

**The Parish of Cottingley
In the Episcopal Area of Bradford
within the
Diocese of Leeds**



**The Notification, Agenda
Minutes of the Last Annual Parochial Church Meetings &
Annual Reports
for**

**The Annual Parochial Church Meetings
to be held on
Sunday, 10th March 2019
In
The Church of**



**St Michael & All Angels Canon Pinnington Mews
Cottingley, Bingley**

The Church of St Michael and All Angels, Cottingley

To All Electoral Roll Member

Please accept this as an invitation to the Annual Meetings of the Church for 2018. The business is listed below.

Please bring this booklet with you.

Date: Sunday, 10th March 2019 Following the morning service.

Location: The Church

Agenda

Prayers / Welcome

Vestry Meeting

1. Approve Minutes of the Vestry Meeting 30th April 2017
2. Election of Church Wardens

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

3. Apologies for absence
4. Minutes of the meeting held on 30th April 2017
5. Matters arising
6. Election of Parochial Church Council Members we have 9 Vacancies. (Clergy, churchwardens, synod reps and readers are automatically elected to pcc)
7. Appointment of Sidespersons
8. Appointment of Examiner of Accounts
9. Reports from
 - Electoral Roll Officer Electoral Roll;
 - The Honorary Secretary – on proceedings of the PCC;
 - The Honorary Treasurer – on the financial affairs, accounts, funds and property of the Church;
 - The Church Wardens on the fabric of the Church
 - The Deanery Synod Representatives – on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod;
 - Other Groups;
 - Vicars Report
11. Any other matters of parochial or general interest.
- 12 Date and time of the next Annual Church Meeting which may be varied by the PCC

Meeting of New PCC

- 13 To Elect Chair
- 14 Deputy Chair
- 15 PCC Hon. Secretary

- 16 Electoral Roll Officer
- 17 Safeguarding Officer
- 18 Treasurer
- 19 Standing Committee
- 20 All Officers to sign new confidentiality forms

**The Minutes of
The Annual Parochial Church Meeting
And
The Parish Meeting to elect Church Wardens**
Held at the Church of St Michael & All Angels Littlelands, Cottingley
On Sunday 15th April 2018

Chairpersons: Rev Malcolm Hendry

1. Prayers: Rev Malcolm Hendry opened the meeting with prayers.

2. Vestry Meeting. Malcolm expressed his gratitude to the Churchwardens, Val Challinor & Helen Eteson for all the hard work they had put in over the year.

There were 2 nominations for the post of Churchwarden:

Val Challinor (Proposed by Robert Pells, Seconded by Muriel Baines)

Helen Eteson (Proposed by Muriel Baines, Seconded by Robert Pells)

As no further nomination came forward, Val & Helen were elected unanimously by the meeting

3. Apologies for Absence: Apologies were received from Stewart Pearson, Linda Pearson, Mel Smith, Lois Winterbottom, June Robinson, Jan Hesselwood, Tony Hesselwood, and Elizabeth Stobart

33 people attended the meeting

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 30th April 2017: These were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairperson as a correct record.

5. Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

6. Election of PCC. Malcolm explained that under Church of England rules, all PCC members who had served 3 years on the PCC have to stand down from the PCC. The meeting agreed unanimously that we should abide by this rule.

There were 9 nominations for PCC membership, and 9 places up for election, so the following were elected unanimously by the meeting:

Camilla Cross Bridge (Proposed by Helen Eteson, Seconded by Sarah Matthews)

John Fearnley (Proposed by June Robinson, Seconded by Stewart Pearson)

Darren Hale (Proposed by Stuart Eteson, Seconded by Val Challinor)

Amy Longley (Proposed by Linda Pearson, Seconded by Patricia Smith)

Robert Pells (Proposed by Stuart Eteson, Seconded by John Pearson)

June Robinson (Proposed by John Fearnley, Seconded by Mel Smith)

Judy Steel (Proposed by Christopher Pearson, Seconded by Darren Hale)

Doug Threlfall (Proposed by Helen Eteson, Seconded Val Challinor)

Pat Todd (Proposed by Stuart Eteson, Seconded by Irene Senior)

Stuart Eteson & Jan Hesselwood are in the second year of a three year term on the PCC as Diocesan Synod representatives.

Malcolm took this opportunity to thank the PCC for their hard work during the year, in particular those who are standing down.

7. Appointment of Sidespersons. The meeting was happy to accept the published list of Sides persons and welcomers, with 3 additional names added to the list at the meeting: Doug Threlfall, Jo-Ann Hendry & Darren Hale, and 1 name, Barbara Reppion, removing.

8. Appointment of Examiner of Accounts. Susan Sedgwick, of Watson Buckle, York House, Cottingley, has agreed to examine the accounts again this year. It was agreed to send a letter of thanks and a small gift to Sue Sedgwick.

9 Reports:

Electoral Roll. The meeting accepted the roll of 60 people reported by June Robinson. (Since production Ann Turner has sadly passed away, but Jo-Ann Hendry has been added) June was thanked for her work on the electoral roll. Proposed by John Fearnley, Seconded by Jim Wild

Secretary – Proceedings of the PCC. The report was accepted by the meeting Proposed by Darren Hale, seconded by Judy Steel

Financial Report Jim Wild summarised his report for the meeting. The Independent Examiner reported acceptance of the accounts.

Proposed by Muriel Baines, Seconded by Patricia Todd

Church Wardens Report The meeting received the report as presented by Val Challinor and Helen Eteson. Both were thanked for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

Proposed by Robert Pells, Seconded by Joyce Clapperton

Deanery Synod Representatives' Report The meeting accepted the report as presented by Stuart Eteson & Jan Hesselwood.

Proposed by Judy Steel, Seconded by Robert Pells

Church Group & Organisations Reports The following reports were received by the meeting, which expressed great appreciation for all the good work done by the separate organizations:

Safeguarding, The Singing Group, Sunday Gang, Church4All, Little Angels, All Sorts, The Pudding Club, The Guides, Cottingley Community Centre, Place of Welcome, Mothers Union, Bible Reading Fellowship, Seniors Caring & Sharing Group, Seniors Fellowship Group, Songs of Praise, The Singing Group, The Music Group.

The Chairperson's Report

Malcolm stated that the future for St Michael's was exciting, with much to look forward to. He did state that there were a number of people who seemed

to be doing all of the work, and asked other members of the congregation to be prepared to step up to the plate.

10. Any Other Business

Kathleen Wraith asked that more food be prepared for All Sorts.

Jackie Waterman thanked Malcolm and Jo-Ann for all their hard work during the year.

11. Date & Time of next Meeting

Malcolm stated that although we tend to hold our APCM in April, it could legally be held any time between 1st January and 30th April, and he would like in future to hold earlier APCMS. It was agreed that the next APCM is to be held on Sunday March 10th 2019, but this is subject to change.

Malcolm Hendry closed the meeting with prayer at 12.35pm

Annual Report Of the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council For the year ending 31st December 2018

Aims & Purposes

St Michael's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of working to promote the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives & Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at St Michael's and become part of the Church community. It is our intention to work in partnership with the local people and local organizations and institutions to make Cottingley and its neighbourhood an even better place in which to live.

In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through worship and prayer, provision of pastoral care, and missionary and outreach work, coupled with our support for the Cottingley Cornerstone Centre.

Achievements & Performances

Worship & Prayer:

The range and style of our services is always being extended, modified and reviewed at our PCC meetings in order to facilitate and stimulate interest from all sections of our community from toddlers to teenagers to the more mature members of the locality. The services are reviewed at PCC meetings in order to enhance future services. The PCC enthusiastically supports the leaders of the Church in all these endeavours.

Currently, the Eucharist is usually celebrated on the second, third, fourth and fifth Sunday of each month, each Tuesday and on the second Thursday of each

month. Where there is a fifth Sunday in the month, this service is taken by the caring & sharing group.

We now have permission to give communion to children who have not yet been confirmed, providing we have parental authority to do so, and we feel that the children have an understanding of what it is they are doing.

Church-4-All is usually on the first Sunday of each month. This is an All-Age, much less formal, service and is well attended and enjoyed by the congregation and members of the community.

Songs of Praise, and 'All Sorts' have continued to be well attended, vital parts of the Church's ministry. The Sunday Gang caters for the younger members of the congregation during the service and is excellently run by Laura Stuart and her team of helpers.

Places of Welcome on a Monday and Caring and Sharing on Thursdays continue to flourish

The Electoral Roll stands at 60.

A number of special services were held during 2018:

- A Mothers' Day service when daffodil posies prepared by members of the Mothers' Union were distributed.
- Shrove Tuesday.
- Ash Wednesday.
- Maundy Thursday.
- On Good Friday we again held a free, community Hot Cross Bun and Coffee Event, which was well attended by the community. It was followed by a more reflective service at 2.00pm.
- Easter Day.
- A Memorial Service for those who have died was held in November.
- A Remembrance Sunday Service, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War, in November.
- Christmas Big Sing, with music from the band, attended by the Church & community.
- Christingle Service on Christmas Eve with the largest attendance for some years.
- Midnight Mass.
- Christmas Day Eucharist.

A stewardship campaign, looking at our giving, was held throughout the year.

Deanery Synod:

Jan Hesselwood and Stuart Eteson have represented St Michael's on the Deanery Synod this year. The term of office for both is from the APCM in 2017 to the APCM in 2020. We thank them for their service.

Pastoral Care:

The Church continues to flourish under the leadership of the Reverend Malcolm Hendry. Malcolm is ably assisted by Jackie Waterman leading up the music, by his Church Wardens, Helen Eteson & Val Challinor, and by many others who help, often behind the scenes.

A number of Bring & Share lunches were again held on Sundays after our morning service this year. These have served as excellent times of fellowship.

The Church again held a community Christmas Lunch on Christmas Day for those people in the community who would otherwise have been on their own. An excellent meal was prepared by Jo-Ann, Malcolm & their helpers, and was a great outreach to the community.

Mission & Evangelism:

Our opportunity for mission and outreach is still greatly enhanced by the existence of the Church and its physical attachment to the Cottingley Cornerstone Centre. The sharing of both our facilities promotes community togetherness.

During the interregnum the PCC ensures the parish is in good hands to successfully fulfil our mission statement.

Ecumenical Relationships:

We have good relationships with the congregations of St Monica and St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, and with the Town Hall Church. Our friends from these Churches support us at fund raising events, Songs of Praise and other events.

Financial Review 2018

The accounts have been prepared on an accrual basis.

Receipts during 2018 were £50,789 compared to £34,210 for 2017 showing an increase of 48.5%, due to increased income from, the Stewardship Mission, collections from all church events and services, and special donations for the Toilet Fund, Building Fund (fees from church lettings), and All Sorts (donations from the Coop Community Fund). As a result of The Stewardship Mission planned giving rose 9%, an increase of £1,817 above the 2017 figure.

All thanks to the generosity of the congregation in responding to our needs.

Within the receipts total, £6,585 of Tax Refund was earned due to "gift aiding" donations, of this, £1,773 was a result of the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme, which allows the PCC to claim back tax for non-gift-aided donations of £20 or less.

Payments during 2018 amounted to £39,361, an increase of 5.2%, from a figure for 2017 of £37,413, mostly due to an increase in the Diocesan Share, which was paid in full.

The cost cutting exercise and more efficient purchasing enabled the increase in expenditure to be contained.

All expenditure commitments were met.

The Diocesan Share for 2018 was £26,595, an increase of 9.7% from the 2017 total of £24,234.

The Diocesan Share for 2019 has increased by 1.27% to £26,933.

It must be remembered that the parish continues to be subsidized by the Diocese, since even the increase in share will not pay for St Michael's having its own vicar.

Our cash reserves have increased to £26,720 compared to £11,288 in 2017.

Please note that £12,933 of our 2018 figure is restricted/designated (All Sorts, Toilet Fund, Building Fund, Toddlers Group), thereby leaving £13,787 available to meet the running costs of the church. This complies with the PCC policy statement to retain 25% of income as reserve.

The PCC is committed to vigorously pursuing our missionary aims for an expanding church within the community.

These aims can only be fulfilled if giving continues to be generous.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S UNQUALIFIED REPORT

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of St Michael & All Angels

I report to the Members on my examination of the accounts of St. Michaels and All Angels Cottingley (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2018.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Members of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('The Act'),

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or

3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Susan M Sedgwick BSc FCA
Watson Buckle Limited
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18th February 2019

Gratitude:

We would like to thank the following for their work in keeping the parish running throughout the year:

The Churchwardens, Helen Eteson and Val Challinor

Jim Wild (PCC Treasurer)

PCC members

Jackie Waterman

The Music Group

Stuart Eteson & Jan Hesselwood (Deanery Synod Reps)

The Church-4-All teams

The Servers

Stuart & Helen Eteson, John Pearson & Robert Pells for Computer work

Camilla Cross-Bridge

All those involved in keeping the place clean

The congregation for their support and prayers.

Structure, Governance & Management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

All Church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Ordinary meetings of the PCC are held regularly, usually quarterly. The Standing Committee meets as and when required.
The PCC met 4 times throughout the year with an average attendance of 90%.

Administrative Information

Parish: St Michael & All Angels, Cottingley, in the Diocese of Leeds

Vicar: Rev Malcolm Hendry Location: Littlelands, Cottingley.

Bank: Yorkshire Bank, 73 North Street, Keighley, BD21 3SD

Independent Examiner of Accounts: Susan Sedgwick, Watson Buckle Accountants.

PCC Membership:

PCC members who have served from the APCM of 2017 to the date this report was prepared:

Ex Officio Members

Incumbent: The Reverend Malcolm Hendry (From 26th March 2017), previously post vacant.

Church Wardens: Helen Eteson, Val Challinor.

Deanery Synod Representatives: Stuart Eteson, Jan Hesselwood. (The term of office for both runs from APCM 2017 to APCM 2020)

Jim Wild (Honorary Treasurer)

Chris Pearson (Honorary Secretary)

Elected Members:

(The term of office runs for 1 year or until the next APCM)

Doug Threlfall

Camilla Cross Bridge

Patricia Todd

John Fearnley

June Robinson

Darren Hale

Robert Pells

Judy Steel

Co-opted members:

Patricia Smith (Cottingley Cornerstone Centre representative from 12th May 2015)

The PCC members are trustees of the charity.

Approved by the P.C.C. at its meeting held on 10th March 2019

Chris Pearson

Honorary Secretary

Churchwardens Report

This year has been one of small tweaks rather than major works, with a focus on maintaining the drive and enthusiasm that the arrival of a new vicar brought two years ago. The closer relationship with the Community Centre

has also been strengthened over this time, with strong bonds not just in how we work together to support Cottingley but also in the relationships people are developing.

The Vestry has been tidied and reorganised, different activities have their own dedicated storage space and the room is more easily used as an office and meeting space and prayer room. You may have noticed the 'meeting in progress' sign on the door, it may seem a little abrupt, but it is important that the space is able to be a private space when people need it and that people feel free to talk with Malcolm without fear of interruptions.

The noticeboards in foyer have a space for all the various groups and activities as well as community events. You will notice that the 'rogues gallery' is currently vacant – this was too out of date to be useful so we felt better taken down for now, however we would like an updated version at some point. We managed to repair lighting in the Church in time for Liz Stobart's wedding, however this repair has not lasted which suggests that we need to look at replacing the light fittings.

One of the minor adjustments you may not have noticed is that the soft close mechanisms on the doors have been adjusted so they actually do their job and the doors no longer bang – a great help if children pop in and out during a quieter part of the service.

Whilst there are areas of the Church that require major work, as and when finances allow, we do not feel there has been any further deterioration in these areas. This will continue to be monitored and should these deteriorate further then we may need to look into ways of being able to fund the work sooner than we had hoped.

We also hope to be able to move forward with the plans to increase toilet provision, some funds have already been raised towards this although we still have a little way to go.

The Quinquennial is due beginning of April and we are busy preparing for this, hopefully this will not highlight any surprises.

On behalf of the congregation we would like to thank Malcolm and Jo for everything that they do here at St Michaels, the place certainly wouldn't be the same without you. We also give our heartfelt thanks to the congregation for all you do at St Michaels and the support that you give Malcolm and Jo, ourselves and all that goes on at St Michaels.

Helen Eteson & Val Challinor (Church Wardens)

Electoral Roll report for 2019

After a complete review of the electoral roll for this year, there are now 64 members of St. Michael's church at Cottingley. We warmly welcome the following 8 new people on to the roll. Wendy Briggs, Patricia Curd, Angela

Graham, Lesley Haynes, Sylvie Harris, Sarah McClements, Deborah Saia and Tracey Slater.

June Robinson (Electoral Roll Officer)

Safeguarding Report February 2019

Our Safeguarding Policy Document is on the notice board should anyone want to read it and my contact details are there also. All our DBS checks are now carried out by a new disclosure service “thirtyone:eight”, these checks are all done on line and are very quick and efficient and are usually returned to us within days.

The checks last for 5 years and the timeline for applicants to register with the DBS Update Service has been extended from 19 days to 30 days from the date on their certificate and it is up to the individual to ensure that this is done

By the time you read this, all the volunteers who work in Church will have either done the online course in safeguarding or have attended the course which was held in Church in February and everyone will have updated DBS checks, which means that all our volunteers are meeting the requirements of the diocese.

If anyone has any queries or concerns, then please come and talk to me.

Tricia Smith Safeguarding Officer

Servers Report

Being a Server is a way of assisting Malcolm during the Communion services on a Sunday Morning. The job is not too hard, but it does consist of a little more than simply carrying the cross in and out of Church. This year, for example, we have begun to do the clearing up after Communion.

Now that there is only one server at each service, it is a job that we only really need to do about once every five or six weeks in average, but there is still room for more people to join us! We have been happy to add Chris Steel to our ranks this year.

Serving should be a joyful way of participating in the Service and is a good way of Serving the Church community. If you want to know more about what we do, please contact any of the servers and we would be only too happy to talk to you about this wonderful work.

Chris Pearson

Cottingley Community Centre Report February, 2019

It has been yet another very busy year for Cottingley Community Centre. Thanks go to the trustees, staff team and the many volunteers for their continued hard work. One of our trustees, Helen Eteson had to step down from her role when she became part time Interim Assistant Manager of the Centre last June following the resignation of Kirsty Callaghan.

Later in the year Helen successfully applied and was appointed to the full time post of Centre Manager with effect from 1st January, 2019 and we all wish her every success in this challenging new post.

Val Challoner replaced Helen on the Board of Trustees as the Church Warden representative. We have also successfully recruited Richard Worsley to the board of trustees during 2018 which means that we are now fully staffed on the Board

The Centre continues to be used by a variety of groups and the classes are well attended. New activities have been introduced during the year such as a monthly Youth Night, A Wellness Group, A Cyber Safety Evening for parents to help them keep their children safe on line and Come Dancing with live music on the third Saturday of each month. Helen is always looking for new ideas and would be interested in hearing what you want from the Centre.

The Centre's café is now being successful run by our new Café Manager Samantha Gill who has recently passed her level 3 Food Safety and Hygiene for Supervisors which helps her in her work supporting the students from Bradford College on a Monday, Hazelbeck on a Thursday and Beechcliffe on a Friday who join us to gain work experience.

Sam says that she is enjoying working alongside students with learning difficulties and teaching them new skills. Following a recent inspection from the Food Standards Agency the café was rated a 4 which means that hygiene standards are good.

The Sunday community lunch which is usually held on the first Sunday of the month is always well attended and comments from the diners are very favourable. On Mothers Day we held a special lunch and Mum's were given a free glass of wine

There are lots of events planned for the future such as a family disco, a Spring Fayre, Race Night, pancake party, A Wedding Fair and Kitty Lamare presents an evening of music from the decades. Details of all events are advertised in the Connexions Magazine which is delivered to every home in Cottingley and also available from reception.

Many events have taken place during the past year, a Neil Diamond Tribute Night, 100th Anniversary of the end of WW1, a Curry Night, a Halloween party, children's Christmas Party, a Christmas Fayre followed by the turning on of the Christmas lights, Christmas lunch and a very successful "Birthday Bash" to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the centre and Church which was attended by the Lord Mayor of Bradford, Councillor Zafar Ali, Baroness Margaret Eaton, Bingley Town Councillor Howard Clough and Andy Jolley, Archdeacon of Bradford. Philip Davies MP attended the Sunday morning service

The Centre is always looking for volunteers, particularly in the café, if you feel you can help in any way please contact Helen. Finally, may I remind you that Cottingley Community Centre is your Community Centre, please support the events that take place there.

Tricia Smith Cottingley Community Centre Trustee

Songs of praise

Having started out as an idea we thought we'd try just to see if anyone was interested, Songs of Praise is now in its 9th year. Originally the intention was to provide a Service once a month which would give the senior members of the congregation the opportunity to sing some of the "more traditional" hymns. Nine years on and age no longer matters for everyone is made welcome [including those with four legs and a tail] and the singing of the "less traditional" hymns can at times be quite robust!

At the end of October we were saddened to hear of the passing of Patricia Holliday so soon after she and Bill had moved to Liverpool to be with their family. Apart from illness and times when they were away Patricia attended every Songs of Praise often inspiring us with her "Thought for the Day." Patricia supported us both in this life and beyond and it was her specific wish that after her funeral the 'Thanksgiving Service' held in her memory should be after the style of Songs of Praise.

Finally a big 'thank you' to all those who faithfully turn up every month and especially those who lend their support in both practical and prayerful ways, it is much appreciated.

Jackie Waterman (team leader)

Caring and Sharing

It has now been over a year since the start of our "Caring and Sharing" group, meeting on Thursday mornings in church. We share news and stories whilst filling our bellies with toast (white, brown or sometimes black if Jackie gets hold of the toaster!) and a variety of marmalades, a favourite being the whisky flavoured variety.

We have tried our hand at a few crafts inc. making Easter Crosses from ribbon, this Easter we may do Easter bonnets! But mostly find ourselves happily chatting and occasionally modelling the variety of clothes that are hung on our swap shop rail every week. Also, we all have to have our weekly snuggle with Lilly our four legged friend who comes faithfully every week to bring a cheery smile to our members.

We now have up to around 25 people attending and if anyone is missing people are always quick to ask are, they ok. Our indoor curling "team" is getting more competitive every week.

At Christmas we organised the collection of 113 shoeboxes from church and

the community a lot of which the group helped to pack and wrap. These were delivered to Liberia.

Our small team of helpers are very enthusiastic, but we find ourselves enjoying our time together with not much work to do because our seniors run the group on their own really, helping to wash up, put away clothes and games, fold table cloths, move chairs etc. and they enjoy every minute of it. It is an honour to be part of this wonderful group.

Jo-Ann Hendry (facilitator)

Mothers' Union Report St Michael's AGM

We have had another successful year but we were very sad when our secretary Anne Turner passed away in March, she was an amazing lady and was very rtive St Michaels' and particularly Mothers' Union *We meet on the 1st Tuesday in each month and have had some excellent speakers. We also visit neighbouring branches and their members joined us when the speaker was Leeds Diocese M.I.J President Jean Thurman.

Our 2019 programme is on the Mothers 'Union board in the church and everyone is invited to join us if a particular subject interests them. We have a membership of around 20 but the worldwide membership is over 4 million and growing and by our Fund raising in 2018 we were able to send almost E600 to support M.IJ. members overseas, often living in very harsh conditions. Also to the 'Away from it All* caravans at Filey to enable families locally to have a holiday who would otherwise find it impossible to have break ,We also send a donation to the Women's Refuge in Bradford This reaches them through a Bradford M.U member.

We continue to keep in touch with Joyce Clapperton and Mollie Tillie, who are members at the MU Indoor Members' Prayer Circle and they also receive news from the representative for the Leeds Diocese Janet Richardson.

AS individuals we continue to support Malcolm and the Church here in Cottingley in so many ways and are happy to do so.

Her Majesty the Queen is our Patron. The Mother' Union was founded 141 years ago by Mary Sumner, the wife of the Vicar of a small country parish in Hampshire.Little did she know how it would grow!

I would like to repeat her prayer "All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch* do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe,or the life I live" Amen How about joining us? Bishop Toby is a member so why not you?

Kathleen Wrath,
Branch Contact.

Mums and Toddlers

At the start of this year we made some changes to the toddler group. Helen has been looking after and working with this group for some time now but as she has now started working full time she has had to step down.

This group was always meant to be a parent lead group, but Helen was very heavily relied on for setting up and putting away. And along with Lorraine, Margret and John they have done a fantastic job keeping it going

However, things do change people step down people move on. I spoke to the mums and sent them letters explaining Helen was stepping down and while I could not be there every week, I would make sure the church was open and things set up.

Lorraine, Margret and John very kindly said they would carry on helping and doing what they always do and that is very much appreciated by all the parents.

The parents have really stepped up and they now put everything away, they are organizing future outings, toy cleaning and replacements. Numbers are up and down as always but we have seen a few new faces this year and that's always encouraging. I do call in when I can and find it a great place for outreach and fun. Some of the mums, carers and grandparents now come through into the centre for lunch and I have three baptisms booked this year from the group. God is working his purpose out in Cottingley and that is clear in this group.

Malcolm

Sunday Gang Report

Sunday Gang is an opportunity for our young people and leaders to work together and explore bible stories and teachings in an informal, fun way! This year we have continued to see a group of between 6-12 young people from 0-14 years come together and learn together.

We have explored the bible through drama and poetry. We have shared prayers and readings; painted; made posters; completed quizzes and puzzles; enjoyed bingo and musical statues; we have made sweet things (and of course eaten a few sweet things along the way!); and through all of this, we have shared in learning about the word of God.

We had a very successful Pentecost service, joining with the congregation outside. The salad spinner Pentecost flames were a great success! The tin can pancakes for Shrove Tuesday on the other hand, were not as successful. Never the less, the ice cream and decorations to go with the pancakes were greatly enjoyed!

I have been very proud of the group in wanting to share our story telling and learning with the congregation. I have seen individual's grow in confidence to

share their activities and speak into 'the dreaded microphone'. Older members of the group are active to help the younger ones and we work together, to learn together.

More often than not, the young people are the ones teaching me and Val! No matter how prepared and planned I maybe, someone is bound to ask a question I was not prepared for, or make a comment I did not expect. Never the less, these comments and questions help me to learn and show a fantastic insight into how our young people learn and develop their faith.

Laura Stuart (Sunday Gang Leader)



All Sorts

Our All Sorts family sessions on a Friday afternoon centre around a bible story or theme, with exciting crafts, games and large-scale model making. These fun events are designed to reach out and engage with families in an adaptable way which meets their needs. It's proving a popular activity and we're now fully booked each month with around 32 children and their parents attending.

Our April 2018 session was called 'The Lost Sheep' and we made lots of sheep-themed bookmarks, bracelets and puppets. We divided the church into zones and the children moved around experiencing different activities in each area. We set fun and engaging challenges for the children, including building a giant sheep out of paper plates!

Other All Sorts themes during the year were Noah's Ark, Fruits of the Spirit and Candlemas. We also held a special session called 'Loving, Living, Giving' as part of our church-wide Stewardship campaign where we explored with the children how we can all give something back to our church and our community. Our Poppy Day session was a fantastic way to teach the children about Remembrance – we made wreaths and laid them at a 'cenotaph' as we acted out the first Remembrance Day. The church looked amazing with all the poppy-themed crafts. We also held a Christmas Party in December with music,

games and prizes, and the families brought a dish each for a bring and share party tea.

At the end of each All Sorts session parents join to look at everything the children have been doing. We then all enjoy a wonderful tea together with food generously prepared by members of Mothers' Union.

We receive very positive feedback from the children and their families, including this comment: "First time my daughter has been to All Sorts! She loved it, will be booking again!"

In 2017, All Sorts was successful in being chosen for the Co-op Local Community Fund, which achieved a wonderful total of £5,513 for our group. With an added portion of funding from the Co-op in 2018, the final amount came to an amazing £6,700! We are so incredibly blessed to receive this funding and so grateful to our congregation and local people who chose us as their favourite cause – thank you!

So far the funds have been put to good use to purchase equipment, and arts and crafts supplies for our activities. We were able to give all the children a special nativity advent calendar and a Christmas gift each. Our leaders now have fabulous All Sorts t-shirts so everyone knows who we are. An Adventure Day is being organised to take the children to Nell Bank for some outdoor activities. A fun circus skills workshop was held in February 2019, where circus performers came to church and taught the children plate spinning, juggling and unicycling!

We look forward to sharing God's love with local families. We aim to build on our All Sorts concept and use the funding for more exciting sessions in the coming year to give families a day to remember. We are so blessed to have wonderful volunteers who make it happen each month – thank you!

Camilla Cross Bridge (Leader and team member)

Church 4 All

has continued to be a staple in the monthly offering of services which St Michael's offers. It is usually a shorter and more lively service with the worship band and a team made up of people from the congregation leading the service with support from Malcolm. Some of the themes we have looked at this year include Mother's Day, Junior Songs of Praise service, Fruits of the Spirit, Trinity, Healing, stewardship, Looking after Gods World, Harvest, Remembrance and Advent.

We have been blessed this year by Dan Callaghan joining us on guitar in the band which has certainly livened up the music. As always, the team that work hard to put the services together are one of the gems here at St Michael's and it is wonderful to see all of them growing in confidence and sharing their faith as they develop this ministry.

We can honestly say not all the services have been as successful as others, but we are not experts and we are constantly learning and trying new things. As with any service sometimes the Church has been packed out and other times it has been relatively quiet. We try to listen to feedback from the congregation and make changes accordingly so please do keep your comments and suggestions coming in, both positive and negative, everything helps us keep planning and developing these services for the future. We really want these services to be a place where being part of worship doesn't seem quite so formal, where it is more accessible to children and those not so familiar with 'Church life' and a service where people can feel safe to test their comfort zone and maybe have a go at leading something up at the front - a place to explore what God is calling you to do.

Helen Eteson (Leader and team member)

Pudding Club

Pudding club is a joy to be part of. We talk about everything under the sun and enjoy puddings brought by everyone and anyone. We do have a more serious side, but this is done in a light-hearted manor. We have looked at many subjects over the last twelve months not just from scripture but from the world around us, from global warming to racism, from world leaders to our family. Right now, we are doing the moving on course from the leading your church into growth session.

We have open discussions without judgment and criticism of other people's thoughts or views, we are not all Christians and don't all worship at St Michaels and All Angels, but we do start and finish with prayer. We are very well established now and have started to invite new people along. If you would like to be part of this group, please do talk to me.

If your thing is hard core bible study this is not for you. If being organised or having a set plan for each meeting is your thing this is not the group for you. We go with the flow and some weeks we might just be there to comfort someone who has a problem they have shared. Sometimes we talk in depth and sometimes we just chill out and enjoy each others company. We literally do go with the flow and how people are feeling on the night our aim is to invite people who are still exploring their faith to join in with those who have a faith and those who are still looking. But to be warm open and welcoming.

Malcolm and Jo-ann (facilitators)

Mums and Toddlers

At the start of this year we made some changes to the toddler group. Helen has been looking after and working with this group for some time now but as she has now started working full time she has had to step down.

This group was always meant to be a parent lead group, but Helen was very heavily relied on for setting up and putting away. And along with Lorraine, Margret and John they have done a fantastic job keeping it going

However, things do change people step down people move on. I spoke to the mums and sent them letters explaining Helen was stepping down and while I could not be there every week, I would make sure the church was open and things set up.

Lorraine, Margret and John very kindly said they would carry on helping and doing what they always do and that is very much appreciated by all the parents.

The parents have really stepped up and they now put everything away, they are organizing future outings, toy cleaning and replacements. Numbers are up and down as always but we have seen a few new faces this year and that's always encouraging. I do call in when I can and find it a great place for outreach and fun. Some of the mums, carers and grandparents now come through into the centre for lunch and I have three baptisms booked this year from the group. God is working his purpose out in Cottingley and that is clear in this group.

Malcolm

The senior's fellowship group

At various times during the year we have been getting together to look at the bible from a different perspective. Having grown up in an age when passages from scripture were learnt by heart with no questions asked we have been taking a closer look at what the bible is actually saying to us today, like for example the Lord's prayer, something we say every Sunday but perhaps never think about the meaning behind it. We have enjoyed the opportunity for sharing our faith and what it means to us, both as individuals and as church members and we finished the year by getting together for a meal at the Community Centre.

Jackie Waterman(Group Leader)

THE MUSIC GROUP

After three years of searching for a lead guitarist to assist Darren on base we have been delighted to welcome Dan Callaghan. Dan plays for all the Sunday Services including Church4All and he accompanies the Singing Group on Wednesday evenings. The Music Group's biggest challenge has been to lead the first ever "Christmas Big Sing" which provided an opportunity for both the church and the local community to come together to sing some favourite Carols and Christmas Songs. It was well attended together with many requests for another one next Christmas. Following close behind came the "Christingle Service" on Christmas Eve when children and adults alike filled every inch of

both the Church and the Centre. It was good to see the return of those who regularly join our own Music Group for the "Christingle Service" and also this year for the "Christmas Big Sing" So our thanks go to Janice and Carly on guitar, Aaron on drums and Laura and Lily on vocals.

Jackie Waterman(Group Leader)

THE SINGING GROUP

During this past year we have really missed those members of the group who have not been able to be with us because of illness, especially those who have undergone an operation or needed to spend a long time in hospital. We are grateful for the continuing support and encouragement we receive from members of the congregation as we do our best to ensure that music remains an integral part of our Sunday worship.

Just a reminder that the Singing Group is not a closed shop and anyone who enjoys singing is welcome to join us. Don't make the mistake of thinking you can't sing instead come and discover you can on a Wednesday evening anytime between 7.p.m and 8.30.p.m.

Jackie Waterman(Group Leader)

1st COTTINGLEY GUIDES 2018-2019

Yet another very busy year for the Unit.

Camp had a New Zealand theme with Maori crafts and activities. One day was done 'upside down' with breakfast at supper time and supper at breakfast time! Very confusing.

The Plant Sale was a great success as was our McMillan Coffee Morning.

Our weekend at Playaway took a Party Theme as one of our Young Leaders turned 18 and we held a surprise party for her.

A trip to Delightful Diva's in Bingley gave the girls skin care and hygiene tips pertaining to their particular age groups.

The girls made poppies from plastic bottles to display in Church for the Remembrance Service and joined in with the parade and service.

Girlguiding UK set a challenge for Units to discover as much about The Suffragettes as they could. The girls found the subject quite riveting and lots of ideas and challenges were explored.

At the moment they are undertaking challenges based around Dementia Awareness and are hoping to raise funds for the cause by hosting a stall at the Spring Fayre.

We have tried to take part in all the Bingley Division activities and to participate in our local Cottingley events as well . Quite an undertaking for the Leaders who are all volunteers and give up many hours of their time to enable the girls to take part. Well done everyone!

This year sees the launch of a new programme with a whole new set of badges

and challenges and a very different way of working which will include the Rainbows and Brownies too. After the initial teething problems this new programme will breathe new life into everything that we do and will give us exciting times ahead.

Rainbows Sept2017 to Aug 2018

Over the last year we have completed 3 Rainbow Roundabout Badges, had a Christmas Craft evening with the Brownies, as well as a sausage sizzle in the summer again joining in the with Brownies.

We joined the community for the Remembrance Day service at the local church where the Rainbows helped with the readings. We celebrated Thinking Day with other units from our division.

We completed many different crafts from around the world as well as looking at things closer to home on a walk around the local area.

Just before the Summer holiday we started looking at activities from the new programme which started in September of this year -more about that next year.

This year we said Goodbye to Alice (Tiger) who went away to university in Sept.

Brownies Sept 2017 to Aug 2018

As mentioned in the Rainbows report we did our Christmas craft night and Summer sausage sizzler with them, we also took part in the Remembrance Day service at the church with the Brownies reading.

In April we went on a World Cruise at the Playaways where we did lots of crafts, enjoyed the on board swimming pool and the cabaret where all the passengers entertained the crew!

The Brownies as usual helped to plan the termly programme trying to include as many food based crafts, helped with ideas by Wolf and Bunny.

Over the last year we have tried to gain as many badges as possible during the meetings and encouraging the girls to complete them at home as the programme changed in September with the new programme themes- but as said in the Rainbows report more on that next year.

In July we also said goodbye to Nancy (Wolf) after 3 years as her daughter moved into guides

Muriel Baines

Places of welcome

We meet on a Monday in the Church 1.30pm to 3.30pm for tea/coffee and a chat. Its very informal and friendly and there are biscuits and sometimes cake !. We discuss everything and anything, although we avoid "Brexit" like the plague. Everyone is welcome and assured of a friendly reception.

Those attending in the last year include Sheila and Derek Ramsden, Margaret Cockerham, Pat Tod, Tracy, Marie, Sylvia, and Jo-ann -and often Missy the dog! Malcolm “chaired” the meeting for 2018 but at the beginning of 2019 he decided to take a break leaving Mondays free for him. The last few weeks Sheila and Derek have been excellent host.

Everyone is cordially invited to join us

John Fearnley (Respected member and supporter from the beginning)

Deanery Synod Report

There have been two meetings of the deanery synod since our last APCM the first of these was in June held at St Stephen's Church Hall. This took the style of as market place and churches were asked to present on the work they have been doing and how they are conducting mission. This included many different ideas and included a prayer workshop to help people pray and teach various ways of doing this and also beer festival it was noted that 2 parishes had done this one as a mission and used to meet the community the other used this as a fund-raising enterprise. Both were successful and made a profit be it in new contacts or funds to restore the roof.

At our October meeting we met at St Peters in Saltaire and Bishop Toby came and shared his upcoming vision for the Bradford episcopal area and the work it is doing towards the diocesan strategy. More on this in the BEAF report.

The next Deanery meeting is set for the 11 Feb 2018 and will have met by the time of the APCM and I look forward to our speaker will be Simone Bennett, Deputy Director of the Diocesan Education Team sharing what the Diocesan Education team are doing and how they engage with schools and communities. In addition to the deanery, synod deanery representatives also attend meetings of B.E.A.F. (Bradford Episcopal Area Forum).

Beaf has also met on two occasions in the last year the first of these was held in May at Cottingley Community Centre this focused around the Diocesan Strategic Funding bid we are working on for the Bradford Episcopal Area which is hoped will culminate in a new resource church in the heart of Bradford. It was asked that we Pray for a donor to help kick start this and we were asked to think if we knew anyone that would be in a position to help.

Guess what? prayers are answered!!! A donor came forward and at the November meeting at St John's Great Horton we were advised that a resource church is to be located in the buildings adjacent to the Alhambra these were previously night clubs. The buildings have been purchased and will be developed and kitted out to ensure they are sustainable, with the intention that the church will open in September 2019.

Parishes in the Area may be approached to identify members of their congregations who may be commissioned and sent to join this new church.

The resource church must be able to sustain its own level of ministry as well as having the capacity to plant new churches in the future.

Another part of the strategy is based around mission communities and stories were shared from a mission community recently set up in Manningham and St Georges church in Leeds and 2 young people shared their experiences and the journeys of faith that has led them to become further involved in the church and both had been recently ordained.

It's an exciting time in the Bradford Episcopal Area and in the Aire and Worth Deanery I look forward to seeing where the Church of England is heading and am happy to see that it is at the forefront of mission in the community.

Stuart Eteson (Deanery Synod Representative)

Vicars Thoughts

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

I guess the traditional way to start the vicars thoughts is by saying thank you and we have a lot to be thankful for at St Michael and All Angels . I am really blessed to be surrounded by some great and amazing people, who love and fear the Lord. Saying thank you is always a fraught endeavour because in this church there are so many people engaged in serving the church in large ways and small, visible and invisible- that I am bound to miss some. However, I would love to say with all my heart my grateful thanks for all those people who do so much as well as to those who come faithfully to worship here on Sundays or during the week.

I do however feel it worth the risk to single out just one or two without whom my job here would be very much more difficult and at times impossible. First must be to my wife Jo-Ann who has stood by my side through ups and downs through tears and laughter. The one who is my strongest critic and greatest supporter. My wardens who have kept my feet on the ground and my heart on God they do an amazing amount of work that no one ever sees and right now even more with the quinquennial report and archdeacons visitation due shortly. To Jackie who has been my rock and spiritual guide in the last year who has listened and prayed with and for me so many times and one or two others who will remain nameless but have always been there in times of drought and plenty. Without these people and their unending love and support I'm not sure I would be writing this report this year.

My pcc for their love and support but for also speaking their minds when needed. To Jim for keeping our finances on track, one of the hardest jobs in the church and all of it unseen. And finally, Richard and Christine for their service on Tuesday evenings

With so many people involved in ministry in our church and the most humbling thing is some of them don't see what they do as ministry but without them church would not run. To all of you I want to say thank you from the bottom of

my heart and please remember if you volunteer to do anything in church be it for a day, a week, or a lifetime that is ministry and please do not underestimate your contribution to the running of our church and your sacrifices to God.

I want to say a big heart felt thank you to all who work in putting together our youth work, Sunday services, special one-off service like Christmas and Easter. Bible study, home visits etc. To those who step outside their comfort zone for God. those involved up front or as support without your contribution so many things in this church would not be possible.

To the mothers union and all the work, they do look after those in our parish who are ill for the flowers they take and the love they share. And the wonderful, cake stalls. To Joyce Stapleton for her work sending out cards to those who have been baptised, when you meet an adult who has just received her first card and she cries because she had been sent a card and chocolate buttons and her comment was "I really felt so loved thank you". And to the work of the church in supporting Christian Aid. It's often easy to put your hand in your pocket and give something but here it's more. Delivering and collecting envelopes supporting coffee mornings and giving raffle prizes and hopefully supporting our upcoming Christian aid service on the 12th of May thank you And my final thank you is to the stewardship team.

We have had a great year as far as our finances are concerned. It felt fantastic not having to plan a giving day this year. However, we would not have been in the place we are now had it not been for the hard work of Jim and his stewardship team. The hours spent talking and working through how we would approach and execute the campaign was not easy. In the end we had a very successful campaign and people responded in ways that God lead them and for that we are very grateful. I think no one will mind if I say a very big thank you to Camilla for all her hard work putting together the brochure, finding the pictures and making it look so professional on a very tight budget.

I know there will be people and groups not mentioned here that does not make you less important just know you are loved by the church by me and most of all by God.

Having said all this, I want the main part of my letter to be looking forward not back

Throughout the last year one bible verse has come back to me repeatedly. A Psalm of David.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

We have made great strides this year and we have many more to make in the future. But this verse tells me we can do it whatever life throws at us God is with us and will always be with us.

“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake”.

If we keep following God and doing things in his name in his strength, then he will continue to bless us. 2018 saw a rise in attendance and of people on the electoral roll despite having to take some off. Like all churches attendance is up and down but we are still growing and in the early stages. In our push to move forward we must remember to take time to reflect on Gods beauty to take time to allow him to restore and renew us. Time in prayer, alone time, just being still. He will not lead us down the wrong path nor will he forsake us. However, he needs us to take care of ourselves too. To this end, this year I would like to see more prayer time and we have people already looking at how we do this so watch this space.

We have house groups starting for lent. Details to be on the notice board very soon. I would love to see new faces running home groups and bible study throughout the year not just in lent. But the emphasis is on new faces doing new things, so I am asking you to pray and see if its something you could do. Please come and talk to me.

2019 is going to see the start of “Leading your church into growth” I have talked about this since I came, and I have let other things distract me and that is very wrong. I am planning a church away day after the APCM and have invited the Leading your church into growth team to come along. Dates to be confirmed , we are all called to be evangelist, but we get scared of what that entails. God calls us to spread the word and the LYCIG way will give us the tools we need to do that work. I know the church has looked at this before but never moved forward, I am asking you all to put out of your mind all the thoughts you have and not to listen to any negative comments. But come to the meeting with open hearts and minds. There is a proven history that churches who follow LYCIG with their whole heart are growing and because we are called to spread Gods word, I’m sure we will all want to be part of what could be an amazing future here at St. Michael and All Angels.

Also, this year we will be doing the second round of our stewardship cycle. This year we will be looking at “time” and I know for many here the stewardship of our time is a problem. The diocese has just had a big change round and as soon as I get dates from them, I will make the announcement. In the meant time once again, I will be looking for some new faces to head up the team putting together what we need to do under the guidance of the diocese.

We will be looking as always at our services and how we can make them more accessible to people. This includes our C4A, all sorts and normal Sundays. Questions like do we need to do things different, do we need to change times or dates. What are others doing that we can take ideas from and tweak them to suit our needs and the needs of our community. This will involve two teams one looking at our normal services and one looking at C4A and All Sorts. Thankfully those teams are already in place and continually looking for ways to improve. We will be taking on board things that have been said by members of our congregation and of our community.

We will continue to strengthen our connection to the centre and the cca. We are looking forward to the first major joint venture on the Funday. Where the three have worked together to bring us what I'm sure will be an amazing day. We would love to see more support for our social events run by the centre and by the partnership team.

“ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever”.

Is all this going to be easy no not at all, will we have to overcome obstacles and negativity yes, we will. The psalm says even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of the death I will fear no evil. God will be right there by your side in everything we do if and only if we do it to glorify him. He will set a table before us while our enemies look on, we shall be feasting with God for doing his work. And our reward will be to dwell in the house of the lord forever. Who would not want that?

I know I have let you down in the last year and I have failed to do the work I planned to do. I have talked to a lot of people about a lot of things but “I” have failed to move those things forward”. I let myself get distracted that will not happen in 2019 and moving forward. I have at least 6 years left here at St. Michael and All Angles and with Gods help we will move forward into our community and bring people to Christ. We have a lot of work to do but I truly believe we have an amazing team here at St Michaels and that God will bring on new people as and when he needs them. We or should I say “I” just need to stay true to him and anything not of God will be let go.

Thank you to everyone for your love support and encouragement and I look forward to working with and alongside you in 2019 and beyond.

Shalom

Malcolm

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