

# ST JOHN'S CHURCH

North  
Wingfield Team

## SUNDAYS

North  
Wingfield Team

### @ 11.15 AM

*Everyone Welcome*

*St John's Church, Tupton*

*North Wingfield Team*

*Ministry*

*2022 Annual Report*



Vicar's Report 2022

St John's Church, Tupton

## **Vicar's Report 2022**

### **St John's Church, Tupton**

This is my 4<sup>th</sup> year with St John's and sadly my last report as Team Vicar. After the impact of Covid, we have continued to face challenges but we have also seen God's faithfulness to us.

The year started off with my absence and I was hugely grateful for all who stepped in to help and provided cover. In particular, I owe a huge thanks to Lisa as Church Warden and those in support, who took on the main burden of ensuring that church services were covered and that everything ran smoothly.

We also continue to be grateful to Marcia Bown for her ongoing support of St John's church.

### **North Wingfield Team**

The North Wingfield Team continued in vacancy and the post of Team Rector was advertised at the end of 2021. Following interviews in February 2022, we were delighted to appoint Rev'd Richard Clark who joined us from Redditch in July 2022.

I continued to play a wider role across the whole of the North Wingfield Team, heading up Baptism and Family ministry in particular. This inevitably reduced my ability to be involved at St John's in a more hands-on way.

### **Jumping Jacks**

Following the resignation of Natalie at the end of 2021, we were delighted that Candy Bagshaw, the Team Children's worker took on the running of this. Candy did an amazing job, restarting and getting it back on track. The timing of the group had to change however to a Friday afternoon. This coincided with 2 new toddler groups starting up in the village. Sadly, after several months of very poor attendance, the decision was made to temporarily suspend the group until we felt it was the right time to re-start. We wait on God's leading for this.

### **Occasional Offices**

We continue to welcome to church those seeking occasional offices through baptism, weddings, and funerals. In this last year we welcomed 2 families for baptism and 3 funerals were held. No weddings took place.

## Schools Work

It has been great to pick up our contacts with Tupton Primary school again after a break of a couple of years. I've enjoyed the opportunity to go into school to take assemblies. We were also delighted to welcome two KS2 classes in for the Christmas Experience event. The classes loved coming in and were really appreciative for us putting this on. The classes recently came back into church for an Easter Experience event just before their Easter break and the children and staff loved it.

## Outreach

- **Christmas Tree Festival** We were thrilled to put on a Christmas Tree festival for the community for the first time for many years, encouraged and greatly aided by Diane Palmley. It was wonderful to see so many of the community groups take part by providing trees and to welcome a number of our community through our doors to view and enjoy Christmas treats!

## Churchwardens and DCC members

With reducing numbers at church, we have been hugely grateful for those who tirelessly serve St John's. Particular thanks must go to Lisa in her role as Churchwarden, which she continues to do solo. Thankfully she is very ably supported, particularly by Stella. A particular thank you must also be extended to Sandra, who not only continues as our very efficient and effective Secretary but also Safeguarding Officer and has taken over the running of Pop-In. Vera also continues to faithfully stand as Treasurer despite her best efforts to hand over the reins! We are grateful for her willingness to continue with this role.

## Looking Ahead

This will continue to be a year of change and transition as I leave and as Richard continues to embed as our new Team Rector. We have made great strides in working together as church together across the team and we hope that this will continue in the years to come. As we look ahead to all that will be and all that is to come so our focus should always be Jesus, giving thanks for all He has done for us and His salvation of our lives. It is only in Him that we trust and rely on. As we long for His will to be done here in our community so we need to continue to look to Him.

In the words of the Psalmist:

"Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this." (Psalm 37:4-5)

What are our hopes and dreams for St John's that we need to commit to praying for and trusting in Christ for?

## Thank you All!

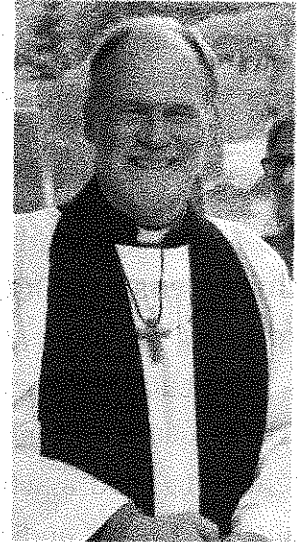
I've not been able to name and thank everyone here but I have continued to be hugely appreciative of all that every single one of you has done to support not only your church family but Steve and I

also. So many of you contribute in so many different ways to our church life and we couldn't do it without your faithful commitment and dedication. So, thank you one and all for everything that you have done this year, great or small.

Every blessing, Lynn

### From the Rector-in-Charge

Background: I was born in Nottingham in 1960. That was home base until I served at London City mission for a year before I began to train for the ordained ministry in Bristol just under 40 years ago. I served two curacies before becoming vicar of St Andrew's Nottingham for 21 years, then Team Rector in Redditch for 9 years; and here I am!



Sue and I looked around the parish on 28<sup>th</sup> February, I was interviewed on 1<sup>st</sup> March and offered the post, however I was not licensed until 21<sup>st</sup> July. The length of vacancy was unhealthy and had had a number of adverse and negative effects on congregational size and relationships so that the team that was portrayed in the parish profile was not the one we encountered when we arrived; but this could be an outworking of John 15:2b: "every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful". We are smaller, less active and older in average age now, all of which will need to be taken into account as we are re-envisioned for the Lord's future.

This, is, however, a strong and active team compared to any other parish in this deanery: in 2022 we paid 39.8 per cent of the Common Fund of Hardwick Deanery, one of only five parishes to pay our Common Fund in full. And we paid Handley's share as well! Our Electoral Roll is the fourth largest in the diocese; years of evangelism, of sowing, tending and reaping, have borne fruit. The Lord has felt welcome in our praise and worship, in our prayers, our love of the Bible, our love for one another and our generous financial and other forms of giving. It has not been the case everywhere: Jesus teaches us that you can tell a tree by its fruit and, as the Apostle Paul wrote, "No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God's approval."

We have moved into another vacancy. In 2022 we changed the service pattern so that I could be in two morning services every Sunday, which will pay further dividends as we move through the rest of this year. I have looked at how things can work better as a team, and how we can respond to the post-Covid challenge. It is so important that we tell others what we have been told in meetings as I cannot get round our unusually high membership on my own. I will want to spend time encouraging leaders, building them up in the faith, and looking to raise up new leaders. The strength of a church is not only in godly leadership; it is important that we recognise that now is the time to step up and become more involved.

The future will involve the discovering of the Lord's vision, strategy, and tactics; the embodiment of corporate values; making and building disciples; promoting the gifts and ministries of lay people in a way that is both spirit-led and powerful, yet under authority. We will seek to tackle the challenge of bringing back into the church community those who are wandering or who have fallen away; we will saturate the church and community in prayer, the undergirding of everything we do. We will seek to work with all gospel-preaching churches in this locality to bring Christ's eternal message to the upcoming generations, and especially with our team churches, pooling our resources where that will help us to do things we couldn't otherwise do. We are far stronger together than apart.

In 2023 the Church of England faces some very serious issues at national level especially in relation to gay marriage, but also in our corporate failure to reach the nation or to remain in close fellowship with the worldwide Anglican communion, from which we are increasingly marginalised. Meanwhile, our team parish is still by far the strongest and best supported part of Hardwick Deanery and there is no reason why our national, diocesan, and deanery weaknesses need affect our capacity to minister fruitfully in the power of the Holy Spirit to the glory of God the Father.

We say farewell to Lynn Hayler on 23<sup>rd</sup> April as she leaves to take up a new post. Lynn has upheld the gospel, a godly approach to the bible, has promoted positive values, and seeking to build our ministry to young people and through the occasional offices while bearing the burden of ministering in the five churches alone for a long period. Lynn, in short, has been a hero and we will miss her. The parish is still suspended so as we create a profile for Lynn's successor – who will be licensed to the team and not to any particular church – and we may review the parish boundary, some parts of which are unhelpful and way out of date. Let us also pray that the post will be filled well before Easter (31<sup>st</sup> March) 2024.

Thank you to everyone who has positively contributed to St. John's in the past year. Now is the time rise up and build as the Lord leads us to a time of fruitfulness.

Richard Clark 040423

Church Wardens Report 2022  
Lisa Reeve

### **Warden's Report St John's March 2023**

Well, what a year in the life of our team again! I joined St John's in the midst of COVID restrictions and remember, when I wrote last year's report, saying that things should be back to 'normal.' I have now realised that there is no such thing as a normal year in church.

We now have a team rector, Richard, who has settled in well and who seems to be keen on us working as the team we should be. It has been lovely to see him on a regular basis at St John's, taking the Sunday service as well as supporting Saturday pop in.

I would like to thank everyone at St John's for your faithful giving, both monetary and your gifts and talents. We may be small in number but we are faithful to the Lord. I pray that in this coming year that God will continue to guide us, individually and as a church. We continue to pray for more people from Tupton to join us in regular worship and come to know Jesus as their personal Saviour.

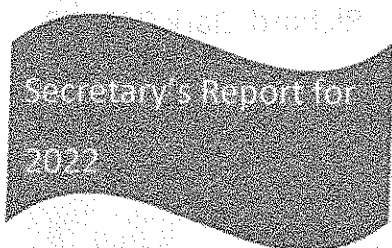
We have had a difficult year, as have all organisations, with rising energy costs and every bill seeming to be increasing from last year and I would like to thank you for your support as we try to navigate a balance between being comfortable and paying the bills. Thankfully God has provided what we need and we continue to lift this situation to the Lord.

I cannot complete this Warden's report without commenting on the passing of Bill, a dear faithful servant of the Lord and of St John's. There will be a huge gap in St John's congregation and we continue to pray for his family.

Finally, I would like to thank Lynn for her faithful service to St John's and the whole team. I thank her for her hard work and dedication. She has helped to build us up, laughing with us and crying with us. I would also like to offer our heartfelt thanks to Steve as well, stepping in so many times to play the music, run the desk, prepare PowerPoints for services, mow the lawn, mending what needs mending, cooking breakfasts and the numerous other things, thank you.

I look forward to serving you and God in this role for another year if you all agree.

Lisa x



Following on from 2021, the DCC opted to hold zoom meetings during cold weather periods, this had the additional benefit of saving the church money, especially during the latter half of 2022 when the heating prices increased.

The DCC held 4 meetings on zoom and 2 meeting in person at St John's Church plus the ADCM meeting held on 30 April 2022, making a total of 7 DCC meetings throughout 2022. The Christmas Tree festival (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022) discussed amongst the DCC mostly online until nearer the date as was the Christmas Experience activity with the Primary School. One other item that went round via email was the proposed revision of the North Wingfield Constitution.

All members of St. Johns DCC have received copies of all reports and minutes by email; with 1 member receiving a printed copy of all the minutes and reports delivered to them by hand.

The latest ratified minutes, including the financial report for the period are posted on the church noticeboard for all to read.

The results of the Electoral roll have now been posted up in church as will the results of the elections being held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023 at the ADCM and copies of the same will be sent to the relevant people.

Whilst we are in the sad position of saying Goodbye to Rev'd Lynn Hayler and to Steve Hayler we wish them all the very best in their new venture. However, we warmly welcome Rev'd Richard and his wife Sue and I am sure we will be ably supported guided and motivated with him at the helm.

Wishing you all every blessing for the coming year

*Sandra*  
Secretary

### **Electoral Roll**

The Electoral Roll revision commenced on 25 March 2023 and was completed on 06 April 2023 in time for the ADCM on 22 April 2023. The updated list of those who are now on the roll is pinned to the noticeboard in church as per Church of England requirements and a full copy has been forwarded to the Parish Electoral Roll Officer and copies to both Rev'd Lynn Hayler and the Rev'd Richard Clark. Derby office will be notified by Dennis Arnold as he is the appointed Parish Electoral Officer for the team. This last year, 2022, has seen another shift in numbers on the Electoral Roll with 6 people having been removed for varying reasons, unfortunately no new members. Our current Roll now stands at 17 of whom 15 live within the Parish of St John's and 2 outside our parish.

The Parish Share is no longer based on the numbers on the Electoral Roll but is based on the average numbers attending our Church Services.

We pray that God will bless us with more members in the coming year to help continue to spread his word.

*Sandra*  
Electoral Roll Officer

### **Safeguarding**

A report is issued to the DCC at every meeting notifying them of any issues that need to be implemented, discussed, or resolved. St John's church has been operating at level three on the safeguarding dashboard throughout 2022, with just one item to be completed relating the St John's Lunch Club held at the Village Hall.

The Diocese safeguarding team have implemented a drop-in session held on the first Tuesday in every month for all safeguarding officers. Information gleaned from these meetings are passed on

to the North Wingfield team safeguarding officer, Jane Kinsell who disseminates all the relevant information at our monthly meetings which helps keep us all up to date with information from both the Diocese and Bishop's house. This ensures that any new information is put before the PCC via the safeguarding report presented by Jane for any approvals needed and then disseminated to all the DCC's for implementation.

**Sandra**  
Safeguarding Officer for St John's Church

### Hardwick Deanery Synod

We do not, currently, have a representative from St John's on the Synod, but Rev'd Lynn has faithfully kept us up to date by passing on any relevant information to the DCC – however, it would be beneficial if we had our own representative from St John's on the Synod especially during the current climate of change.

### Pop In 2022 -2023

We are delighted to say that Pop In is once again becoming the popular venue that it had been pre-Covid, with familiar faces and a considerable number of new faces who have now become regulars.

We have expanded from 5 tables to 6 tables being regularly set up for use and it is a delight to see this, even though it can be quite tiring and busy, it's all for a very good cause.

At Pop In up to the end of 2022 we are thrilled that we have been able to contribute £2065 towards the running costs for the church – which has always been the aim of Pop In since its outset - and we hope to continue to do so throughout 2023.

On a somewhat sad note, during 2022 we said goodbye to Nicki whose contributions as both partner in the enterprise and baker of cakes is sorely missed.

We also have to say goodbye to one of our regular cooks, Steve Hayler, as he and Rev Lynn are moving on to pastures new and we wish them both all the very best.

At this point I must say a very grateful thank you to Diane Parmley who helps with the cooking, Eileen Harrison and Rev Marcia who help with cake baking, Vera, Stella, Eric, Sheila & Juliet who help with serving our clients - without their help Pop In would really struggle to keep going.

If anyone would like to join our team they would be very welcome, just pop in and have a chat.

**Sandra**  
(Pop In)



## **Lunch Club**

A team of 8 regular helpers keep the lunch club going from strength to strength. Prior to Christmas the attendance was very low due to outbreaks of 'flu and still lingering Coronavirus. Afterwards we had new members joins and now have a regular 24 people attending. We have been granted funding from the Parish Council for use of the village hall so enabling us to keep our costs down. Members have their own Bingo session after lunch! We hold Lunch Club every third Monday in the month.

Please come and join us!!

*Stella* (Verger)

## **Church Hall**

Not a good year for our lettings as Brownies and Rainbows moved to larger premises. Parent and Toddler group never got started as the village hall set one up and we also lost most of our helpers.

It gave us the opportunity to put a fresh coat of paint on the walls and freshen it up.

We have a weekly Art Club still in progress, but other hirings only occasionally. We pray for better times for income to keep our hall in use for the future.

In God we trust.

*Stella* (Verger)

## **Music Ministry Annual Report 2022**

Praise God for another fruitful year of music ministry!

The Music Ministry exists to serve and enhance the worship life of St. John's Church, and to help each member of the congregation to worship God more deeply.

Songs and hymns are chosen to illuminate that week's scripture readings, and then rehearsed and performed at worship services.

We look forward to the future year ahead growing with new music and new talent.

Thank you to our super technical sound desk team and to Steve Hayler for being a wonderful sub for when I am away. Thank you to the people for your support during 2022. I look forward to serving you in 2023.

Many Thanks

*Diane*

## **TREASURER'S REPORT 2022**

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Please find attached copies of the receipts and payments accounts for the year ending 31st December 2022

Thanks to everyone for your continued support and for your generous donations.

The Parish Share is made up of two parts the Common Fund which is paid to The Derby Diocese, this year the amount was the sum of £10,608 which we managed to pay in full. The Team Share amount was £3,134 unfortunately we only managed to pay the sum of £250.00.

The outstanding loan for the church hall roof of £3,000 was paid in full.

I am pleased to say that Pop In is still going strong and the sum of £2,065 was raised. Likewise the Hall Lettings raised £1,226 Thanks to everyone for your continued support.

As you will have noticed from the accounts we continued to support our Compassion friend Nyionshuti £366 and we also sent a donation of £131 to The Children's Society. This money was raised by the Christingle boxes being filled and collected at the Christingle service held in church.

We also had a collection for Pakistan raising £70 and £36.25 was sent to the British Legion.

Considering the reduction in Church Members I feel that we have a lot to be proud of and thank God for his many blessings.

If anyone has any questions concerning the accounts please let me know

Love from Vera Morley  
Church Treasurer

**ST JOHN'S CHURCH TUPTON DISTRICT CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

<b>PARISH SHARE</b>		<b>10858</b>
<b>CLERGY AND OTHER FEES</b>		<b>1027</b>

**THE CHURCH AND HALL:-**

Heat Water Cleaning & Insurance	2720	
Repairs Maintenance & Extinguishers	2212	
Upkeep of Services	283	
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<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>5215</b>

**CHURCH LIFE:-**

Gifts & Charities	603	
Jumping Jacks Salary	413	
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<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1016</b>

**Loan Repayment** **3000**

**Bank Balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020:-**

Central Board of Finance	2722	
Nat West Bank A/C 1	471	
Bank A/C 2	909	
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<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>4102</b>

<b>FINAL TOTAL</b>		<b>25218</b>
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**ST JOHN'S CHURCH TUPTON DISTRICT CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**RECEIPTS ACCOUNT**  
For the year ended 31st December 2022

**VOLUNTARY RECEIPTS:-**

Planned Giving	Gift Aid	5791	
Non Gift Aid		3390	
Tax Received		2525	
Collections		369	
Donations		1465	
Club25 & Tax Received		757	
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	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>14297</b>

**ORDINARY RECEIPTS:-**

Fees	1839	
Investment Interest	18	
Rent for Hall	1226	
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<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3083</b>

**CHURCH EVENTS:-**

Remembrance Service	72	
Christingle Collection	130	
Collection for Pakistan	70	
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<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>272</b>

Pop In Café	2065
Jumping Jacks	24
Mission Fund	500
Bank Balances @ 31/12/20	4977

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**FINAL TOTAL** **25218**

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