

Annual Parochial Church Meeting - St. Peter's Draycott

Reports and Minutes: 2011/2012

Held on 22nd April 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the church.

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MINUTES OF MEETING

1. Opening prayer

The meeting was opened by the Revd. Sue Rose with prayer. Sue took the chair.

2. Attendance and apologies for absence

Present: Clé Boyd, Chris Butler, David Cheetham, Trish Corrick, Nikki Devitt, Richard Dingley, Sylvia Dingley, Tricia Heckbert, Colette Jeff, Gordon Jeff, Janet Jeffries, Tricia Lumley, Audrey Morgan, Thea Oliver, Barry Rose, Sue Rose, Linda Whittle

Apologies: Hewart Jeffries, Chris Green, Buffy Rose.

3. Confirmation of Minutes from meeting on 17th April 2011

The minutes of the previous APCM were agreed as an accurate record (Proposed by Thea Oliver, seconded by Colette Jeff), and a copy signed by Sue Rose.

4. Vestry Meeting for the Election of two Church Wardens

Two nominations had been received for the two posts of churchwarden, David Cheetham and Thea Oliver, and both had agreed to stand. Thea Oliver stated she was concerned that due to her workload she felt she was not able to give the task sufficient time and energy, however she was willing to stand again if there were no other volunteers. Sue Rose asked if there were any other nominations, and there were none. (David Cheetham proposed by Chris Green and seconded by Richard Dingley; Thea Oliver propose by Richard Dingley and seconded by Chris Green. All present agreed, and so they were declared duly elected.

Sue Rose thanked David Cheetham and Thea Oliver for their hard work and dedication over the past year, and also for standing again for this onerous and responsible task. It was agreed that the next PCC would consider electing a Deputy Warden to assist with the workload.

5. Statutory Reports

a. Electoral Roll.

Richard Dingley

(See report A)

It was noted that Trish Heckbert lives at No 1 not No.10.

Nikki Devitt queried whether the names and addresses should be published in light of the Data Protection Act. It was felt that the PCC role-call was a public document, however Revd Sue Rose agreed to check the legal position.

ACTION: Revd Sue Rose

b. Report on PCC proceedings

Chris Green

(See report B)

c. The financial report and accounts

David Cheetham

(See report C)

Clarifications:

- i. The 150th festival, although not a fundraising event contributed over £2300, without it we would be in a deficit of £423 instead of a surplus of £1900.
- ii. Trish Corrick asked whether the expenses had gone up significantly. David Cheetham reported that gas and electricity had gone up but that the parish share was lower this year in view of the exceptional circumstances around the refurbishment need. It would increase this year.
- iii. Barry Rose asked what 'other' meant with regard to church expenses. David Cheetham reported it included expenses such as boiler repairs and organ tuning.
- iv. It was noted that clergy expenses had risen significantly from last year, however it was acknowledged that this might be to the late presentation of last year's expenses from Cheddar, expenses were now paid quarterly so this situation should not occur again.
- v. Linda Whittle commented that without the Festival we would be in a deficit position, this was agreed but it was felt that our overall financial position was sound.
- vi. It was commented that the increase of the School assembly to weekly meant that the heating bill would rise. This was noted however it was felt to be an important element of outreach.

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Richard Dingley and seconded by Janet Jeffries. All Agreed.

d. The churchwarden's fabric report

David Cheetham

(See report D)

Clarifications, comments:

- i. Quinquennial Review. The 5 yearly review had happened and the report had been received. A list of actions had been included in the report. The CO₂ fire extinguisher had now been placed near the electrical box, other recommendations would be considered.
- ii. An inventory of St Peters had been undertaken by many people and the complete report was signed by Revd Sue Rose.

e. Deanery Synod Report

Tricia Lumley

(See report E)

Before hearing the remaining reports, Sue Rose proposed that the meeting adopt the statutory reports. This was proposed by Richard Dingley and seconded by Thea Oliver), all were in agreement.

6. Other reports

a. Ministry team

Chris Green

(See report F)

Revd Sue Rose expressed her thanks and that of the PCC for all the time and energy Gordon Jeff had given to St Peters. She also thanked the rest of the Ministry Team and expressed the value of hearing so many different voices.

b. Covenants

Tricia Heckbert

(See report G)

c. School

Nikki Devitt

(see report H)

It was agreed that the school was a very important part out the outreach programme. The PCC were considering inviting all the foundation governors to one of their meetings to express their thanks and give them our support.

A discussion was held on the implications of the pedestrian crossing on the main road.

d. Supporters of St. Peter's (S.o.S.P.)

Thea Oliver

(See Report I, slightly updated since the meeting to include future events)

e. Local Ministry Group/ Cheddar Valley Churches

Ann Wait and Sue Rose

(See report J)

f. Bible Study Group

Thea Oliver

(See report K)

Revd Sue Rose expressed her thanks for all the written reports which showed just how much was happening in our Church.

7. Election of Laity to the Parochial Church Council for 2011-12

Revd Sue Rose read out the list of nominations that had been received for the PCC:

Richard Dingley, Colette Jeff, Barry Rose, Tricia Heckbert, Tricia Lumley, Chris Green and Janet Jeffries.

All had been proposed and seconded; all had signed in agreement. No objections were raised.

Sue Rose put it to the meeting that the abovementioned members of St. Peter's church should serve as our new Parochial Church Council. All were in agreement.

8. Deanery Synod for 2011-14

There was no need for elections as the current Deanery Synod reps were still willing to stand.

9. Appointment of sides men and women

Sue Rose suggested that the current sidesmen and women should be re-appointed, *en bloc*, if they were willing. All Agreed. NB. There is a vacancy so if anyone would like to volunteer they should approach Colette Jeff.

10. Appointment of independent financial examiner

David Cheetham reported that the current Independent Financial Examiner, Alan Rowntree, had expressed his willingness to undertake the job again next year, and David recommended that we accept, all agreed.

ACTION: The PCC secretary was asked to write to Alan Rowntree to express our thanks.

11. Remarks from the Priest in Charge

Sue Rose expressed her delight in being able to thank the many people who made this church what it was. She stated that when she had first arrived there were many issues surrounding the Church including the old chairs and general decor of the building and the font. It was now a different place and again looked a beautiful church with comfortable chairs. She stated that the 150th festival had been an extraordinary time and had brought so many people into the church.

She thanked God that we had so much and expressed her hope that we could continue to build on the positive feelings now present.

12. Any other matters of important to the Parish

Diamond Jubilee. It was asked whether the church had any plans for the Diamond Jubilee. Thea Oliver reported that St Peters via SOSF had been approached to have a stall at the village Jubilee Fun day on 4th June and had been requested to avoid any events which might clash with this. In addition on 3rd June Rodney Stoke were having a village picnic at 3pm and Cheddar was holding a civic service at 4pm. It was suggested that, although it was also Trinity Sunday, we should consider a special 9.30 service in the 3rd.

13. Closing prayer

Sue closed the meeting by thanking everyone for their involvement and for attending the APCM. The meeting closed with the Grace

APPENDIX: REPORTS

Statutory Reports

A. Electoral Roll

Richard Dingley

There have been no changes in the Electoral Role during 2011. However it is now time to create a new Parish Role for the ensuing six years and this could result in a number of changes. A copy of the current role was handed out to those present.

B. Report on PCC proceedings

Chris Green, PCC Secretary

The PCC was 11 strong this year. We had 7 meetings- on 11th May, 5th July, 7th September, 18th October, 30th November in 2011, and 10th January and 29th Feb in 2012 (a projected meeting at the end of March was cancelled).

We have met at the homes of Gordon and Colette Jeff and Richard and Sylvia Dingley, as well as in Cheddar Vicarage, and The Den in Cheddar, and we should like to thank all concerned for their hospitality. As before, Tricia Heckbert is our lay chair and keeps meetings running smoothly and to time.

The main part of PCC business inevitably concerns the practicalities of running the church. We have in addition had discussion on ways to extend our ministry to include young people to a greater extent in church life.

Your secretary has recently had rather heavy calls on his time due to work commitments. However the major project that has caused this is coming to fruition this weekend. I would ask you to bear with me if there is evidence of less thorough preparation for this APCM than in previous years.

A significant event for the new PCC looking forward is to attend a parish away day (to be arranged), and together with the ministry team will be considering our future priorities.

C. The financial report and accounts

David Cheetham, Treasurer

Festival

2011 was a special year at St Peter's. The 150th Anniversary Festival brought a good number of visitors, and, although all the events in church gave free admission, donations made a welcome contribution of £2383.04 to church funds. With this help, the General Fund made a surplus of £1959.51. Without the Festival, the General Fund would have made a deficit of £423.53.

Refurbishment

The main part of the refurbishment has now been completed. I am very satisfied that we have got good value for money on all the work done. The figure for drainage may seem excessive, but even that was much reduced from the original estimate. Excavation work is just expensive!

VAT

I should make here a note about VAT recovered on refurbishment works. So long as we could justify that the work done in our refurbishment programme was necessary for the purpose of making safe this Grade II listed Place of Worship, the government refunded all the VAT we paid. However, at the 2011 Budget, they changed this scheme to a capped one, and after that date we received back only a percentage of the VAT we had paid. The £1980.20 noted below constitutes the whole of our refund, for work done in 2010 as well as 2011. (Stop press: this scheme is now, 2012, discontinued.)

Deposit Accounts

Our deposit accounts with the CBF have been closed and the £300.93 that was in them has been transferred to the relevant bank accounts. The Fabric Fund deposit account was cleared out in 2010 to pay for the renovations, and now stands at £1.05. The General Fund deposit account stood at £4518.02 at 01.01.11 and interest added (£1.55) brought it to £4519.57 at 31.12.11. (The CBF paid interest, but was awkward to use. Lloyds TSB bank pays very little interest, but on the other hand they do all our accounting for us, so it's swings and roundabouts!)

Parish Share

We paid the Parish Share of £9827.20 by direct debit, thus earning a small discount. This amount will increase in 2012 as we move from band D to band CD and then in 2013 back up to band C (which is the average parish band). The Parish Share pays largely for clergy salaries, pensions and housing, and in 2011 constituted 56% of our General Fund expenditure. [Stop press: the banding structure is being changed in 2012. We need to discuss it at PCC.]

Donations to charities

During the year, the church has made donations to other charities totaling £2979.20.

David Cheetham,

Treasurer to the Parochial Church Council of Draycott, 01.02. 2012.

GENERAL FUND

Receipts

Covenants and gift aid	7810.50
Tax recovered ¹	2618.70
Collections at services	1981.72
Donations	310.06
Fund raising ²	100.00
Investment income	1.31
Trading: magazine	1438.50
services ³	1819.00
rental	460.00
Restricted: INF	460.00
Festival	3196.73
Total	<u>20196.52</u>

Payments

Grants (to the CSC)	250.00
Parish share	9827.20
Clergy expenses	1361.45
Upkeep of church	

gas and electricity	1024.00
other	1082.48
Upkeep of services	186.95
Trading costs (part only) ⁴	640.58
Salaries ⁵	472.16
Church admin and insurance	1198.24
Restricted: INF	574.36
Festival costs	813.69
Adjustment ⁶	112.00
Total	<u>17543.11</u>

Notes

- 1 This is the total refund of all tax paid on gift-aid donations, including those to restricted funds. It is then disbursed (transferred) to the relevant funds. It is of course retrospective, and corresponds partly to 2010 donations.
- 2 Harvest Festival proceeds, forwarded half to the CSC and half to the Fabric Fund.
- 3 That is, funerals. Most of this "income" immediately goes out again as fees.
- 4 This is the cost of producing the magazine, but it is now printed sometimes by the Kings of Wessex Academy (noted here) and sometimes by the Benefice Office, when the cost is hidden in "Church admin".
- 5 Fees paid to funeral organists and vergers, and payment for secretarial help.
- 6 This is one cheque which was drawn to us but which has not (as yet?) been honoured by the drawer's bank.

Bank balance at 01.01.11		2719.83
Add receipts	20196.52	22916.35
Less payments	17543.11	5373.24
Less one cheque from 2010	230.00	5143.24
Less transfers to Fabric Fund	693.90	4449.34
Add transfers from CBF	300.93	4750.27
Add three cheques not yet cashed	415.65	5165.92
Bank balance at 31.12.11		<u>5165.92</u>

GENERAL FUND continued

Excess of Receipts (£20196.52) over Payments (£17543.11) together with transfers to the Fabric Fund (£693.90). Surplus for the year £1959.51

FABRIC FUND

Receipts

Covenants and gift-aid	534.00
Grants (VAT recovered)	1980.20
Donations	747.18
Fund raising	1383.81
Total	<u>4645.19</u>

Payments

Plastering	102.00
Vestry door	91.99
Gutters and downpipes	1551.00
Drainage and excavations	3282.00
Paint and incidentals	61.22
Total	<u>5088.21</u>

Bank balance at 01.01.11		<u>2301.17</u>
Add receipts	4645.19	6946.36
Add transfers	693.90	7640.26
Less payments	5088.21	2552.05
Bank balance at 31.12.11		<u>2552.05</u>

The fund has increased during the year by £250.88

Collections at home-communions (included in General Fund receipts)

The Laurels £25.20

Sealey Close £15.60

Other home communions not separately counted.

150th Anniversary Festival Account (included in the General Fund)

Receipts £3196.73, payments £813.69. Surplus £2383.04

The accounts have been examined and approved by Alan Rowntree, Independent examiner.

The examiner's certificate, dated 07.02.12, is available for inspection.

I am very grateful to Alan Rowntree, the independent examiner of the accounts, and to Trisha Heckbert, the covenant secretary, for their considerable help. DEC.

D. The churchwarden's fabric report

David Cheetham

Summary of the quinquennial (November 2011) recommendations

A Immediate

Reset manhole cover (outside vestry door)

New door, with vents to former boiler room (bottom of steps)

Investigate rainwater goods to organ chamber and south of chancel - DONE

Consider CO₂ fire extinguisher adjacent to organ

B Within the next 18 months

Replace slipped roof tiles - DONE

Repoint stonework on WC and north chancel (low down on the external walls)

Replace missing ventilator plate to boiler

Repair gullies serving kitchen sink and basin

Redecorate external doors – oil wood and paint ironwork

Rehang (or replace) doors to gas meter cupboard

Minor plaster repairs to ceiling above boiler

Attend to WC window

Get an asbestos survey for various areas of the church

Overhaul and refix lightning conductor - DONE

Rub down and redecorate timberwork and metalwork in main entrance gate (on School Lane)

and investigate the provision of a new light fitting

Cut back growth around small trees to south side of churchyard – MENDIP DC

RESPONSIBILITY

Pollarding and trimming trees in main lime avenue – MDC resp.

C Within the next 5 years

Redecorate ceiling panels – nave, transepts, vestry and organ chamber.¹
Open up timber panelling to the south side of the sanctuary, replace the warped panel and repair.
Redecorate areas in the south transept damaged by water ingress
Cut back ivy growth to boundary walls and undertake some patch-pointing. – MDC resp.

D Improved disabled facilities

A range of considerations including, for instance, opening up the lavatory for wheelchair access and provision of large-print and Braille hymnbooks.

E. Deanery Synod Report

Tricia Lumley

This year we managed to squeeze four Deanery Synod meetings. The first one, held in Highbridge in April, was basically a planning meeting. Nominations were sought for Deanery Chairman and Secretary, which were to be voted on at a later date. The new Deanery Chairman is Alan Rayfield and we are still looking for someone to take over from Margaret Guelder as secretary. We also had a brainstorming session of what we needed for a Deanery plan. This subject was returned to at our final meeting of the year in March. This was held in the church at Westbury sub Mendip. Two clergy from Bath gave a very polished presentation on what their deanery plan consists of and sowed seeds for our ongoing planning.

The September meeting was hosted by us in St Peters' and many people commented favourably on how good the church is looking. Our speaker told us about the efforts Christian Aid are making to distribute malaria nets in Africa and the difference such a simple measure can make in the lives of people - especially children.

Unfortunately, neither Thea or myself were able to attend the November meeting so I can give no feedback.

Other Reports

F. Ministry Team

Richard Dingley

The year under review saw a number of changes in the Benefice Ministry team, the most significant being the departure from Cheddar of the non-stipendiary curate Rupert Bursell. Whilst this change did not impinge directly on our Parish it did reduce the overall team cover in the Benefice thus enabling the full-time clergy to make more frequent visits and so had an indirect impact on the worship in St. Peter's.

The Ministry Team met at least quarterly during the year in order to plan the service themes and allocate both the presiding and preaching duty rosters.

It must also be stated that during the present year, 2012, there has been another very significant change in the team with Gordon Jeff resigning his Permission to Officiate and thus no longer being able to fulfil the very valuable role he has had in Presiding at the celebration

¹ Painting the ceiling panels throughout the church, like those painted so beautifully in the chancel, would be an immensely expensive undertaking, and should of course have been done before the walls were painted. The PCC decided against it. DEC

of Holy Communion in both St. Peter's and St. Leonard's. We wish to thank him for his tremendous input into the life and worship of St. Peter's over the past years the extent of which is indicated in the record of the role he has played in the past year. We owe him a deep debt of gratitude while at the same time hoping that we shall continue to receive the benefit of his experience in a role within the Company of Preachers at St. Peter's and St Leonard's.

The Ministry Team now (April 2012) consists of

Our Benefice Rector: Revd. Sue Rose

Our Curate: Revd. Chris Butler

Retired Clergy: Ven. Judith Rose
Revd. Hilary Thomas

Licensed Readers: Nikki Devitt
Chris Green
Ann Wait in Cheddar

Reader with Permission to Officiate:
Richard Dingley

Licensed to Preach Thea Oliver

Reader Emeritus Beryl Thame

A list of abstracted details from the service register for 2011 is attached at the back of the reports.

G. School

Nikki Devitt

The church continues to play an active part in school life. We have increased the number of assemblies in the church, so that these are now weekly rather than fortnightly on Wednesday mornings, with Sue or Chris officiating one week and Nikki the next. The children behave respectfully in the church and join enthusiastically in the responses, the activities and the singing. As a 'foundation' governor I have a legal duty to monitor RE and collective worship, but quite apart from these duties, it is very encouraging to see the children participating in the life of the church.

Special church services in the past year have included the Leavers' Assembly in July, Harvest in October, and a Christmas service at the end of term led by Sue. 'Mothering Friday' led by Sue was also well attended, and there was an Easter service at the end of term.

Due to extended Diocesan commitments, unlike last year, Sue has not been able to continue teaching RE in school this academic year,

The new Chair of Governors is Jeff Astle, who is actually a Foundation Governor.

The Governing Body is also pleased to welcome Steve Percival back to its ranks, now restored to good health after several months off sick.

This year one of our Foundation Governors has stood down from the Governing Body, Rachel Chard. Her successor is actually due to be appointed by the diocese, but they prefer a recommendation from the PCC before proceeding with this. We do have one nomination, of a parent of one of the children at school. He is not known to the PCC and there has been a delay in the PCC evaluating his application, so unfortunately at present we are one Governor short.

The Governing Body has been pleased to accept Chris Butler as an extra co-opted member, without voting rights.

There is considerable pressure on all schools to adopt 'academy' status and so opt out of Local Authority control. Kings of Wessex School has already done so. The Governing Body of our school has no particular wish to pursue this course of action, but as other Somerset schools become academies, taking their funding with them, it may not even be feasible for smaller schools to remain under local authority control in the future.

We are therefore being forced to consider the options open to us. Small schools do not have the economies of scale that are available to large Comprehensives, and are being urged to consider 'Federation' with other similar schools in the area. Doing things together can deliver economies of scale, whether or not we ultimately pursue academy status. We are in the very preliminary stages of discussing federation with the governors of Shipham and Axbridge First Schools to see if this is an option we should adopt in the interests of the school and its pupils. These are both Church of England schools, so our interests should be similar, should federation seem the best option in the future. These are uncharted waters for the Governing Body, and your prayers would be appreciated.

H. SOSP (Supporters of St Peter's)

Thea Oliver, Tricia Lumley, Maria Millard, Rev Chris Butler & Janette Vining.

This last year has been quite a busy one for those of us involved in SOSP. We had our own events & supported the amazing work done by the 150th anniversary committee last summer. We have been involved in publicising St Peter's on Facebook & through photo sharing websites Piacassa and by word of mouth, inviting & involving our friends and neighbours to join in the life of our Church as a form of outreach.

We continue to work with other local, national & international groups or charities to raise funds and awareness, often sharing the profits from events. Please see Treasurer's report for details of amounts raised for each event.

Our year in brief since 2011 APCM:

- Scarecrow Festival: we lost count of the number of homes with scarecrows outside but there were more than 80!
- Cream teas in the Church & at 3 other venues around the village
- A quiz around the Churchyard & Church building
- Book stall at Strawberry Fayre
- The Holy Rollers valiantly entered the village Summer Skittles league!
- Harvest supper in the Church, including quiz aid for Christian Aid
- Quiz nights at the Strawberry Special
- Carols in the pub (Strawberry Special)
- Carol singing at The Laurel's
- Jumble Sale (Strawberry Special)

- Stalls at Draycott & Rodney Stoke First School Christmas Fayre: Candle dipping & refreshments
- Curry Night at the Strawberry Special in February

Thank you everyone who has helped in whatever way, we look forward to continuing to support our Church in the future. As ever: if anyone has any good ideas, or would like to join us, please just let us know!

Future events planned include being involved in the village Jubilee celebrations, Harvest Supper curry night at the Strawberry Special, Soup Lunch for Christian Aid, more quizzes, ...etc!

I. Local Ministry Group

Mendip Local Ministry Group comprises Axbridge, Shipham & Rowberrow, Cheddar, Draycott & Rodney Stoke and Crook Peak.

The Steering Group met bi-monthly and planned a variety of events.

- The Marriage Preparation morning was held on 19th February. There were thirteen couples attending, who were to be married in the LMG churches during 2011, and the clergy feel the session is a very worthwhile start to their preparation with the couples. The morning ended with a simple lunch, including a variety of tasty homemade soups, provided by Cheddar Mothers' Union.
- There were pulpit exchanges in May and November which continue to keep our congregations aware of the links between our churches.
- In July, Mary and Simon Counsel again kindly hosted an afternoon at Flagstaff Farm. This was titled Country Praise and, with a different format to previous visits, started with a Prayer Walk around the perimeter of the farm, planned by Christine Butler. A delicious bring-and-share tea followed and the afternoon ended with a short service led by Tim Hawkings, ably supported by Dave Williams on keyboard.
- In November a Quiz Evening with fish and chip supper was held in Cheddar. This was well supported and the evening was superbly run by quizmaster Kevin Walke.
- The Clergy and some Readers continued to meet on Thursdays for Morning Prayer in Axbridge, Cheddar or Weare.

The regular steering group meetings give the opportunity for the clergy to share their plans, ideas, dreams and concerns. Details of the various events at the churches within the LMG are also shared, along with Cheddar Valley Churches and Deanery events.

Although largely undefined, the group's policy is to organise events, both for social and spiritual growth, which would not be viable in the individual churches, ie Better Together. 2012 has already seen a morning on Spirituality and Guided Prayer Groups at Draycott, the annual Marriage Preparation Morning and a pulpit exchange. Other plans include a Lay Pastoral Assistants Course, a Pet Service at Badgeworth Arena and a Skittles Evening at Weare.

J. Cheddar Valley Churches

Sue Rose

Cheddar Valley Churches is an informal network of local churches. There is a monthly leaders meeting which meets for prayer and planning and a weekly gathering for prayer and Bible study.

The most significant ecumenical step this year has been to take on the employment of Jo Slade as Cheddar Valley Churches Schools Worker. Jo works on our behalf in Fairlands, Hugh Sexeys and Kings of Wessex, Running Christian Clubs in all three and working with staff to enhance the assemblies and RE but most importantly to be a visible Christian presence in each school.

Our other main focus of the year was the Father's Day Fun day. This has become an established and valued aspect of our community involvement. This year it took place with the added facilities of the Community Church's Tent Mission. We welcomed a Christian Magician as the main speaker, along with the now normal mix of worship outreach fun and food all given by local churches as our gift to the community; as ever being free was the topic of much conversation with those who attended providing a way into other deeper conversations

In January we celebrated the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity meeting daily for morning worship in a different church each day. The week also included a wonderful service led by the Roman Catholic Church. Once again in March the ecumenical Stations of the cross at the Roman Catholic Church in Cheddar was an inspiring occasion with each station being led by a different minister from the surrounding area. Later in the year in October the churches came together for the Bible Society evening celebrating the gift of the scriptures on the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible translation. There was an exhibition of Bibles set among flower arrangements from each church representing different verse from the Bible which were picked up and elaborated upon in the service.

'Get in the Picture' ran for the second year and again many people stopped to investigate and have their photo's taken in biblical costume – we pray that they were inspired to return to the website and read more about Jesus.

The regular ecumenical outreach stall at the Car Boot sale has gone from strength to strength, with its prayer opportunities. The team put on 'Meet the cast' for Christmas meaning that characters from the Biblical story could be encountered around the site and quizzed.

Our ecumenical links continue to be a great blessing to us all.

K. Bible Study Report.

Thea Oliver

This year we have unfortunately not been able to meet for Bible Study. However those of us who attend Wednesday evening prayer often have informal discussions about the set daily readings, which although brief are quite often surprisingly in-depth and poignant at times! One Sunday when due to a mix up we found ourselves without a sermon, Rev Chris led us in a very interesting discussion on that day's readings, it was very interesting & thought provoking. Not only did the 'usual suspects' from the preaching team speak, but also a number of other members of the congregation felt able to join in and share their thoughts and ideas. Perhaps repeating this occasionally would be a way to have some Bible study time, and

would include those who might not have thought it was for them, or who are not happy to go out or can't find the time in the evenings etc.

This year again some of us have joined with those from St Andrews, St Leonard's, Cheddar's Catholic Church in the Lent study group meeting in each other's homes to follow this year's 'Experiencing God's love' course from Steven Croft. We had a very successful plenary meeting with a 'bring & share' meal to complete the course on the Wednesday of Holy week in St Peter's. Thank you to all those who were involved.

Approximate Analysis of Services in 2011
With the bankers proviso of E&OE!

Main Services of Holy Communion:

Other Services:

	Celebrants	Preachers	Laurels/ Sealey Close	Home Comm.	Epilogue/ Evening Prayer	School	Others
Sue	17	8	4	2	30	2	8
Chris B	8	5	8	5	13	5	7
Gordon	14	5					1
Hilary	4	3					
Judith	3	3					
John Reed	1	1					
Nicola Sullivan	1	1					
Ken Brown	1	1					
Bishop Taunton		1					
Richard		5	4	21	1		
Chris G		6		3			
Nikki		5				?2+	
Thea		3	1	1			1
Music Team		1					
TOTAL	49	48	17	32	44	9+	17