

ST BARNABAS CHURCH REPORT

FOR Parish council annual parish meeting 14th June 2023

Again, it has been a remarkably busy year for the Church and Church Hall. Along with Carol we are continuing doing morning worships on the 2nd and 5th Sundays of the month. Overall, these are going well and everyone that attends them are liking what we do.

We have had a Sunday service in church every Sunday for the past year. Apart from the New Year service which was a combined with Great Limber.

Other services in church included: -

8 Baptisms

3 funerals

Thanksgiving service for HM The Queen

Deanery churchwarden's visitation service

Deanery Confirmation service

Deanery chapters

Remembrance Service

Christingle service

6 School services

Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday services

Fundraising concert with Scunthorpe male voice choir and St Barnabas primary school choir.

Maintenance and repairs

We continue to have maintenance/ repair issues to the church and church hall buildings. But due to the lack of funds we have been unable to do any of them. My husband has patched repaired the church hall main entrance doors as they are completely rotted at the bottom. This is also the case for most of the

church hall windows. With the cost-of-living crisis I have noticed a decline in donations etc.

I have been in talks with North Lincolnshire council to look for grants to refurbish the church hall and kitchen. This is still ongoing as I cannot find three builders to give me quotes for the job. Councillor Rob Waltham has informed me Wren kitchens has offered us a kitchen once I get the quotes. I have fundraised £1,200 so far for our contribution to the job but we will still need to fundraise more.

I personally donated to the church a new sound system which allows us to play music via Bluetooth which is working better.

At the churchyard, my husband Chris continues to maintain and cut the grass. This year we have only had one episode of fly tipping.

I think we can safely say that our application to the ministry of Justice is lost, and we will be restarting the application.

This year our Quinquennial is due in June which will cost us £1250 to have done just for the survey and report.

The Church Hall bookings are good with most days having someone hiring it.

COMMUNITY CAFE

We started a community Café since last year on a Tuesday morning for people to come into a warm space and have free refreshments. With thanks to Barnetby Parish council they have and agreed to continue paying the £30 cost of hiring the hall every Tuesday until April 2024 where it will be reviewed. We are very grateful for your help.

I have also had help from the community champion Jenny Hafford from Lincolnshire co-op who has donated tea coffee etc and has said to me if I need more just take a letter in to the coop and they will continue to donate supplies. On average we get 10-20 people every week and we are starting to make a difference in the village.

Moving forward I will continue community café for as long as the community want it.

ALL THINGS LOOPY KNIT and NATTER/CRAFT GROUP

The group has been going for 5+ years in the church hall we run two sessions Tuesday afternoons 1pm to 3pm and Thursday evenings 7pm to 9pm. On average we have 13 ladies on a Tuesday and 9 on a Thursday. The ladies do a variety of crafts from knitting, crochet, Art, card making, cross stitch. We are always looking for new members and you don't need to do any crafts you are welcome to come just for a chat over a cuppa and a piece of cake.
Allison Thomas

MINI B's TODDLER GROUP

I run the toddler group on a Friday mornings during term time in the church hall 10am to 12pm. We have 15+ families attending. We have mums, dads, grandparents and carers bring the children for some fun play, crafts and sing song. We also provide free drinks and snacks for the adults and children. I also try to arrange away plays too. We are hoping to go on a visit to hall farm park and this Friday we are meeting up at fun forest. We welcome any new families that would like to come and join.
Allison Thomas