

The Parish Church of
St John the Baptist, Tisbury
reflecting Jesus Christ...



A Celebration of Church Life 2017

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Foreword



“And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” (Acts 2.42)

Saint John the Baptist’s in Tisbury is a church that looks at its context, asks what its particular ministry should be, and, if necessary, reinvents itself. This year has been no exception as we have been confronted by change, both within the church and the community.

The year 2017 started with the impending retirement of Andrew Staley, who since 2008 had been Tisbury’s parish priest and a Team Vicar for the Nadder Valley. The vacancy following Andrew’s departure has been significantly longer than I’d been anticipating. However, on Palm Sunday we announced that the Reverend Juliette Hulme, currently Chaplain at Wells Cathedral School, is to be the next Tisbury-based Team Vicar, and that it is anticipated that the Bishop of Salisbury will license her on Monday 3rd September.

In the meantime, the church continues its mission, framed around teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayers. And for this, I should like to offer my sincere thanks.

Graham Southgate
Team Rector

There are five sections; Who we are, Worship, Mission and pastoral, Church buildings and Other church activities.

Front cover: Winning entry from Nicole R in St John’s Fête painting competition.

Who we are

The Parish Church of St John the Baptist serves the Wiltshire village of Tisbury (pop: 3,000 approx) in the Nadder Valley Benefice. Residents are widely varied in age, social background and employment status. Tisbury retains a strong rural character.

St John's, which can hold in excess of 300 people, dates from the twelfth and fourteenth centuries, and is in good repair. There are services each Sunday, and the monthly cycle of worship encompasses a range of worship styles embracing eucharists and a traditional choral evensong as well as a more contemporary family service and contemplative worship. A dedicated team leads occasional youth events. The church is renowned for its musical tradition, with a committed group of experienced singers and players making up the church choir and instrumental band. There is also a team of bell ringers.



There is considerable involvement and support given by local residents to the church and its mission. The Hinton Hall (church hall) nearby provides a well-used meeting and function space for church and secular groups. The building houses a well-established parish office staffed by competent volunteers led by a paid part-time Administrator who is also responsible for the content of the website. There are good links with the Roman Catholic and Methodist churches in Tisbury. The congregations regularly join together for worship and social events including a monthly healing service, a Remembrance Sunday service and the annual village carol service.

Focus, our monthly magazine produced by the church for the village community, contains details of services of all three churches, along with reports and features from secular community groups.

There are close links between the church and St John's School, a Church of England Primary School where several church members (including Chairman and Vice-Chairman) serve as governors. A current church initiative at the school is a Bible education project called *Open the Book* and the church is used regularly by the school to mark festivals such as Harvest and Christmas.

The Parish of St John's provides a wealth of challenges and opportunities for spiritual growth. The congregation has shown itself ready to take on change and is looking to the future, reaching out joyfully towards newcomers and the young. It strives to play a full part in the developing life of the benefice.

From the more detailed reports that follow, we hope you will conclude that despite the varied challenges of running a church in an increasingly secularised society, there is a committed Christian community in Tisbury that aims to live up to its strapline – *reflecting Jesus Christ*.



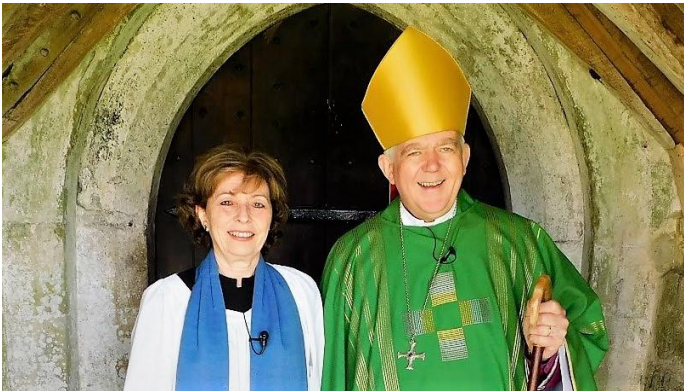
The Nadder Valley Benefice: Clergy and Lay staff

At full strength, we are normally served by a clergy team led by a Team Rector, two Team Vicars, supported by associate priests and several supernumerary clergy, as well as a Licensed Lay Minister. 2017 has not been a normal year! We saw a number of staff changes beginning with the departure at the end of January with the retirement of Andrew Staley, our Team Vicar for seven years. His position remained unfilled throughout the year. During 2017 however, the Rector and Revd Mark Hayter (Associate Priest) were joined by new members of staff.

The Revd Joanna Naish joined us as an Associate Priest in the Spring. Living near Tisbury, Jo is a familiar face at St John's.

The Revd Elaine Brightwell arrived in the summer to fill the Team Vicar post at the eastern end of the benefice.

The Revd Tina Fox is an Associate Priest living a few miles away in Teffont. She joined us in November 2017.



Judy Anderson, our own Licensed Lay Minister, and Associate Warden of Licenced Lay Ministers in the Salisbury Diocese, marked 25 years of Lay Ministry in October. The Bishop of Salisbury, the Rt Revd Nicholas Holtam led the celebrations at a Sunday communion service attended by congregations from other churches in the benefice, and further afield.

Worship at St John's



The monthly pattern of Sunday services during 2017 has remained unchanged, consisting of a said service of Holy Communion at 8.00 am on the second and fourth Sundays; a sung 9.30 am Parish Communion except for the first Sunday of the month when there is a Family Service, with lively music provided by the Church Band.

There is a Sunday evening service at 6.00 pm each week, each with a different style. The pattern is as follows:

1st Sunday	Holy Communion - congregational singing with hymns
2nd Sunday	Questioning Faith - exploring aspects of belief,
3rd Sunday	Choral Evensong - sung evening prayers and calming music.
4th Sunday	Prayer and Praise - contemplative with modern songs

There are said services of Holy Communion at 10.00 am on Wednesdays and 8.00 am on Fridays. Morning Prayer is said at 8.00 am on Wednesdays.

Music in Worship



Music plays an important part in the worshipping life of St John's. Between them, a choir and church band of experienced and able musicians led by a Director of Music and a Bandmaster, reflect a wide variety of musical styles in the monthly service pattern. Contemplative music such as that from the Taizé and Iona communities is sung congregationally at one of the evening services.

The choir's main purpose is to lead the congregational singing at the regular Sunday morning Eucharist. It performs a choral item during the distribution of communion. The choir also sings a monthly Choral Evensong which is substantial in its musical content and for which we are joined by singers from other churches in the benefice and further afield. One innovation at the end of the 2017 Easter service was the singing of the 'Hallelujah' Chorus from Handel's *Messiah*; this was well received.



The church band continues to lead the singing, not just at our family services but also further (literally) afield; they played at an open-air benefice service to celebrate Lammas Festival. For the first time the band collaborated with the Tisbury Arts Group to present a sell-out "Cabaret" evening of jazz and popular songs. The band is as much at home with playing "I lift up your name on high" as it is with "Alexander's Ragtime Band."

The annual village Carol Service which follows the pattern of a traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols is also a key annual project for the choir. This year's service featured music by James MacMillan, Samuel Scheidt and

Vivaldi. Following the success of the 2016 service, we invited members of the local community to join the choir for the singing of carols.

I would like to pay tribute to each and every musician who sings and/or plays instruments within our church walls and beyond! They spend countless hours not just in our rehearsals in church but in private practice too. There is a strong commitment to the achievement of the highest standards possible and the offering of their time, talents and support is much appreciated.

Stuart Robinson
Director of Music

Mission and Pastoral



Mission is an ongoing practice within our church family. We are committed to supporting each other and reaching out in many ways to the community. St John's remains a popular and atmospheric setting for the "hatch, match and despatch" services. In 2017 there were 17 baptisms, 2 weddings and 9 funerals. Although there are fewer weddings in church (there were 12 in 2008) there is no doubt that those who enter through our doors are appreciative of the ministry we offer.

Church services are only part of what we do. Coffee and tea is served after the Sunday morning service each week; a moment to chat, support and encourage. Importantly too, it's a time to invite newcomers to meet with us. There is also the opportunity for individual prayer.

There is a team of Lay Pastoral Assistants (see below) working in the community. Mission takes place through baptisms, weddings and funerals, with advance preparation carried out by clergy with occasional lay

assistance. In addition, our congregation numbers rise significantly for festivals such as Christmas and Easter.

Tisbury Christian Council

It is through this council that we maintain close working contact with churches of other denominations in Tisbury – namely the Methodist Church and the Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart. During 2017 we held four meetings under the chairmanship of the Methodist minister, the Revd Denise Binks.

The chosen charity for the 2017 Lent lunches was Save the Children of Syria and £518 including gift aid was sent. We were delighted to stage the World Day of Prayer in the Methodist Church in March and have the Oddments Theatre come to entertain the children and adults in May, the cost of which was around £600.

There are two annual services which take place under the auspices of the council; Remembrance Sunday was well received as was the Carol Service. The Christmas leaflet advertising services over the festive seasons in all three churches was circulated and included with the *Focus* magazine.

At the end of the year the Tisbury Christian Council had £553.44 in hand. It was hoped to invite the Oddments Theatre to return in Summer 2018.

Elizabeth Young
Secretary

Lay Pastoral Assistants

St John's has a team of Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPAs) who serve the church and the community by visiting and supporting people who are sick, housebound or lonely, whether they be church members, neighbours or those who contact us to ask for a visit.

During the year the team has met regularly with other LPAs in the Benefice. Quentin Edwards has resigned as an LPA as he found he has not the time to offer his services. Jenny Shallcross has retired as she feels that she can no longer meet the needs of the role as it is now; however, she still prepares the list of home Communion visits required.

We have all been instructed to undertake training for Safeguarding and the Church of England's C2 level (Leadership Training) is now nearly all completed, along with an online module (Basic Awareness). This is in anticipation of a re-commissioning ceremony in Salisbury Cathedral in Spring 2018.

One of the most valuable parts of the LPA's role - that of home visits and helping the infirm to attend church - has been satisfactorily undertaken despite greater demands with the ageing population of our church community. Sally Naish has been particularly involved with the latter, thank you. The twice yearly tea party has been much valued, and we must thank Kate Prior in particular for being the one who initiates these.

There have been two much valued Prayer Days, organised by Ann Hare and Kate Prior principally with some good outcomes, and the bi-monthly Services of Healing have also been aided by the involvement of some LPAs. The current team of LPAs at St John's Tisbury is: Ann Hare, Kate Prior, Felicity Corp, Prue Gingell, Sally Naish, Peter Coopman, Jean Watson.

Mark Hayter
Associate Priest



Family and Youth Work

In 2017 our family services focussed on *living as a Christian* - we considered how we go about our daily lives whilst following God. We endeavour to be lively; at our service on November 5th we lit fireworks to celebrate the light and colour of God. On another occasion we celebrated the role of fathers and male role models in our lives and gave out chocolate to all the men present. We explored ways in

which God is the perfect father to all of us.

We work with the church band to create lively worship, along with recorded music, props and visual aids. There's often a craft activity for children so that they can take home a reminder of the theme of worship. We encourage everyone and anyone to attend a more relaxed and informal style of worship,

where we can reflect on God's love in our lives through bible stories, discussion and prayer. We advertise through leaflets and posters, word of mouth and social media.

St John's School



There are four governors serving at our church school who worship at St John's. The Team Vicar is also one of two Foundation governors although during 2017 the role has been vacant. Together they support the school in developing its Christian distinctiveness, an aspect recognised in a recent school inspection. Many parents attending the school services in St John's such as Christmas, Easter and Harvest.

Open the Book

Members of the church community continued during the year to act out Bible stories in the fortnightly *Open the Book* initiative at St John's School. These interactive assemblies help children to understand Bible stories and put them in context. Over the past year, we've covered Jesus' life and His parables, Jacob and Esau, Jeremiah and Moses. We always cover relevant stories at important times of the year, such as Christmas and Easter. We are careful to be sensitive to all that is going on around us, deciding not to share the story of Shadrach, Meshack and Abednego after the Grenfell Tower tragedy. Our presentations use a minimal amount of props and costume, as we prefer to concentrate on the acting and focus of each piece.

Every story is supported by an introduction and conclusion, as included in the relevant Bible Society handbook, followed by a written prayer. We always conclude with the Lord's Prayer and a song, such as 'Jesus Loves Me' or 'My Lighthouse'.

The whole school is appreciative of what we do and we were personally thanked by a small group of children at the end of the summer term 2017.

We do try to support the services St John's Primary School have at St John's church but, as many of us have jobs or other responsibilities, it's not always possible to provide a large presence.

We are all in agreement that the *Open The Book* series is extremely important to these children, to introduce them to Scripture and the Truth of Jesus Christ.

Melanie Hulland

Safeguarding



St John's follows the latest practices in safeguarding for under-age and vulnerable adults. The PCC seeks to provide a safe, caring and consistent environment so that our children, young people and vulnerable adults may thrive in a happy and loving Christian atmosphere. A Safeguarding Officer has been appointed for the purpose.

All those working on behalf of the church with either children (anyone under 18) or a vulnerable adult are reminded they must obtain clearance from the government's Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). The Safeguarding Officer oversees the clearance of anyone working with young people and vulnerable adults, and arranges training opportunities when necessary.

Safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone, and the Safeguarding Officer and clergy can and should be approached at any time by anyone with concerns about something affecting the safety of children, young people or vulnerable adults.

Anthony Lovell-Wood
Safeguarding Officer



Tyler L
Winner of the Infant category in the 2017 Fete painting competition at St John's School

The Church Building

Development Project

Our endeavours to make a range of significant improvements to the church have continued apace. These include improved heating, and a number of other measures, including in due course, an extension on the south side of the church which necessitates further work such as the movement of a window, the funding of which is being provided by the family of the late Hank and Juliet Bowen – faithful supporters of St John's. A new moveable altar has been commissioned to replace the present stone altar which will be re-sited in the Lady Chapel.



South Window. It is planned that this fine window adjacent to the organ should be moved further west and restored in memory now of both Juliet and Hank Bowen; Hank having died in July 2017. There is no space to commemorate both of them in the glass so it is intended that there should be a small brass plaque below the window – there will be no change to the glass in the window itself. The work has been funded by the Bowen family. The change has required the withdrawal of the faculty application and a new DAC submission. The Bowen family would have liked the work to have been done in time for Hank's memorial service in September 2017 but unfortunately this was too short a time frame.

The wording on the plaque is proposed to be *"This window was restored by the family of Hank and Juliet Bowen in their memory, 2017."*



Altar. A design by Matthew Burt for a new altar made of English oak is going before the Diocesan Advisory Committee for approval – see scale model (left).

We have been given a price which has been forwarded to our donors.

Choir stalls. A plan for the choir stalls was made in the summer of 2017 and the exact layout and floor materials have been refined by our architect. The choir stalls have to be modified to allow for the new radiators, and eventually for access to the extension through the South Door.

Heating. We received two quotations for the extra radiators. We have informally told Austin (Heating and Air Conditioning) Ltd of Swindon that we expect to accept their figure of £38,330. This is net of VAT which we should be able to recover under the government scheme. Another firm quoted £52,231. Our engineer advised that both firms do equally good work. We still need the faculty but expect the work to be done in Summer 2018. There will be additional costs such as for radiators under the choir stalls and a carpenter to make small alterations to allow the wall radiators to go under the pews, and there will be further fees.

Funds. At the end of the year we had approximately £67,352 in the restricted development fund including £6,000 given specifically for the work on the south window described above. During the year, we received £5,577 in VAT refunds in relation to the work carried out on the north porch in 2016, which the PCC earmarked it for the development project. A member of the congregation has generously promised to donate the cost of the new altar.

There is £4,651 in the restricted Friends and Memorials Fund which might be available for the overall project. In addition there is £4,997 in the restricted altar fund which might be used to pay for moving the stone altar. There is £3,238 in the PCC's choir fund which might be used towards the cost of the modifications to the choir stalls.

Funding from Tisbury Parish Council. The £80,000 which Tisbury Parish Council (PC) had allocated to us was withdrawn in September as we were unable to spend it within the required time frame. The PC however then had a further £80,000 to allocate which was not subject to such a short time within which it had to be spent. By the end of 2017 it was looking likely that the PC would allocate all or some of that money to us.

In January 2018 the PC clerk received legal advice to the effect that making payment by a parish council to a church would be unlawful. We are satisfied that this legal advice is wrong and we have submitted a detailed argument to them showing why it is so. At the moment we are waiting for the response of the PC, which will no doubt have to consult Wiltshire Council. Meanwhile, the PC has now asked publicly for applications for money from that £80,000, for community projects. We have applied again.

Other funding. We hope to be able to apply to the Garfield Weston Trust. We also hope to be able to apply to the Heritage Lottery Fund towards the costs of the Lady Chapel ceiling.

Progress. With the possible exception of renewing the Lady Chapel ceiling (which may have to be delayed while grant applications are made) we hope that all the currently planned development work should be done in the course of 2018.

Additional possibilities

When it appeared that, because of the possible PC allocation, we might have sufficient funds, we started to plan for a new servery and flower cupboard. We have not given up on that but we don't think we should spend money on design fees unless it seems that we'd be able to afford the work.

Similarly, we started to consider improved lighting over the choir stalls.

Sam Wiggs
Chairman, Development Committee

Maintenance and Fabric

During 2017, the church was subject to a Quinquennial Inspection; a mandatory Church of England process carried out every five years by an approved architect or chartered building surveyor. The point of the exercise is to ensure that church buildings are kept in good repair.

The inspection (both inside and out) was carried out on two occasions by our church architect, Helen Martin of St Anne's Gate Architects in Salisbury. Being her first inspection here, she was very thorough. To do the inspection we accessed as many parts of it as can be done safely. The cost of this is borne by the Diocese. No unexpected major problems came to light, though a number of repair jobs did become evident:

One of the lead gutters was no longer attached to the lightning conductor system. This was repaired in September along with an annual check on the system.

The joint covers on the stainless steel north aisle roof are in many places no longer secure. GSL, the firm that did the work, has been contacted to sort this out.

The annual churchyard clean-up took place in September.

Permission was granted to put up a shelf in the Inner Vestry to house the brassware. The shelf has now been installed.

A corner of the Hyde Floor Brass in St Andrew's Chapel has become detached. Expert advice has been sought.

Underwoods has carried out both the portable appliance (PAT) and mains supply testing. A few small points were identified which have been rectified.



An application has been made to ChurchCare - Grants for Monuments - for a full grant of £1,745 to repair the Foyle tomb in the churchyard. Passers-by cannot miss its sunken state. We need first to submit a report on the tomb done by an outside firm, and then apply to the Diocesan Advisory Committee.

A number of other minor repairs and replacements were carried out during the year.

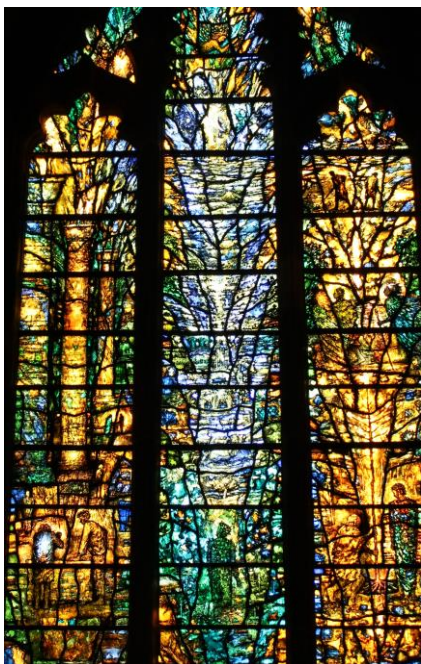
Anthony Lovell-Wood
Chairman, Fabric Committee

The East Window

Regular worshippers and visitors to St John's will have been aware for a number of years of the parlous state of the large east window in our St Andrew's Chapel. Commissioned in 1860, the stained glass has lost substantial colour and in places the original glass has been crudely replaced. Designed by Charles Clutterbuck (1806–1861) the window was completed the year before he died. Unfortunately, by this time his work had declined in quality and craftsmanship.

Coming up to date, the East Window Committee considered restoration but concluded that to a large part, it would consist of modern stained glass. It would be also an expensive undertaking that could only be justified if it was possible to conserve the *original* stained glass. In view of this, the decision was taken to commission a contemporary design from an artist of national significance. The existing window will not be lost as the Almshouse 'Sutton's Hospital in Charterhouse' in London have expressed an interest in acquiring the glass.

A shortlist of stained glass artists, all of whom have completed commissions in churches, was recommended to the East Window Committee. Tom Denny has now been selected. Born in 1956, his work is recognised internationally. He has been responsible for some 60 stained glass commissions for churches and cathedrals, including Hereford and Durham Cathedrals.



*A window by Tom Denny in
Tewkesbury Abbey
(Photo SR)*

Denny's windows are noted for the distinctive way in which light and colour move across the surface. He achieves this effect by acid etching and silver staining each small piece of glass. He is very enthusiastic about the setting at St John's, mainly due to the light in the Chapel and what could be achieved with the window. The design that he has submitted depicts the Transfiguration of Christ.

Tom's design has the unanimous support of the East Window Committee and will go forward to be considered by a meeting of the PCC where Tom Denny will present his design.

Mark Jerram
Chairman, East Window Committee

Other Church Activities

Events Group

Members of the Events Group have continued to show films in the Nadder Centre over the past year. These are very much community events, and we are now in our thirteenth year! There has been a series of different kinds of films from *La la Land* to *A street cat named Bob*. Proceeds in aid of St John's Church have totalled over £1,700.

We also ran the Christmas Fair in November which was very successful making over £1000 for the General Fund.

Elizabeth Young
Events Organiser

Flowers.



I would like to thank my team of Holy Petals, who keep St John's such a welcoming and well-loved Church. Many people remark that the Church is always open, and always looks so beautiful. We have flowers in Church every week except in Lent and Advent, and the team gathers together to decorate for festivals at Easter, Harvest, Remembrance and Christmas.

We are all busy people and I would like to acknowledge the generosity of time and money spent by my Flower

Team. We would love a few more willing hands to take on two weeks a year. You do not have to be an "expert"; do come and join us if you can spare an hour or two once a year.

Trish Liddiard

The Patronal Festival Fête: 24th June 2017



Our fête is one of the key dates in the village calendar and falls as close as possible to 24th June, the Feast of the Nativity of St John – our patron saint. The weather was kind for this year's occasion which was well supported and raised much needed funds – a profit of just under £5,000. The Community Choir sang for us, The Jazz Swingers performed with their usual enthusiasm in Church, the BBQ sold out and our well renowned Tisbury teas were a great success. The ever-popular Duck

Race this year was run by the Hulland Family and Jacob treated us to a great commentary.



A star attraction in St John's was an exhibition from the pupils of St John's Primary School, with their own paintings of the Church. The winner (whose painting graces our front cover) was Nicole R. The Infant category was won by five year old Tyler L.

An art exhibition and workshop organised by The Art Group also took place in St Andrews Chapel. The Grand Draw was another success and we also raffled two pictures kindly donated by John Amos. All our stalls were well supported and the whole community enjoyed another successful day.

Thank you to everyone who helped before, during and afterwards. Plans are underway for a different initiative over the Patronal Festival in June 2018; in place of the fete there will be a *Hidden Gardens* event throughout the village.

Bill Liddiard
Chairman, Fête Committee

Website and Social Media

www.tisburyparishchurch.org

www.facebook.com/StJohnsChurchTisbury/

2017 saw our website's second year of operation, reflecting all aspects of life at St John's. The output of the website is maintained on a weekly basis by a small production team overseen by church's Standing Committee which acts as its editorial board. The site is maintained on a daily basis, and reflects reflecting forthcoming events and news at St John's.

Since March 2017 there have been 16,500 page views – 5,000 more than in the same period previously. The site has been visited by surfers from all over the world including USA, China, New Zealand and South Africa. Around 30% are returning visitors while 69% are new to the site.



Most viewers of the site (41%) are using the iOS operating system – i.e. iPhones, iPads and Mac products while 35% are using the Windows system to be found on laptops and desktop computers. The church's Facebook pages are also important in reflecting life at St John's. Research on the feasibility of a monthly email bulletin was carried out during 2017 and the first despatch was in January 2018. We still do not have a Twitter account as yet.

We believe more people could engage with the website and social media. We have noticed a significant number of visits to our weekly Newsletter page, and to the page showing the monthly Nadder Valley clergy rota. Discussions about the inclusion of further benefice content on the website are to take place in 2018.

Stuart Robinson
Parish Administrator

Coffee and Fellowship

I would like to thank the team of ladies who provide coffee, tea, biscuits, flapjack and cake after our 9.30 am services throughout the year. Meeting after the service provides a time to gather informally over a cup of coffee to enjoy the company of others, exchange news and ideas and welcome visitors to our Church. We enjoy a chat and a chance to share good news and support each other when it is needed. Please do find 10 minutes after the service to come and join us.

Trish Liddiard

Focus magazine

Focus is our monthly community magazine, produced and compiled entirely by a group of volunteers under the auspices of St John's Church. It is supported by subscriptions and revenue from advertisements. The magazine is now over 40 years old, having been launched in 1976. A team consisting of two editors, a publisher who sets up the copy, two printers and a team of 25 collators and distributors, produces it. 670 copies are printed each month, of which some 300 are distributed to regular subscribers. The remainder goes on sale in the Tisbury Post Office, Tisbury News and the Pick Your Own in Ansty.

Jon Amos
Chairman, Focus Committee

Hinton Hall

Hinton Hall has been used for Pilates, Yoga, Slimming World, Cubs & Scouts, Art Group, Craft Group, coffee mornings, afternoon teas, lunches, private parties and many other activities including village clubs and societies through the year.

The late Hank Bowen was Chairman of the Hall Committee for a number of years and we are extremely grateful to him for all that was achieved over the years and as a result of good housekeeping we have been able to redecorate and upgrade the kitchen, replace a window in the small hall and repair the old fireplace.

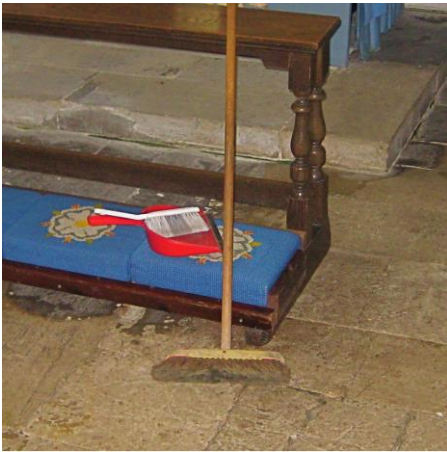
To keep the Hall running we have a band of volunteers and a paid cleaner. John Gully is our Booking Clerk/Caretaker, Joe Selby is our Treasurer and John Lofthouse is our Secretary.

We are at present considering further redecoration, installation of disabled toilet facilities and a number of other improvements.

Bill Liddiard
Chairman, Hinton Hall Committee

And last but by no means least...

As well as what we have reported here, there are many others who contribute week in, week out to church life at St John's – we have not mentioned cleaners, servers, sidesmen (customary title), bell ringers, readers, chalice bearers and the Holy Mowers. Without their quiet devotion to getting on with the job in hand, we would not be blessed with such a cohesive and committed community seeking to *reflect Jesus Christ*.



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