

The Church of St John the Baptist Preston Bissett



Review of 2018

The most memorable service of 2018 must be the Centenary Remembrance Service on 11th November with the Great Horwood Band providing music of the genre.

It was attended by 110 people who joined in a moving procession to the church from The Square where silhouettes and names of those who lost their lives in the First World War were poignantly displayed. The names of the fallen service men from both world wars were read out and wreaths laid. Representatives were in attendance from the Royal British Legion.

We also hosted a 'Music in Quiet Places' classical concert with a village walk prior to the performance. Swan Group held a Team Communion service in August enjoying the flowers from a Wedding on the previous day.

The Crib service on Christmas Eve was once again attended by 86 excited individuals prior to the Group Midnight Service and Holy Communion on Christmas Day.

The Church welcomed the marriages of Paul McGough and Karen Morris (both residents of the village) and Rhys Barrett and Rachel Williams (Rachel grew up in the village). Sadly it also held the funeral of our oldest resident Mrs Florence Jakeman in May.

Pastoral, social and fund raising events during the year included: Summer Fete, Soap box Derby, Summer Safari Supper and Autumn Safari Supper, Bank Holiday Lunch, and Village Quiz.

Following a spate of Lead thefts from local Churches, a roof alarm that complies with the Ecclesiastical Insurance company stipulations has been fitted. This year the PCC has been able to fund full payment of our parish share once again.

The church is financially stable and continues to be grateful for the support of the whole village in fund raising activities. It is also indebted to the villagers who quietly support it in more practical ways such as cleaning, mowing, flower arranging and general maintenance etc. to make it a welcoming and beautiful place to worship.

On behalf of the PCC of St John the Baptist, Preston Bissett, Bucks
Mrs Sara Gulliver (Secretary)