

CHURCH WARDENS REPORT 2018 ALL SAINTS CORSTON

We are pleased to report that our village church is continuing to play an important role in Corston.

We have held a variety of services throughout the year which have attracted people who perhaps would not normally attend. In September we held a service to mark the 70th Anniversary of the NHS where we welcomed the Chaplain from the RUH to speak. This enabled people from across the benefice to pray for healing and to thank all serving in the NHS.

Our Harvest celebration this year was traditional but with a twist. All the village was invited to join us with a service of thanksgiving with baptism, followed by a hog roast. The aim to say thank you to the whole village for their support. The weather was good and it was a wonderful occasion enjoyed by so many people.

The Armistice weekend was another memorable occasion. The church was decorated with many knitted poppies and thoughtful displays. A concert including poetry readings and music was held on the Saturday afternoon followed by tea and cake. Thanks go to everyone involved for their hard work, especially Debbie, Sue, Kathy and Susan. On Sunday an act of Remembrance followed by a service for Peace was led by Daile, then came ringing for peace in the churchyard. It was a very moving occasion and was very well attended.

Our Christmas services were also well attended. Our DIY Christingle and Family Carol and nativity services were very popular and attracted children and adults alike joining in the activities around the church. We would like to thank all the readers from Groups around

the village who joined us for our carol service and everyone else that came to celebrate Christmas with us.

We have had a number of Social events in church this year. In April a History weekend with exhibitions spread between village hall and church encouraged residents and visitors to come forth with interesting information for the local History Society. In May Swing to Brass was a lively and successful concert in church featuring a Brass band and choir, followed by tea and cake. Donations split between Alzhiemers Society and church. The CCPT held their annual successful concert in July. A performance in September of readings and music of John Betjeman followed by a special service in church was enjoyed by all. Thank you to Bob Johnson and team for all their hard work.

Special thanks go to Carol Phillips for successfully launching our Coffee Shop in church, which is held on the first Tuesday and third Wednesday of each month, where homemade cake and fresh coffee is served. This compliments the monthly Markets, Soup and pudding lunches and Quizzes held in the Village hall. Social events for everyone to join in.

Thank you to The Country Fair committee for organizing the Fair this year and for our share of the profits. It was very much appreciated. Special thanks to Margaret Tanner for raising so much from her Vintage clothes stall which led on to further sale events in church to add to funds.

The support of the CCPT is invaluable with financial help for the upkeep of our building. This year it has enabled us to renovate our porch and pathway. We thank everyone involved for all their continued support.

We as churchwardens would like to thank everyone who contribute to the life of All Saints, to Daile our rector, our PCC, our bellringers, organists, readers, sidesmen, Paul for all his help, those who look after our churchyard, organise events, keyholders and for everyone who do jobs around the church we cannot mention everyone by name but be assured the jobs you do don't go unnoticed.

We are lucky at All Saints to have great facilities a kitchenette, toilet and removable pews in North aisle. This year we have held meetings, charity and social events.

We would like to welcome everyone to use our church and facilities, just contact Daile or our wardens.

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Churchwardens