanessa Gravestock gave the reading beautifully. Mary Crameri gave the Baptism Jug. Sarah Cushing gave the Bible. Alan Minchin gave the Chalice and Paten. Trevor Cox gave the Prayer Book and Sarah Marshall, Head of St Andrew's C of E Primary School, gave a token from the school. All performed their parts perfectly, like a well-oiled machine.

The church resounded with the combined voices of our enlarged congregation together with our full choir, Rosemary on the organ and Larry on the clarinet. Such a joy to hear.

Bishop Christopher, Archdeacon Sue and Canon Richard Williams (who kindly stood in for the Rural Dean), were on fine form and gave a special light touch, where required, to make the service both memorable and enjoyable.

At the end, Craig was led into the Vicar's Vestry to ring the bell – and, in line with decades of handed-down practice, we all listened and counted the number of rings. Most of us lost count but were confident that Craig would be with us for a good number of years to come.

Many thanks to all who helped to make this a great day.



***David Millington***

## **Ladies Fellowship**

I am pleased to report a good year of friendship together for the members of the Ladies Fellowship. We have had some good times together but also a very sad time because of the sudden death of Mary Radbourne. She was such a lovely person a long-time member of the fellowship and one of our committee members - we do miss her very much and the contribution she made to our group.

I must thank all our officers and committee members for all their hard work and to the members and others who have supported us to make our meetings, events, and visits to various homes so enjoyable.

We were pleased to welcome Craig our new vicar and his wife Sue to Saint Andrews and the Ladies Fellowship. Craig presided at our holy communion in November and was the chairman of our AGM also in November. At this meeting all the officers and committee members were willing to continue in their roles and were re-elected.

During the year, we have had some very interesting speakers with the return of some of our favourites and also some new ones. The talks included gardening, floral art and the process of appointing a new vicar. The Reverend Canon David Capron told us about his ministry in the north of England and John Fletcher returned to give us a final episode of his life at the bar and his time as a judge.

We began the year with our annual post-Christmas lunch at the Bell Inn, Shottery; we spent an evening at the home of Annette and Malcolm Smith in the summer - we always look forward to this very much; we had an outing to Hilliers for afternoon tea together; and we also had a fish and chip supper on one occasion. Twice during the year, we shared Holy Communion together.

As usual we have continued to be involved in the activities of the church and supported in a small way, by giving donations, to our church and to local charities.

The members say they enjoy meeting together each month and so we will continue to do this during 2020.



***Jo Carver***  
Chairperson

## **St Andrew's Parish Centre**

I am pleased to report that during 2019, bookings of the hall have remained buoyant. This is a combination of weekly or monthly or even annual bookings and results in a high utilisation of the centre for both church groups and outside groups. Whilst good from a utilisation and therefore financial point of view, it can make diary management of the centre quite difficult – quite difficult for most people maybe but Parish Administrator, Margaret Spencer, rises magnificently to this challenge. Thanks Margaret.

Thanks must go to the ladies catering group for their immense contribution, both culinary and financial. Also, to David Challis and Derek Bowdry for help in setting up the hall and their attention to minor repairs and to the small army of cleaners for their work in ensuring that the centre always puts its best face forward - together with countless others who, as in all other aspects of our church life, work tirelessly behind the scenes to make it all happen.

During the lockdown phase of the pandemic, the church hall has not been permitted to be open but we are pleased to report that recently we have been able to reopen to groups, albeit on a much reduced size of groups and in a covid secure operating basis.

***David Millington***  
Chairman, Parish Centre Committee



## Mothers Union

The Mothers Union theme. for 2019 was: “Listen ,Observe , and Act” and with this in mind, we have enjoyed a busy and fruitful year.

Following an inspiring speaker Catherine Bartlem, we made “Coffee Tots Coventry” our Charity for the year, to help young Mothers and Babies in need.

We have enjoyed a selection of speakers:-

- we had a ride on a Steam Train;
- we attended the Fosse Deanery lunch in August to celebrate the Birthday of our founder, Mary Sumner;
- we hosted Diocesan Members Day here at St Andrews in October;
- we ran a Bathroom Stall at St Andrews Christmas Fair;
- we donated Easter flowers for our Church;
- we prepared and served tea, following the Time to Remember service,
- we knitted baby garments, and provided Bath Toys and Bubbles for babies, plus Toiletries for the young Mothers.

Our end of year Donation was given to Mothers Union Relief Fund

We enjoy each other’s company over a cuppa at our meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2pm and are always open to visitors and new members.



**Audrey Edwards**  
Branch Leader

## **Pilgrimages**

Once again, there have been a number of pilgrimages organised this year, both residential and day/evening.

One group, in March, went to Lee Abbey in Devon, where they enjoyed both the wonderful coastal scenery and the “time apart” spent spiritually with God in both formal and informal meetings. It must be truly wonderful at Lee Abbey to make Denise stay there as part of the team for the rest of the year!

Another group went to Walsingham in September, travelling by minibus and cars. As is becoming the custom, the group stopped off at Dersingham, the church of Revd. Mark Capron, for a rest along the way, a short service and picnic lunch. This was greatly appreciated.

Once again, the weather was good and the peaceful gardens, with rose and herbaceous borders, enhanced our time of spiritual devotion with God. Services were led by Fr. Kevin Smith, the Priest Administrator and our own clergy.

But everything wasn't just serious and “holy” – there was fun and laughter and visits to Wells-next-the-Sea with its seafood and chips, a ride on the miniature railway and plenty of walking around the village. A climax for the week was once again the Candlelight Procession around the grounds bringing praise to God.

Canon David Capron organised, once again, a series of “Mini-Pilgrimages” throughout the summer months. These included visits to Clifford Chambers, the Greek Orthodox Church in Canley, Tredington and Stretton on Fosse, St. James Tile Hill, Bretforton and Haselor. In each, we learned something of the history of the church, followed by a very short service led by Canon David and always a visit to a local hostelry for a meal together. Each time, some 30 to 40 of us enjoyed the opportunity to chat informally with one another and to enjoy the beauty of fellowship.

Partly due to the workload of the interregnum, I was unable to organise a day pilgrimage this year, but “watch this space” for a future day pilgrimage – I'm working on it!

***David Whyman***

Pilgrimage Co-ordinator



## **Report from Events Committee 2019**

The first event of the year was our Annual Book Sale -b a huge success raising £382.20; this was followed by a quiz prepared for us by Keith and Maureen Beckett which gave us £155.00

In March, we again had a Call my Wine Bluff Evening, always a pleasant and informative evening, which raised £181.65

May was our Annual Plant Sale & Coffee Morning at the home of the Gravestocks. Thank-you. £519.30 was raised in a very short time

Our next event saw us all in Church for 'What a wonderful world' - a concert from Wellesbourne Choral Society - a pleasant evening raising £420.00

On a very hot sunny afternoon in June, we had a tea party in the Church Grounds, which raised £370.00. We were all invited to the newly decorated Vicarage and welcomed by Craig and Su.

This was closely followed by a Tea Party at the home of Paul & Liz Talbot. Thank you - £164.00 was raised at this event.

August was supposed to be an evening at Anne Hathaway's Cottage - not a fundraiser but usually a pleasant evening - but not this year as the wind was gale force and the decision was taken to cancel. There's always another year.

September was Curry and Beatle Drive - a very enjoyable and competitive evening - which gave us £265.00

A different event followed. A musical evening where St Andrew's many talents were on show and this raised a great total of £507.00

Last but not least, was our biggest fundraiser of the year - our Christmas Fair - and this raised the grand sum of £2,732.51  
Thanks to anyone that contributed in any way.

We had a couple of carol singing events, at Morrison where we raised £91.66 which was then split half and half with Morrison's charities.

£159.38 was raised on Christmas Eve, Carol singing in the car park at the Bell.

Thank you to everyone who helped or attended any of these events.

Your Events Committee - Hilary Capron, Jackie Daniels, Hilary Mattocks Margaret Spencer and Carole Taylor, and we welcome Jenny Gregg who has joined us.

***Carole Taylor***

## **Catering Report 2019**

Our first event was in February - not a regular one, as it was food for the people who had applied for the position of Vicar of our Parish - a very pleasant lunchtime, this was followed the next day for interviews.

Hot dogs were on the Menu for the Quiz night and were well received.

Hot cross buns came next, following the Good Friday service, this was followed by our Easter Morning breakfast - always very special.

Another one off was catering for Rev Craig Collation Service where we were supported by many members of the congregation -Thank-you

We catered for the Harvest Lunch in October, and this was followed by The Christmas Fair where as usual two sittings for lunch + coffees and afternoon tea.

November is our Patronal Festival and, as always, Haggis Neaps and Tatties (and maybe some whisky)

Mince pies were served after the Advent Carol service and the Nine Lessons and Carols

There have been Funeral teas and various parties,

Luncheon Club is still held monthly and coffee is served after the 10.00am service. (more help is needed on the rota)

Thank-you to everybody that has helped out in any way in the last year.

***Carole Taylor***

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Shottery (St Andrew's) Brownies**

We started off 2019 celebrating Chinese New Year, doing some activities relating to the Year of the Pig and tasting some traditional Chinese food.

We then focussed on Thinking Day, 22<sup>nd</sup> February where we celebrate the birthdays of our Founders, Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, and looked at how Guiding had changed over the century. We also attended the District Thinking Day Event.

In March, we celebrated St Patrick's Day by making Irish Soda bread and also held a Family Board Game evening to raise funds for Junior Ideopatchi Arthritis, from which one of our Brownies suffers. We also made nail string pictures of hearts for our Mother's Day craft and finished off the term decorating wooden egg cups.

During the Summer term, we worked mainly towards the new programme, but also found time to make Father's Day cards, plant some geraniums that we had been donated, in the church garden and hold a joint meeting with another pack doing a challenge badge relating to bananas! We also attended a sleepover at Hatton Country World where we spent the day dodging the showers and enjoying all that Hatton has to offer, before spending the night sleeping in the softplay area! Great fun was had by all! We finished the Summer term with an evening at a Forest School in Bidford on Avon, where the girls explored, made dens, used flint and steel to make mini fires, and of course toasted marshmallows on the fire!

In September, we welcomed 5 new Brownies who had previously been members at 1st Shottery. Unfortunately, this pack had to close due to the Leaders moving on. During this term we helped the Brownies to start working on their Inventor badge, before completing at home. We attended the Harvest Family Service where the Brownies helped Rev'd Craig receive the food gifts for the Food Bank and also read the prayers during the service. We celebrated Bonfire Night with some mindfulness firework colouring, learning to light matches safely and then cooking s'mores over tealights. As usual, we attended the Stratford Remembrance Parade along with many other Rainbows, Guides and Brownies from Stratford.

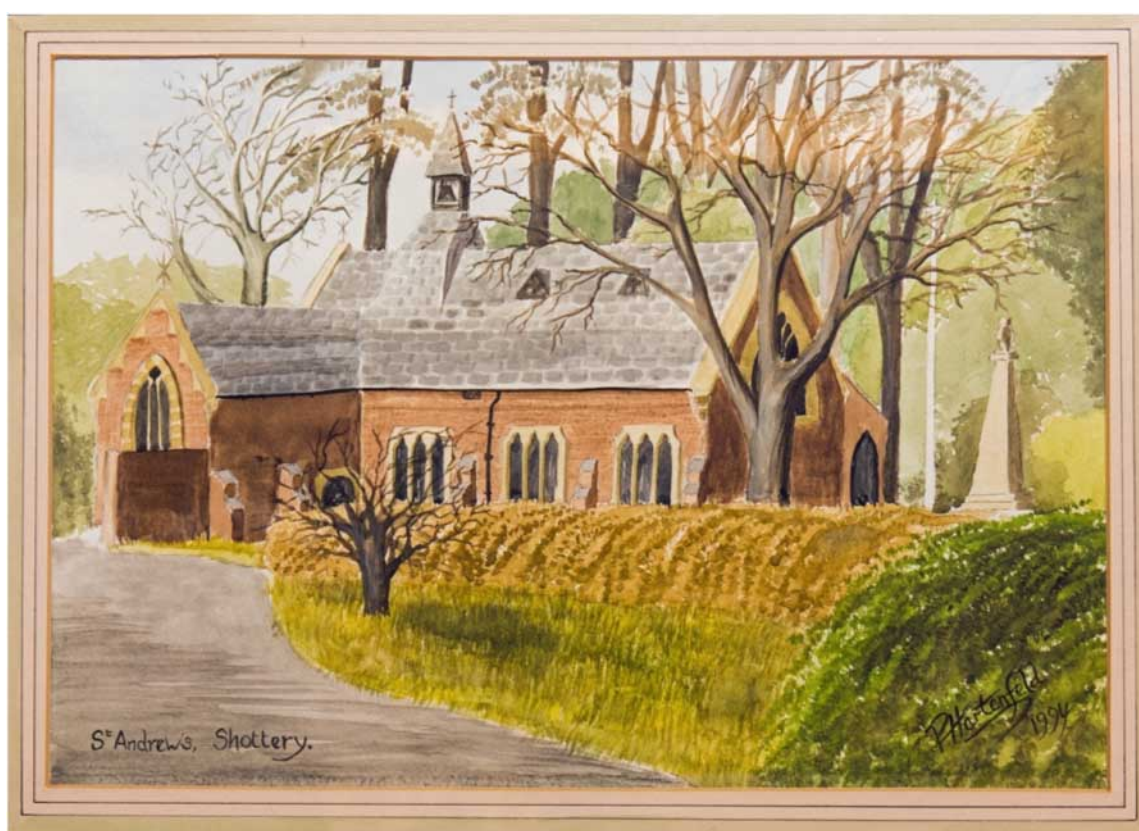
We spent an evening wrapping donated gifts for our Lucky Dip stall at the Church Christmas Fair, and also attended a Christmas Crafts Day organised by our District where the girls decorated mugs, made Christmas cards and

decorations, and also decorated some yummy biscuits. We ended the term with a night at Pizza Hut! Although this was a party evening, it was also a little sad as we said 'Goodbye' to Rachel who had been our unit helper for the last 3 years as she has now moved away from the area.

2nd Shottery Brownies is now running with 16 Brownies, the most we've had in a long time, but only 2 Leaders at present. We hope this will change during the course of 2020!

***Sarah Undery***

Tawny Owl



### **Transport to Church**

There are many members of our wider church community who are only able to attend services, and other activities of St. Andrew's, through the kindness of those who offer lifts to them. We are very grateful to everyone who assists in this way, thus enabling the fellowship of the church to be enjoyed by less mobile members - thanks go to you all.

If you are able to offer transport at any time, occasionally or regularly, please contact Margaret in the Parish Office (01789 293381)

## **The Parish Office**

The Parish Office is the first contact many people have with St. Andrew's - it is in the capable hands of Margaret Spencer, the Parish Administrator, who ensures that there is a welcome for all who come to the church, for whatever reason, throughout the week. It is a far busier place than many would imagine. 'Church is just for Sundays' ? - I don't think so!

Thank you, Margaret, for keeping things running smoothly. Thanks also go to Jackie Daniels, who stands in for Margaret from time to time. And, of course, thanks also to many others who spend time during the week, helping on the myriad of tasks which make this church work.

## **Fellow Travellers (soon to be Illumin8)**

Fellow Travellers aims to make the Bible fun and more easily accessible and engaging for young children. The group continued to run on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month throughout the year, with varying but generally increasing numbers.

The format of the sessions starts with a religious context, engaging the children in conversation gauging their thoughts and ideas. This then leads to simple games and creative craft work based on the scripture and tailored to the ages of the children involved – which can range considerably.

We are indebted to the help of Rebecca Katherine Macvie, Sylvaine Gravestock and others in running these groups.

## **Cell Group**

We continue to meet fortnightly to fulfil our aims as a cell group – to study the Bible, to enjoy fellowship and to pray together. Our meeting together is a serious business but we have a lot of fun and laughter too!

Our main study was Bible readings on the theme of interfaith engagement using a booklet produced by World Vision. We had begun this in the autumn of last year and found it very stimulating and challenging. This was followed by a study in the Psalms.

Do let us know if you would like to join us at Tremar, Hathaway Lane on Wednesday evenings fortnightly during term time.



***Alan and Mary Boddington*** 01789 263643

### **Bereavement Visitors**

The Bereavement Visitors Team, Mary Boddington, Hilary Mattocks, Jane Ireland and Sarah Cushing, meet every two months.

The team make individual visits to the families of those who are recently bereaved to come alongside them, listen to them and pray with them. We take a copy of the specific bereavement booklet with us. On a number of occasions, we have been asked to carry out follow up visits or to speak with others again on the phone - which we always do. The team also continue to watch over those who are also known to us in the wider community.

The team for bereavement visits in 2019 were able to visit 38 bereaved next of kin in their own homes. This proved to be much appreciated by these people, often involving long conversations and memories shared.

The time to remember service on 13th October 2019 was well attended followed by tea and cake in the parish centre.

We give thanks to those who have supported us in this ministry and continue to ask for your prayers for all bereaved families in our Parish and within our Diocese.

**Jane Ireland** - Bereavement Co-ordinator

## **Atrium Annual Report**

This year has been the year of great change and adaptation. At Atrium, it was the first year we changed our name from Stay Café to Atrium Café. We decided upon this as an atrium is a gathering place, the centre, the heart. Over the past year, The Atrium Café has become this space of gathering, community and worship and a place for deeper teaching and understanding of our faith.

We had to approach services somewhat differently over the past months, hosting virtual services via zoom, keeping to our usual format of contemporary worship songs, a thoughtful talk and time for reflection and prayer. It has been extremely fulfilling for all of us involved in Atrium to have created this new way of worship for our church. We always welcome you all and if anyone would like to offer up a talk or discussion point for the future please let us know!

Thank you for your support this year and we look forward to the year ahead.

All the best,

**Ruth Yeates & Julie Milne** (Atrium Team)

## **Open The Book in Schools**

It is amazing that we are in our 7<sup>th</sup> year as an Open The Book team. We visit three schools every month with a new story from the Bible. The stories are written by "Open The Book" and by Bob Hartman in particular, and we have promised to stick to the script and to use the words of the handbook.

Within that framework we can be creative in our storytelling. We now have quite a collection of costumes, made from scratch, or altered charity shop finds, and we are blessed to have help with making props.

The school children love taking part and we always get a warm welcome. We usually ask for between 5 and 25 volunteer children to help us act out a story. They seem to love dressing up and we, the team, don't seem to mind dressing up either! It helps us to get into character.

We spend time at the beginning of each month planning and preparing a story, and then rehearsing it. The following week we take it in to The Willows and then in to St Andrews School, Shottery on another day. The following week is Bishopton's turn. And then we have a week off! It's good when we can sometimes bring a story in to church.

Open The Book recently celebrated 20 years of service to schools. There are now 3,000 schools taking part and receiving a team from their local Churches.

## **Flower Arrangers**

I would like to start by thanking all our flower arrangers who keep the church looking so beautiful all year round – especially those on the Altar flower rota and those who kindly donate to help with costs.

We had another very busy year, thoroughly enjoying all the challenges of the different seasons. The comments we have received following our Easter, Harvest and Christmas displays in particular, make us truly proud of our achievements and we are delighted to know they are appreciated. Some of the ideas are contemporary and not preferred by everyone, but it's good to show different skills and thoughts.

We all enjoy the task of preparing Mothering Sunday posies, which are well received. Normally 150 bunches are distributed around church, covering all Sunday services.

The lovely arrangements in the Welcome Area are prepared by Jackie Wightman – Thank You Jackie, much appreciated. Betty Ingram has also been busy arranging flower baskets for those celebrating special occasions – Thank You Betty.



We are lucky to have Beverley Short as our leader for flower arrangements at Festival times – if you would like to know more about flower arranging, please think about joining Bev's class in the Parish Centre on a Wednesday afternoon.

***Margaret Spencer***

## **Listening and Prayer Ministry**

As a church, we are very good at talking to each other, and that's good. Our trained Listening Ministry team is there in church after every 10.00 a.m. Sunday service.

The purpose is to just listen, not to give advice, not to try to fix things, but to simply give all our attention to listening, without interruption, and then to pray and ask God's help.

By telling someone we can trust to keep things confidential, we are enabled to work things through. God listens and can prompt us.

We also have a prayer box in the welcome area and anyone using the church and hall can drop a prayer request into the box and we will lift that concern up to God.



## **Shottery St Andrew's C of E Primary School**

Our School continues to thrive - competently and efficiently managed as always by our headteacher Sarah Marshall. The staff, as always, provide a strong, friendly and encouraging environment where the children accomplish so much and are inspired to always take that extra step, make that extra effort. They continue to work with smiles on their faces, kindness in their hearts and minds and a welcome to all visitors.

This has been an eventful year. All the main Christian events are marked by visits to St. Andrew's Church: Christmas, Easter, Harvest (a huge contribution to the Foodbank was made) and of course the end of year celebration event. However, in the past year the school also participated in the Diocese Celebration Events at Coventry Cathedral with other Primary children from Church of England Schools in the area. Their behaviour, as always, was exemplary. They enjoyed the singing, they listened attentively and prayed hard.

An additional honour was to receive the Cross of Nails earlier in the year and this became a great event for all. During the chairmanship of Rev Mary Crameri, additional church visits were made. For example, a special visit was arranged to participate in a Baptism: this was a special RE lesson, in Church, where there was an explanation of what initiation into the Church means and then a demonstration took place using a doll at the font! Over Easter the children from school also attended a Good Friday event, again organised by Rev Mary where Easter Gardens were crafted and feet were washed amongst other activities. This event was to be repeated in 2020, but unfortunately Covid19 prevented this.

Our "Open the Book" team are regulars at school and are thoroughly appreciated with their innovative approach to understand the Bible. Rev Mary Crameri, sadly, stood down as Chair of the Governors and was replaced by Mr Larry Gravelli. However, Rev Craig Grocock is making his presence felt and is a frequent visitor to school, taking assemblies and livening up classrooms and bible story times. He is also proving a committed member of the Governing Board.

Academically, the school is doing well. The recent Ofsted report awarded a "Good" standard. Given the cramped conditions in school and limited provision for large community/communal events within the premises, it is often difficult to showcase the true excellence of St. Andrew's School. Efforts continue to

improve Maths, English and French learning, - items picked out in the Ofsted Report and when the repeat visit comes, St. Andrew's will rise to the challenge, no doubt? In classroom activities, in the playground or out on visits for sporting competitions (many awards!), theatre visits (RSC – Boy in a Dress, of course), Castles (Kenilworth) the Shakespeare properties -to name but a few, the children respond impeccably to instructions and rise up to the occasion. Always!

Unfortunately, due to a medical condition, I have had to stand down as Foundation Governor this Spring, but I am delighted that I am being replaced by Ann Millington who will provide a reassuring, kindly and insightful presence in school and on the Governing Board. I wish Ann and the other Governors – and of course, the Head, the Staff and, above all, the children - much success and happiness in the time to come.

Thank you for making me welcome in the School. God Bless.



***Chris Susnik***

## Outside Giving

During the year 2019, a grand total of £3,950 was given by St. Andrew's Church to the twelve nominated monthly charities. This compares with a figure of £3,389 for the previous year.

However, with other monies given to Traidcraft, St. Andrew's School, Cyclone Appeal, British Legion, the Donkey Sanctuary, Great Ormond St Hospital (on St. Andrew's Night) and for the South Yorkshire Flood Appeal, the total figure given amounts to £5,274.

Several new charities were chosen for support and these included: **Water Aid, Mission to Seafarers UK and British Red Cross**. As usual we also included some charities we have supported in previous years, such as **The Samaritans**.

A variety of charities are chosen by the Outside Giving Committee to support international mission and local mission. Some charities we support yearly such as **World Vision**, through which we sponsor Edgar Villca Charca who lives in Mosoj Punchay in the south of Bolivia. Our giving to the **Church Mission Society** helps support Dan and Phillipa Munday in Nepal who work in education and health – these have recently been replaced by Andrea and Andrew Young, also working in Nepal. We also donate annually to **Christian Aid** and the **Shakespeare Hospice**.

If there is a particular charity you feel strongly that we should support occasionally the Outside Giving committee would be pleased to hear from you. Either speak to myself or to Hilary Mattocks, Sylvaine Gravestock, or Liz Talbot and it will be considered.

Extra special thanks should go to Hilary Mattocks for keeping account of all the money collected and for sending it on to the various charities throughout the year.

***Bob Macvie***

## ST ANDREW'S CHARITY GIVING 2019

MONTH	CHARITY	Amount Collected £
January	World Vision	218
February	Church Missionary Society (CMS)	400
March	Children's Society	291
April	Water Aid	326
May	Christian Aid	415
June	Royal School of Church Music	273
July	Mission to Seafarers UK	381
August	VASA	246
September	Samaritans	270
October	British Red Cross	237
November	Shakespeare Hospice	513
December	Sight Savers	380
<b>Additions</b>		
	Cyclone Appeal	418
	Traidcraft Exchange	100
	St. Andrew's Primary School	380
	Donkey Sanctuary	50
	British Legion	50
	Great Ormond St – Haggis Supper	143
	South Yorkshire Flood Appeal	183
<b>Total Collected – Including Gift Aid</b>		<b>£ 5,274</b>



**St Andrew's Church, Shottery . . . .**  
**(at the heart of the village)**

At each Sunday service (8am. 10am. 6:30pm.), there is a Weekly Sheet, which will keep you up to date with times of services and information about various church activities .....

.....and have you caught up with our monthly magazine 'Searchlight' and our website? – [www.saintandrewsshottery.org](http://www.saintandrewsshottery.org)

Clodagh Mallison keeps all in superb order and you will find all sorts of interesting information there. Give them a try!



# Shottery St. Andrews Church

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2019

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	2019 Unrestricted fund £	2018 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>		
Donations and legacies	72,341	79,980
Other trading activities	32,896	30,856
Investment Income	4	2
Other Income ( <i>on revaluation</i> )	25,428	2,037
<b>Total</b>	<u>130,669</u>	<u>112,875</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>		
Raising funds	101,133	110,487
Other	1,044	1,020
<b>Total</b>	<u>102,177</u>	<u>111,507</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	28,492	1,368
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>		
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<u>106,950</u>	<u>105,582</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u><u>135,442</u></u>	<u><u>106,950</u></u>



