

ST JOHN'S CHURCH YEALAND CONYERS

Annual Report 2020



“COME AND JOIN US”

**St John's Church, Yealand Conyers
Annual Report and Financial Statements of the
Parochial Church Council
for the year ended 31st December 2020**

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Churchyard Day



Cover: The Christingle Service in February

St John's Parochial Church Council 2020

Chairperson	The Revd Robin Figg
Churchwardens	Clare Hunter Sally-Ann Rothwell (vice-chairperson)
Secretary	Linda Gardner
Treasurer	Clare Hunter
Other Members	Kate Bethell Annette MacKenzie (LLM) Janet Thompson (LLM) Granville Tunnicliffe Wilson (Deanery Synod representative and gift aid treasurer) Jean Tunnicliffe Wilson (Deanery Synod representative and electoral roll officer) Gillian Turner Kate Waddington

The Aim

The aim of the PCC is to cooperate with the Vicar in promoting, in the parish, the whole mission of the Church - pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Status

The PCC is a charity with Excepted Status given by the Charity Commission.

The Mission Statement of St John's in The Yealands

1. We, the people of St John's, seek to develop our relationship with God in sacrament, celebration, thanksgiving and meditation.
2. With study, instruction, reflection and discussion we seek to know more of the Christian life and to extend our commitment in the fellowship of faith.
3. We seek to share the faith, to be stewards of God's gifts and to respond to human need by loving service.
4. In all that we do, we seek God's guidance, healing and love in prayer.

Vicar's Report

The Revd Robin Figg

“Heavenly Father, we embrace your call for us to make disciples, to be witnesses and to grow leaders. Give us the eyes to see your vision, ears to hear the prompting of your Spirit and courage to follow in the footsteps of your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.”

The Diocesan Vision 2026 Prayer

The year 2020 will be remembered as the year of the Covid-19 pandemic. The new virus that first appeared in China towards the end of 2019 came to dominate every aspect of our lives across the world. As I write this report in spring 2021 the pandemic continues to impact our lives and it will continue to do so for quite some time to come.

We will remember the date 23rd March 2020 when the Prime Minister announced a national lockdown with the message “Stay at Home; Protect the NHS; Save Lives”. This took us into new territory: schools were closed for most pupils, non-essential shops were closed, people worked from home if possible, and church buildings were closed. Life felt very different and very strange.

The loss of in-person gathering for worship, and the suspension of all midweek activities was a shock and required us all to adapt very quickly. Like many local churches, we had to learn how to livestream services so those with online access could share in worship from their own home. For the first few weeks, including Holy Week and Easter, we broadcast services live from the Vicarage dining room, working within the constraints of simple equipment and standard broadband connection.

Another early task was to ensure we could stay connected across our church communities. As well as enhanced use of our Benefice website, A Church Near You pages and Facebook page, I began writing a weekly pastoral letter which was sent by email to a growing Benefice list and by

post to those without an online connection; soon the mailings were being sent to over 120 email addresses and 24 postal addresses.

The wider Church also began to respond to the new situation. The Church of England established a Covid-19 Recovery Group to offer guidance to parishes in response to the government's regulations as these changed. An immense amount of work was done setting up new resources for use nationally and locally: online pre-recorded weekly services, a free telephone service with prayers and hymns to listen to, pre-recorded hymns and music from St Martin-in-the-Field, London for parishes to use in their own services. Our Diocese set up a Coronavirus Task Group which has provided regular briefings to help guide us through the complexities of the ever-changing situation.

In early May we were allowed to use our church buildings again for livestreaming services. This meant we began to broadcast a Sunday service from St John's and St Mary's alternately, making use of the B4RN superfast broadband available in these buildings. We could also include pre-recorded readings and prayers and improve the visual presentation of the services, which was appreciated by those sharing at home.

In late June we were allowed to open our buildings for individual prayer, which necessitated the churchwardens carrying out a risk assessment to ensure we could welcome people in a Covid-secure way. Then in mid-July we were able to resume in-person worship, which we did initially

with a weekly service at 11.00am on Saturdays at St Oswald's, whilst continuing to livestream at 10.30am on Sundays.

The next phase of our journey through 2020 began in September when we moved the service at St Oswald's from Saturday to Sunday and resumed a midweek service on Wednesdays at St John's. The autumn is a busy time in the Church calendar and we were able to produce several pre-recorded special services: All Souls' Memorial, Remembrance Sunday, Advent Carols, Christmas Carols and Crib Service. Following a second lockdown for a month into early December, we resumed in-person services again, including a service on Thursdays at St Mary's.

Unfortunately, a significant second Covid-19 wave arrived in late 2020 and a third lockdown was introduced at the start of 2021. As I write we are beginning the staged roadmap out of lockdown, hoping that all restrictions can be lifted by the summer.

It has been an immensely challenging time for everyone across all parts of society. The loss of all in-person worship for long periods and the continuing restrictions when we have resumed meeting for worship has been a painful experience for the Christian Church. We very much look forward to the resumption of a fuller pattern of services and midweek activities, which together express the fullness of our Church community life across our Benefice.

Early on during the pandemic it was clear that we would need to reflect on what being and doing Church means and, perhaps, reassess our priorities. The core need has been to encourage one another to hold on to our **belief** in the Love of God and thence discover how to **live** and **share** this Love in the context of a global pandemic.

At no time, of course, has Church stopped



or been cancelled. What has happened is that we have learnt how to do, and be, Church differently. We have learnt how to do, and be, community differently out of a loving concern for one another.

The Diocesan Vision 2026 is summarised as 'Healthy Churches Transforming Communities'. As we reflect on the year 2020 and look ahead through 2021 and beyond, there are questions that will help us shape the post-pandemic Church in our Benefice as we seek to be a healthy Church transforming our community:

- i. What have we lost that we need to regain?
- ii. What have we lost that needs to stay lost?
- iii. What have we gained that we need to keep, and build upon?
- iv. What have we gained that we now need to lose for the future?

The Christian story centres on the events of Holy Week and Easter. "We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song." Flowing from this overarching story of the

death and resurrection of Jesus our Lord is the realisation that every human story is one of a series of little deaths and resurrections. So, our experience of the Covid-19 pandemic must lead us to discover what we need to leave behind and what we need to hold on to and carry with us into the future. We must not expect the Church in 2021 to look the same as the Church in 2019.

But we can expect the Church to continue to centre its life on the life of the Jesus, who shows us what the true Love of God means and looks like. In our worship, in our nurture and in our outreach, we must be Christ centred and Jesus shaped. This is how the mission of the Church will be the same as the mission of Christ, which expressed in **The Five Marks of Mission** of the Anglican Communion is:

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers.
3. To respond to human need by loving service.
4. To seek to transform the unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation.
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

Each year's annual meetings give us an opportunity to check ourselves against the framework of the mission of the Church, whether that is expressed through the vision words of the Anglican Communion, our Diocese of Blackburn or our own Benefice. All these statements point us to the Love of God revealed in Jesus the Christ for all people everywhere.

Our annual meetings also give us an opportunity to acknowledge and give thanks for all that is offered by many people to support and enable our life of worship, nurture and outreach.

So, I would like to express my thanks to those who share the leadership of God's Church in the Parish of Yealand: Sally-Ann Rothwell, Churchwarden; Clare Hunter, Churchwarden and PCC treasurer; Linda Gardner, PCC secretary; Granville and Jean Tunnicliffe Wilson, Deanery Synod representatives; other PCC members; Annette MacKenzie, Licensed Lay Minister; Janet Thompson, Licensed Lay Minister.

Thank you, also, to Peter Mann, for leading services at St John's and across the Benefice. Thank you to all those who lead and support the range of church-based groups and activities which are part of the life of St John's and the Benefice, including Tweens & Teens, Mini Church, Tea @ St John's, Knit & Natter, Pancake Lunch, Lent group, Pilgrim group, churchyard maintenance day.

Thank you, also, to those who support our link with Yealand CE Primary School. The Covid-19 pandemic affected every school in the country enormously and we are all so impressed by the way our teachers and school staff responded to ensure continuing provision of quality education in person and online during the year.

As we look beyond our 2021 annual meetings there will be the challenge referred to above to discover what the post-pandemic Church locally will look like. We will also need to consider how we engage with some significant wider Church issues, including:

- the Diocesan *Vision 2026 Implementation Plan (2021-2024)*;
- the Church of England *Living in Love and Faith* project looking at identity, sexuality, relationship and marriage;
- the Church of England Environment Programme, including the General Synod target for all parts of the church to work to become carbon 'net zero' by 2030.

Let me conclude by bringing us back to the core message of our faith, the good news of Jesus Christ, which is that God is Love (1 John 4.8). I was reminded recently of the writings of Mother Julian of Norwich, the 14th century mystic, who received a number of ‘showings’ or ‘revelations’ from God. She wrote:

Throughout the time of my showings, I wished to know what our Beloved meant. More than fifteen years later, the answer came in a spiritual vision. This is what I

heard. “Would you like to know our Lord’s meaning in all this? Know it well: love was his meaning. Who revealed this to you? Love. What did he reveal to you? Love. Why did he reveal it to you? For love. Stay with this and you will know more of the same. You will never know anything but love, without end.”

Thank you all.

May the God of Love bless us in all we do and in all we are, now and always.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

Linda Gardner

March 2020 and the world went into lockdown. Government briefings and daily press conferences became our everyday. Clap for Carers became our weekly outing. Wearing loungewear all the time. Homeschooling. Working from home. Millennials and Generation X taking over Tik Tok. 2020 is a year like no other!

As we leave January behind and embrace February and spring, there are positives to look forward to. The vaccine rollout is phenomenal and hopefully, a way out of lockdown. Families and friends will once again be able to meet. For some of us, this means finding an excuse not to meet people!

Throughout the pandemic, churches all over the world have carried on with their day-to-day work and offered support to their congregations. For St. John’s, like many churches, this meant online services and Zoom meetings. The APCM was postponed till October, when it could be held at St. John’s under Covid guidelines. All PCC meetings have been by Zoom. Zoom meetings are not everyone’s cup of

tea, but for anyone who has attended a PCC meeting, PCC meetings are not everyone’s cup-of-tea!

St. John’s Annual Meeting of Parishioners was held on Wednesday 21st of October in St. John’s Church and appointed Sally-Ann Rothwell and Clare Hunter as churchwardens for the period 2020/2021. The PCC would like to offer their sincere thanks to Sally-Ann and Clare for all their support to St. John’s.

Following the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, the Annual Parochial Council Meeting was held and the PCC for 2020/2021 was elected. At the present time, the PCC has four members and five vacancies.

Here in Yealand, we are blessed with a wonderful village community, who have supported each other during the last twelve months and will continue to support one another. We are also blessed at St. John’s to have a dedicated group of people who continue to offer their time and commitment in supporting St. John’s. To all of you, thank you.

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

Clare Hunter and Sally-Ann Rothwell

Oh dear, what a year! It started uneventfully and then the world fell apart with the COVID pandemic. Church services were suspended in March when all churches were closed and we had to learn very quickly how to keep things going using the internet. We are enormously grateful to Robin and Elizabeth who worked very hard to establish an online presence for the benefice, with streamed services from the very start of the pandemic, first from the vicarage and then from St John's and St Mary's. We are also very grateful that we have B4RN which made this possible.

St John's opened for individual prayer for four days a week from July. We could see, via the CCTV cameras, a slow but steady stream of visitors that demonstrated that this was appreciated by the community.

By July we were able to have a weekly benefice Eucharist service at St Oswald's on Saturdays. In September the service pattern was changed to weekly Eucharists at St Oswald's on Sundays and at St John's on Wednesdays – it was lovely to be back in church. A further Eucharist was added on Thursdays at St Mary's in December, following the second lockdown in November. The live streamed service on YouTube on Sundays continued throughout. Advent and Christmas were

celebrated with a combination of live and streamed services and it was good to celebrate St John's Day in church, albeit with limited numbers and without the usual festive refreshments afterwards.

We have established a different working pattern this year. The Benefice Advisory Group (the vicar, representatives of each church and Licenced Lay Ministers from across the benefice) has met regularly and played a major role in helping to organise things, whilst the usual rotas for all the tasks that used to happen in association with St John's were suspended. It remains to be seen how things develop in future but a lot of work has fallen on Robin and the churchwardens, mainly because the situation has been constantly changing. We are looking forward to a return to something like normality, when we can share the workload across the parish and when we can meet and celebrate the events of the church year fully and in person, especially with those who have been unable to participate online or attend the reduced services during 2020.

Finally we would like to say again how much we appreciate Robin and Elizabeth's unstinting work in keeping the church in the benefice together in this very difficult time – thank you!

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

Granville Tunnicliffe Wilson, Jean Tunnicliffe Wilson

There was one Deanery Synod meeting in 2020, in October by Zoom, a joint meeting of Tunstall and Lancaster Deaneries. The meeting was very well organised by Carolyn Barton, the diocesan vision coordinator. The speakers included Bishop Jill and Archdeacon David. We started with a short service, led by Nancy Goodrich, the Area Dean of Tunstall. The speakers took us briefly through the first sections of the 47 pages of 'Draft Vision 2026 Implementation Plan (2021 – 2024)' and we broke into small groups to discuss questions raised.

The sections included the Vision of 'Healthy Churches Transforming Communities' with A Vision of a Transformed Lancashire (pages 4-7) and Marks of a Healthy Church (pages 7-10).

Vision 2026 rests on Foundations (pages 10-12) with Building Blocks of Making Disciples (pages 13-16), Being Witnesses (pages 16-21), Growing Leaders (pages 22-24) and Inspiring Children and Young People (pages 24-28) with particular

reference to our Church of England Primary and Secondary Schools.

Many hours of work have gone into the production of this draft vision but I suspect most members of the synods had only skimmed through it beforehand, if that. There was so much information presented in the meeting that it was difficult to make any constructive comments when overwhelmed by the detail.

Comments in our group included the desire for good cooperation with Carlisle diocese and the importance of caring for those less fortunate, both locally and world-wide. Action to meet human need locally is included under Being Witnesses although current funding through Together Lancashire will not continue beyond this year.

At the end of the two-hour meeting, we were glad to have had the opportunity to know our small group better. We bid farewell by all (over 50 of us) joining in for the vision prayer.

FABRIC

Clare Hunter and Sally-Ann Rothwell

John Beck stood down as fabric officer at the start of the year. We are very grateful to John for everything he has done for St John's over the last 5 years.

There are some minor items outstanding from the 2019 Quinquennial Report (QIR) and we are still monitoring several cracks. Apart from some minor repairs and routine maintenance, no other work was carried out this year. A donation was promised towards replacing the headstones that have been laid down and work was to take place in January 2021.

Improvements to the chancel lighting will be carried out when funds allow.

Health and Safety had a higher than usual profile in 2020. A COVID Risk Assessment was produced and kept under review. There was an incident when someone slipped on the church steps; after carrying out an investigation and taking professional advice we concluded that the steps had not been in need of cleaning and we will continue to keep them clean.

MISSION AND MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Sally-Ann Rothwell

The Mission and Ministry Committee acts as a forum for considering and discussing matters concerning the life of the church within three areas of mission - Worship, Nurture and Outreach. Each meeting reviews events that have taken place since the previous meeting and plans ahead for

those that are forthcoming. The committee met only once in 2020. Thank you to Linda Gardner, Clare Hunter, Annette MacKenzie, Janet Thompson, Jean Tunnicliffe Wilson and the others who have helped this year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/TEENS AND TWEENS / MINI CHURCH

Linda Gardner

Well, there isn't much to say. Our **Teens and Tweens** benefice group, which was growing, came to a full stop, with brakes on. Our fabulous and funny young people could not partake of the delightful Teens and Tweens events we had planned. We missed the summer BBQ and games, my favourite! The orienteering. The Maize Maze. Jump Rush. Bowling. Quiz night. All toast! Emma BT has a freezer full of cakes for you. I've eaten all the chocolates. We did send flowers to our friends at Yealand House who host the summer BBQ to say we missed them. Most of all, we missed our Teens and Tweens. We missed your fabulousness!

Teens and Tweens will be back with more events as soon as we can. Till then, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Please keep checking the Teens and

Tweens Facebook page for updates of future events.

Like the Teens and Tweens, **Mini Church** came to an abrupt halt in 2020. All our careful plans of 'what theme will fit this activity' were abandoned. We had hoped to hold our December Mini Church, which some of you - Jenny, can hardly contain their excitement for, but it wasn't to be. Mini Church is on hold. Not cancelled, just postponed.

We will be back, meeting once a month in the Village Hall for stories, songs, crafts and games. Till then, just to say, thank you to Lesley Gee for leading Mini Church. Thank you also to the parents, grandparents, staff of Yealand School and especially the children for making Mini Church a special place for us all. You are in our prayers and we look forward to welcoming you all back soon.

ACTIVITIES, SOCIAL EVENTS AND SPECIAL SERVICES

Sally-Ann Rothwell

The year started with a Christingle for Candlemas and the usual, very enjoyable pancake lunch in church on Shrove Tuesday. Church services were suspended the week before Mothering Sunday, so the service was streamed from St John's and flowers were distributed to the community afterwards.

Robin and Elizabeth marked many of the events of the church year with special streamed services on YouTube, including a complete set of services for Holy Week which included a tomb in the vicarage garden and a most impressive fire for the Easter Vigil!

We were able to hold the churchyard day in September, in a socially distanced fashion of course and everyone present very much enjoyed the bacon and sausage sandwiches from the New Inn.

Regular events continued in their established pattern until forced to stop, including Tea@St John's and Knit and Natter. The knitters and crocheters of the benefice continued their work throughout the year and we were able to send regular parcels of squares to be made into blankets and other items to South Africa for AIDS orphans.

SAFEGUARDING

Kate Bethell

This year there have been no reports of incidents regarding safeguarding at St John's. The Benefice safeguarding team continue to meet six monthly to share good practice.

Safeguarding is a standing item on the PCC agenda and the PCC complies with the duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance in relation to safeguarding.

ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT

Jean Tunnicliffe Wilson

At the end of 2019 the total number on the roll was 51. Two people have moved away from the area and at the end of 2020 the roll had 49 names, 9 in Conyers, 21 in Redmayne and 19 from outside the Yealands.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, YEALAND CONYERS
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER
GENERAL FUND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

INCOME	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
British Gas/electricity offset	1,813.41		1,707.32	
Collections	53.08		2,213.83	
Donations	1,311.28		1,500.00	
Fees	1,044.00		3,488.00	
Fund raising	16.00		468.93	
Online giving	461.50		0.00	
Net Covenants-Gift Aid	16,210.85		16,337.87	
Rebates and refunds	4,587.11		5,873.97	
50/50 Club	1,684.00		2,048.00	
Ofgem R.H.I.	988.66		1,664.61	
Miscellaneous	0.00		6.00	
Transfer			3,539.59	
TOTAL INCOME		28,169.89		38,848.12
EXPENDITURE		2020		2019
	£	£	£	£
Benefice expenses	1,349.05		2,663.37	
Charities	1,761.05		1,458.00	
Church maintenance	445.45		7,982.68	
Churchyard maintenance	750.00		750.00	
Cleaner	480.00		510.00	
Fees	198.98		1,018.00	
Heating electricity and water	3,834.21		4,808.35	
Insurance	2,078.60		2,035.75	
Organist	220.00		885.00	
Miscellaneous	0.00		39.00	
Parish Share	18,620.00		17,931.00	
Transfers				
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		29,737.34		40,081.15
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		(1,567.45)		(1,233.03)
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		2020		2019
Bank account at 1st. Jan.		9,118.16*		10,124.19
Add surplus (deficit) for the year from above		(1,567.45)		(1,233.03)
Bank account at 31st. Dec.		7,550.71		8,891.16*

The accounts for 2019 include 3 uncleared cheques paid out totalling £450.00 and another paid in for £223.00 so the cleared amount was £9,118.76. The accounts for 2020 include the same 4 amounts and the starting balance has been adjusted by the same amount.

**STATEMENT OF PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER**

CCLA INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNT AS AT 31ST DECEMBER

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
Balance @ 1st January		16,436.93		19,836.51
Interest	69.80		140.01	
Transfer (Building Works)			3,539.59	
Balance @ 31st December		16,506.73		16,436.93

Reserves Policy

The policy of the PCC is to keep a minimum of £5,000 in an interest bearing account to cover unforeseen expenditure. The chosen account is reviewed from time to time in order to achieve a competitive rate of return. The account currently used is the CCLA CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH 2021 BUDGET

INCOME	£	
Collections	50	
Donations	1,200	
Fund raising	50	
Online giving	500	
Fees	1,000	
Electricity offset	1,600	
Net Gift Aided Contributions	19,000	
50/50 club	1,500	
Gift Aid and GASDS reclaim	5,000	
Ofgem RHI	1,000	
TOTAL INCOME		£30,900
EXPENDITURE		
Benefice expenses	1,680	
Church expenses	2,000	
Charities	750	
Churchyard maintenance	7,500	
Church maintenance	6,500	
Cleaner	480	
Fees	200	
Heating electricity and water	4,050	
Insurance	2,500	
Organist	300	
Parish Share	16,905	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		£42,865.00
Surplus or (Deficit) for the Year		£(11,965)

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St John's Church, Yealand Conyers

At the time of publishing this report it has not been possible to have the accounts independently examined.

The accounts as presented have been approved by the PCC.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, YEALAND CONYERS			
CHARITY GIVING 2020			
Charity	Special Collections	From Church Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Bishop's Harvest Appeal	35.00	15.00	50.00
Kendal Dementia Action Alliance	0.00	500.00	500.00
Mosamaria Trust (Pancake lunch)	157.20	64.30	221.50
The Children's Society (Christingle)	38.25	11.75	50.00
The Children's Society (Crib Service)	0.00	170.00	170.00
The Cure Parkinson's Trust	0.00	500.00	500.00
Water Harvest	0.00	500.00	500.00
TOTAL	230.45	1,761.05	1,991.50

TREASURER'S REPORT

Clare Hunter

Firstly, a big thank you to Alison Beck for being our Treasurer for such a long time. Alison stood down at the end of 2019 and I took over the following March.

Our Parish Share (the amount of money we send to the Diocese) that we were asked to pay was well up on 2019 so the PCC decided we should ask for a discussion with the Diocese. With Covid, Robin Figg, Sally-Ann Rothwell and I eventually had this discussion via Zoom. It was realised that in recording some attendance figures there had been double counting and once these were corrected our Share came down to a more manageable level.

In addition, our share of the Vicar's stipend was 25% and was thought excessive, so we had a discussion with Warton and it was agreed that in future we would pay 20%. Based on this, our share of on-line giving (collected by Warton) was agreed at 20% and our share of Benefice Expenses was agreed at 20%. This last was up half again on what we had been paying, but was thought to be fair.

In the budget for last year I estimated that we could expect a deficit of £6000. It actually turned out to be £7000 but one payment of our feed in tariff from our solar panels came in at well over £1000, which was a surprise but was because we had had such a lovely summer, and we had some very generous one-off donations which together brought our deficit to £1567.45.

In the 2021 budget I won't be assuming these will come again. The budget includes provision for expenditure on equipment for streaming services and we hope to be able to start dealing with the outstanding fabric items whilst adhering to our reserves policy.

Our Share payment seems to me quite scary, but I have been amazed at the amount of money people kindly donate to St John's, and this just about keeps us going. So, to you who donate, however large or small, a big Thank You.

Finally, thanks also go to Granville Tunnicliffe Wilson (Banker and Gift Aid) and Sally-Ann Rothwell (Churchwarden) who have been mines of information and have helped me through the year.

SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S

Regular services at St John's were suspended in March 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The usual service pattern comprises the Parish Eucharist on Sundays at 9.15 am, at which we use contemporary language, sing hymns, and celebrate the presence of God in the Scriptures and in Holy Communion and a simple, said service of Holy Communion on Wednesdays at 9.15am.

Everyone is welcome - there are toys to keep younger children amused.

At the end of each service coffee, tea and biscuits – and a good chat – are enjoyed by all.

“COME AND JOIN US”

Details of all churches in the benefice can be found on the website www.ubwby.org

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