

## Community coffee cup

APCM Report up to Dec 2018

We continue to have good numbers coming to CCC with a blend of people from the community and the church. We also take refreshments to the local shops which are much appreciated and we have built up a good rapport. We included Westbrook in our Prayer Walks and delivered a lot of our CCC fliers, blessing each house at the same time.

We have enjoyed a lot of support, in way of donations of money and goods from The Lions, The Rotary Club, Asda, and Cowplain Funeralcare, and are very grateful to them all. Their help along with donations from our visitors have helped considerably in our being self sufficient this year, and have not had to ask the church to supplement our funds. Our rent of Westbrook Hall is £1340 and costs of refreshments etc means we have a lot to pay out, so we are very thankful to God for all the donations.

God has also blessed us with a wonderful team of dedicated volunteers, for which we are very thankful. We have regular quarterly reviews where all team members are encouraged to participate. Cynthia and Patrick stepped down this year and we are so appreciative in theirs and Paul and Margaret's vision in starting CCC. Jenny and Robin have of course left team, so we have been a little depleted in numbers. We are very grateful Yolanda has stepped up as a deputy leader.

The Mayor of Havant, Councillor Peter Wade and Mayoress Mrs Janet Wade have been very supportive, dropping in from time to time and also holding their Cake Bake Competition, which attracted a lot of visitors. The previous Mayor, Councillor Elaine Shimbart and Councillor Gerald Shimbart also kindly attended our 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party and cut the cake with the help of Ronnie, Jonathan and Annabelle.

Julie had the idea of a pop up Nativity with both adults and children dressing up as different Biblical Characters at the time of The Nativity. This was great fun and provided a wonderful outreach to passers-by. The Men's Shed made a fantastic job of producing the stable.

Plans are already underway for Easter Saturday, with the Mayor and Mayoress. Make sure you don't miss it. Please hold CCC in your prayers and thank God for all he has done for us.

The Community Coffee Cup Team.

## **Report to APCM Prayer Ministry Team 2018**

During 2018 we invited a number of people from the church membership to come on a training course, written by our former curate, Andrew Marsden, to give them the knowledge, skills and confidence to join the prayer ministry team.

At the time of writing this report there are still a few outstanding individual meetings to conduct before the formal relaunch of our team in 2019.

In the meantime prayer has been freely available to anyone who requests it, whatever the time or the day.

The Prayer Chain is frequently used - and brings many blessings (our thanks to Lori and Bill Barberini and Jo Snares); the Prayer Diary reminds us of individuals and groups who may appreciate our prayers; a prayer table – as well as the prayer area in the old sanctuary - are always available to help us to pray; the opportunity for anyone and everyone to experience prayer stations, related to the Thy Kingdom Come event, was given in May.

Some local businesses were very interested in our offers to pray for them during our 24 hours of continuous prayer.

Prayer opportunities are being developed in the local schools and prayer walks have taken place around our parish – when we pray for the residents of our streets as we walk along.

**Spurgeon said “prayer is the boiler room of the church” – and we cannot disagree...  
Let us pray!**

## Home Groups

There is little to be added to what has, in the past, already been written about the importance of our Home (Bible study) groups. They exist to help in the deepening of our understanding of our Scripture and the development of the church fellowship in ways that cannot be achieved by Sunday attendance alone.

Suffice it to say that the existing groups have continued to meet and mature during the past year, but 2019 should see some exciting changes to the way we operate. Our studies will be brought more into line with one another, and, on occasions, structured to complement the teaching through a series of sermons on the preceding Sundays.

The studies will be in distinct 'batches' so that anyone will be enabled to dip in and out, rather than feeling trapped in a group for ever, although it is hoped that the experience of involvement will be so positive that most people will develop a close sense of fellowship with their fellow group members and wish to commit themselves to their group for an extended period

Probably less than a third of the total of St Wilfrid's congregations are currently involved in meeting regularly during the week and so there is plenty of ground still to make up in this vital extension of our church life, and so you will be pleased to know that there are currently spaces available to take new members and the prospect of several new groups being started as demand increases.

If you need any more information, please do have a word with one of us.

Ian Snares & Clive Williams

## Local House of Prayer (LHoP)

Jesus said "Where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them" (Matt 18 v 20)  
The idea of setting local Houses of Prayer was first formulated by Roy Godwin at the Ffald y Brenin retreat centre in Wales. The concept has spread rapidly and LHoP values are now used across the world to change the Spiritual atmosphere in communities.

Roy has written two books about Blessing our Communities, and highlighting the ways that God has moved to change peoples' hearts towards Him.

Here in Cowplain a small group has been meeting for many months each Wednesday afternoon to pray and intercede for our local community and to pray God's blessing on this place in the Name of Jesus our Lord. We are now planning to open this exciting initiative to the whole church in May, believing that many others will be blessed, as we have, by involvement in this important activity.

Before that we would like to invite anyone interested to join us in one of our regular Prayer Walks around the parish. To date we have visited the streets and prayed for the occupants of about two thirds of the houses in Cowplain, and the next occasion will, hopefully, be just before Easter. May the Lord bless you and keep you, shining His face upon his church, and bringing His peace.

Val Strutt, Angela Kemp & Sue Williams

## **IDWAL (Inter Diocesan West Africa Link)**

### **St Augustine's Church, Larteh, Ghana**

It's now been over 15 years since our link with St Augustine's Church, Larteh was established. Paul Moore, Jan Smith, Robert Shrimpton and myself were the first visitors from St Wilfrid's that visited our link church. Others have since visited and we have welcomed our brothers and sisters from Ghana to Cowplain.

It has been difficult, at times, to maintain that relationship because of various reasons. Ghanaian churches change their clergy very frequently, so continuation of relationships is difficult. Jan has been very faithful in corresponding with Jessie (the people's warden), sending her parish magazines and other updates over the years.

I have just been successful in re-establishing contact with Christiana who is a Catechist (similar to a Reader like myself). As wifi and social media becomes more accessible in the remote areas of Ghana, it allows easier contact.

For those who use Facebook, you can look at St Augustine's Anglican Church Larteh Facebook page, where there are lots of photos of our link.

Elaine Davenport



Our meetings are Friday's 1.30 to 3.30 in the Lower Hall

We have had yet another successful year creating art, and enjoying the variety of subjects which we have covered, both in class and with our visiting artist guests.

We covered a wide range of topics beginning with a revision of portraits in particular the proportions of the face, measuring and working from photos, we had to remind ourselves that to get a good likeness requires careful study and measurements, as we found human faces vary considerably and in unusual ways!

Our first workshop featured Brusho with Norman Rossiter, a very fine bright coloured powder paint which can be sprinkled into water and creates texture and pattern all by itself, it reminded us of those magic paint books we had as a child which appeared colourless until water was added and the colours magically appeared!

A little goes a long way and explodes onto the paper, but it can be used for controlled painting just like ordinary watercolour, it certainly brought out the experimenting side!

Many members of our group like coloured pencil work, so I took in a new product from Brush and Paint company which I demonstrated to show how wax pencils can be so easily blended with this special powder product (no I don't work for them!)

We closed the end of the first term when my friend Julie Longdon (professional artist) held a watercolour pencil workshop where we worked on pastel mat with the pencils creating a lovely black dog, Julie showed how they can be used wet as underpainting then dry on top for detail.

We have increased our meetings to 12 week terms this year as the group are so enthusiastic! This enabled us to meet new guests Yukari who held a workshop in pastel pencils on vellum completing a very adorable rabbit, and Will Dyke brought a whole printing workshop of tools and showed us how to make lino cut printing an elaborate method where we carved out our design on traditional lino and wood block before printing with up to 6 colours, some found the carving quite tricky but persevered and images ranged from wine glasses to birds and flowers.

We also contributed to the Cow trail again this year with a Star Wars theme.

Our third term is one we always focus on our exhibition, with our outside charity this year, Children in Need so this allowed us to make Pudsey stained glass, biscuits and bunting we found that even without crafts this time we still made £450 (split in half as usual to St Wilfs and Children in Need) people were asking if they could make a donation as they had enjoyed our pictures but did not have room to accommodate them at home, we were pleased to except this and maybe we should have a collecting box this year. This year we also were lucky to have an official visit from Havant Mayor Peter Wade and his wife and he brought a delicious chocolate cake for us to sell being most generous with his time and gift.

Our final visitor this year was Tony Parsons who held a workshop Landscape in Oils (though Acrylic was also used) picking a picture from the large amount of reference material he brought we were encouraged to use the blocking in method where by large shapes were copied from the photo in shades of grey (not unlike a black and white photo) then we cover this with colour, this is a traditional method for oil painting but works with other media just as well.

Our group are very supportive of each other and are always up for a challenge, this keeps me on my toes and it's a pleasure to work on their behalf. Roll on 2019!

Sallie Dunning.

## JUMP

JUMP started in September 2018 for young people in school years 5-8. It meets weekly during term time at Julie's home.

The group name was chosen by the young people and stands for 'Jesus, Unites and Moves People.'

The vision for the group is for it to be a space where young people can encounter Jesus for themselves, come to know him, love him and be transformed by him. Our vision is for it to be a group that makes and grows disciples.

As leaders, we are passionate about creating an open and safe environment where young people aged 9-13 (initially) can meet to eat, pray, share Jesus, question, have fun, laugh and be real with each other and feel comfortable inviting their friends to.

We want the group to grow with the young people and continue to be relevant to their lives.

The group is led by five adults and there are 13 young people who are on the 'books.' On average, there are 10 young people each week.

The young people decide the menu and take it in turns to cook and to say the grace.

Our programme so far has involved reading the Bible and thinking about what it means for us today. At Christmas we made Christmas tree decorations to donate to the local women's refuges and we also took part in the Carol Service at St Wilfrid's.

In the New Year, we are going to do a series on Mark's Gospel to help us to understand who Jesus is and what it means to follow him.

Julie Minter

# Fellaship 2018 Report

During 2018, 'Fellaship' has continued with its remit to organise inclusive, affordable and predominantly social events to appeal to those on the fringes or outside of any formal church group or meeting.

Unfortunately we only managed one event during 2018 which was the day trip to France (Caen) with a visit to the Historic old town of Caen including the castle, but this was enjoyed by the six participants.

Also as per last year, due to the nature of the event organised and those attending, no collections were taken for our nominated charity during the year.

## SWIFT REPORT FOR APCM 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Swift has had a successful year and we have had some interesting speakers including the very funny Judy Theobald, the Solent Ukeladies Sound (a female barber shop style harmony) and the Southsea Reel Club who performed Scottish country dancing. We again visited Fernham Hall and enjoyed performances of Carousel, The Producers, Grease and Thoroughly Modern Millie. We enjoyed a skittles match against the Men's Group in April and had a fundraising afternoon in June which was quite well attended and raised £336.70 for our charity The Medaille Trust. We had a Christmas meal in November and a social evening in December when we had a quiz.

However, despite advertising we have had no new members and our numbers are now quite low. Our treasurer advises that we will probably be able to continue this year, but our future looks uncertain. It looks likely that SWIFT may have to fold after being part of the church for many years which is very disappointing.

Chris Foyle

Chairman



## **Want to Paint? 2018-19**

It's been encouraging to welcome some new faces to the group over the last year and, as usual, the work's been extremely varied and interesting, everyone having their favourite style and materials.

Some members who usually make small drawings found large charcoal sketching quite challenging and figures in the landscape kept everyone well occupied (and quiet!)

We were treated to demonstrations of acrylic pouring by one of the team and another tricky subject has been light and shade. We've tried our hands at writing poems and sketches around our favourite places and followed up with paintings.

Who knows? Next term you might like to come and try your brushes out!

Sonia Passingham. 07785390177

## Safeguarding APCM report

December 2018

### **Safeguarding is everyone's business**

We are a very busy parish and consequently it has the knock-on effect of more of us having to undergo safer recruitment checks and training and I thank everyone for playing their part here.

We were fortunate to have Mary Daisy come to the church and give leadership and safer recruitment training, which we were able to offer out to neighbouring parishes.

We have also hosted Modern Slavery Awareness events and I am proud to say have fundraised for the Medaille Trust, which provides safe houses for women and children victims. We are now working in partnership with Cowplain Funeralcare to help collect much needed items for the women and children as they prepare to leave the safe houses. Do look at the list on the notice board in the foyer for the items required.

It was decided that all prospective PCC members will have to undertake full safer recruitment checks including DBS and safeguarding training. It will be mandatory for anyone elected onto the PCC to participate fully in these safeguarding requirements,

As always there are safeguarding changes ahead and we are going over to completing DBS online. We will guide people through this. A new handbook has also been issued by the National Church which has implications for us. We are reminded that if we do not adopt these policies then our insurance could be negated. So all PCC members as trustees have a duty to ensure these policies are followed.

I do thank all our amazing volunteers who do so much for God and our church, and in turn help to keep everyone safe.

Val Strutt

Safeguarding Officer

## **TODDLER GROUPS**

### **2018 REPORT**

The Ark and Little Fishes continue to thrive!

I took over leading the Little Fishes team at Easter (in addition to running The Ark), when Sonia retired after setting up and running the group for 3 years; she had originally planned to do it for one. Many thanks to Sonia for her vision and all her hard work.

We have lost some other members of the teams – Jan left Little Fishes at the same time as Sonia, but occasionally pops in if we're short of help and Fiona moved to Suffolk in the Autumn. Barry and Sue Smith have also stepped down from regularly helping at The Ark, but are also "on call" if we have too small a team.

We have gained some team members too. Julie joined us after her ordination and Katie, one of the mums, felt so at home in the group that when her daughter started pre-school, she offered to come and do craft for both groups, and this coincided wonderfully with Sue stepping down. Amanda has come on board the Little Fishes team and we have also welcomed Marion Hammon and Angela Kemp who man the reception desk, welcoming families as they arrive and keeping an eye on the door to prevent escapes. Phyllis Price has joined our kitchen team and comes in at the end to wash up – such a blessing! Long standing team members are as follows: Elaine Davenport, Clive and Sue Williams, Sharon Wheeler and Denise Williams. Thank you to all team members, past and present – you are wonderful!

At Christmas we gave out books of parables to children, along with a chocolate lolly – it's a great opportunity to give them a bit of the Bible. If we know a child is leaving us for school or pre-school, we give them another Bible book when they leave.

Most weeks we have 25-30 children, although attendance peaked at 40 children one week (not to mention all the parents and grandparents!). As ever, some of our members are very regular, never missing a week, and some are very sporadic. What is lovely, though is when a carer says that ours are the best groups they have attended.

As ever, we could do really with more leaders. When I ask people if they'd like to help they often say they are no good with little children, but that isn't a problem – the carers look after the little ones, the team are there mostly to chat to the mums, dads, granddads and grandmas or to make them a cuppa.

**Jo Snares**