

**Safeguarding Report
Oct 2020 APCM**

We are up-to-date with our safer recruitment. We are now processing all DBS applications online via the Christian organisation thirty one:eight. On the whole this has quickened the DBS process.

I also am dealing with checking on Updating which was previously undertaken by the Diocese.

However we are still able to receive advice and help from the Diocese Safeguarding team which is invaluable.

Since lockdown and current Covid 19 restrictions I have been able to accept scanned copies of documents until applicants commence work.

**All face to face training has been suspended until it is deemed to safely meet, although some online training can still be accessed. Please check Portsmouth Anglican Diocese website.
<https://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/safeguarding/training/>**

A new vigorous leadership training will be rolled out at St. Wilfs in due course.

We are very blessed by so many who volunteer for the church and our grateful thanks to you all.

Val Strutt

Safeguarding Officer

Community Coffee Cup
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God has continued to bless us . We won 1st prize in Tesco's Blue Token Scheme. This enabled us to pay for 6 months rent, update toys, kitchen goods etc, It equipped us to buy PPE and disposable cups, all much needed under Covid 19 restrictions, something at the time we of course could not predict we would need. We have also bought branded mugs with our Church and Community Coffee cup logo and also bought branded clothing for our amazing volunteers.

Our numbers pre Covid 19 had risen and we were reaching out into the Community with support also from The Lions, Rotary Club, Waitrose at Waterlooville, and ASDA. Our grateful thanks to all our supporters.

We celebrated our 6th birthday with a visit from our new MP Flick Drummond and held our 2nd Pop up Nativity.

Sadly Covid 19 prevented us from opening from mid March until mid August. We have returned twice a month, which we are trying to safely keep going but with limited numbers and of course we are working strictly under covid 19 restrictions.

We look forward to when we can safely open again every week.

Dave and Val Strutt

Swift Report 2020

We had a good year although disappointingly we had no new members. We had some very interesting speakers including the Medaille Trust, talks on straw work and wild orchids and a craft demonstration. We also enjoyed 4 theatre visits and saw performances of " That's What I Call Musicals", The Sound Of Music, South Pacific and Oklahoma. We had a successful coffee afternoon in June which raised £275 for our charity Havant Talking Newspapers, a Xmas meal in November and a social event in December.

At our AGM in January 2020 I mentioned our future was uncertain due to lack of income and support from new members . However our treasurer stated that we could manage to continue for another year. We had one more meeting in February but due to covid have been unable to meet since as most of our members are well over 60 years old. I have however kept in regular contact with members via telephone calls, supporting those especially who live on their own. I do not think we will be able to resume meeting again until this pandemic is over as we will be unable to do the things we normally do until then.

Chris Foyle Chairman.

St Wilfrid's Art Group
Annual Report. 2020.

Not actually an annual report as we have only met for 3 months due to the current Covid situation. The last workshop was with Sue Colyer in February when we had fun with watercolour on Yupo paper, plenty of experimentation I recall. During the time we have been away, I have maintained contact with phone calls, everyone seems to be jogging along, some have managed to get away in their caravans or have a family holiday, and have kept clear of the virus but still have underlying health issues. It is difficult to see a clear way ahead, under the circumstances but we remain optimistic and have the will to return as soon as is practical. Sallie Dunning.

TODDLER GROUPS 2018 REPORT

The Ark and Little Fishes were continuing to thrive before lockdown! The Ark on a Wednesday regularly had over 30 children.

As usual, we have lost a few members of the teams – after doing craft for over a year Katy decided she needed more time to work on her cleaning business, and Angela Kemp has stepped down from her role welcoming people. Elaine has also stepped down since she got married.

But we have gained team members too. Deb Adam, Elaine Hoey and Bob Wheeler have all joined the team, as has Claire, one of our mums, who wanted to come on team once her daughter started school. Long standing team members are as follows: Julie Minter, Marion Hammon, Clive and Sue Williams, Sharon Wheeler and Denise Williams. Samsie Warnecke and Phyllis Price do a wonderful job in the kitchen washing up after the sessions. Thank you to all team members, past and present – you are wonderful!

At Christmas we gave out Nativity stories to the 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 Bible book when they leave. Unfortunately we were unable to do that this year, so we have posted a small Bible story book with a covering letter to all the children who are starting school or who we have been told won't be coming back.

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 yet, we are unsure when we will be able to reopen the Toddler groups. The groups exist mainly to support the parents, to be a listening ear and to provide a hot drink. At the time of writing, the current guidance is that there could be no refreshments or singing, adults would have to wear masks and socially distance. Even the children would have to socially distance and could not share toys. And numbers would have to be limited.

When we do reopen, we really need more helpers. Could you help make teas and coffees or prepare the snack? Could you be a welcoming face saying "hello" when the parents and carers sign in? If so, we need you! 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. If you get in touch now, we can start the safer recruitment process and be ready for when we can reopen.

Jo Snares

Report from TLC 2020

This was a short session in January and the beginning of February.

It was well attended. The ladies enjoy chatting, knitting and sharing puzzles. They are very good at answering the quiz questions and enjoy the Tea/Coffee and cakes. It's not foreseeable to start again at the present time. We can but hope for for better times to come in the future for all.

Many thanks for the use of the Church hall and kitchen.

Vicki, John Turner and Daughter Elaine Jefferson.

St Wilfrid's 2020

Throughout lock down Julie emailed Messy Church at home sessions to all families on the mailing list. Thank you Julie!

We have had the opportunity to join up with Hart Plain and Berewood Messy Churches. We delivered two Messy Church Services via Zoom and have planned our first face to face service to be held at Hart Plain Church on October 4th, when we will be able to welcome 10 family bubbles. Maria and Lesley have worked with Kate Mcfarlane and Amy Tamblin, and the rest of the team have supported us with prayer.

We wait with excitement to see where God takes us next!