



**Holy Trinity**  
Combe Down



**St Andrew's**  
Community Church

## **Annual Report of Holy Trinity and St Andrew's Churches Combe Down for the year to April 2022**

Our Churches are going from strength to strength, Praise God! We battled through the last of the Covid restrictions and all our ministries have gradually returned to pre-covid activities and numbers, and now are surpassing them in many areas!

Particular highlights are our Youth work blossoming, with increased numbers and youth from the Community and School attending for the first time.

The Easter baptism service was unlike any other I have been to with seven marvellous testimonies and then 2 extra spontaneous baptisms with testimonies to indicate that this was certainly the right time to be baptised for them too.

We appointed 2 new Ministers and a curate this year – Tim Lewis- Senior Associate Minister for Growth, Malc Morgan – Senior Associate Minister for St Andrew's Community Church, and Katy Partridge our full time curate! And Chris our part time curate was priested.

### **CLERGY REPORTS**

#### **Rev. Tim Lewis - Senior Associate Minister for Growth writes:**

What an exciting time to join the team! My licensing service back in September 2021 set the tone for these first few months with a wonderful spirit of worship and a prayer time which wouldn't stop! Since then it has been a joy to see the following things (among many others):

1. A genuine **desire to reach out** to our community with the gospel and practical care. As the 'minister for growth' this heart has been of huge encouragement to me. The recent Alpha course has been a great example of this but is only one among many initiatives.
2. A **hunger for God's word**. I have loved teaching the bible to congregations keen to hear God and grow.
3. **Growth!** With such a strong staff team, in God's kindness we seem to have got back on our feet as a church fairly quickly and as a result it has been thrilling to see lots of new faces joining us (though of course they are all new to me!).

#### **Malc Morgan - Senior Associate Minister for St Andrews Community Church writes:**

Just over 6 months into the role and I am just loving St Andrews! The encouragement, support and enthusiasm of the church has been amazing. Susie Houston helped settle me in enormously and understand the different aspects of the role.

We are growing numerically which is always exciting and our work into the Foxhill community will be expanded in the year ahead. We are seeing several of the community joining us on Sundays now too.

St Andrews is a busy hub – toddlers, youth, community, dance groups, women's and men's meetings – the building is being utilised most days – a real community church!

As we look at the year ahead with the possibility of acquiring the community centre next door the word 'growth' hangs strongly over our door – bring it on!

### **Rev Katy Partridge – Pioneer Curate writes:**

Ministries I have committed to on a regular basis are:

Students and 20s: We have a regular core group of 10 who meet every Sunday in term time for lunch and bible study.

Youth Homegroup: This is an exciting group who are keen to go deeper in their faith. Stu is an excellent example to the youth.

Pioneer Project: Pilates and Poetry: 20 members with a regular attendance of around 12, including non-church members.

Co-ordinating the church response to the Ukraine. I believe Alan Bain and Mark Hannan will do an excellent job in continuing the work.

Re-starting prayer ministry at HTCD: coordinating and providing initial and ongoing training for the team.

## **MINISTRY REPORTS**

Our Ministry Leads have written reports in each of their areas providing an overview of the many activities of the churches. We are very grateful for all the work they do and the teams that work with them which have an impact across the generations both within the congregations and in our local community.

### **Our Worship Leaders at Holy Trinity – Dan and Lydia, write:**

Being able to move from pre-recorded and edited videos, through to fairly minimal live worship (where people couldn't sing), through singing with masks, and finally to having almost full bands with the congregation able to participate how they want to has been a journey, but it's slowly felt like things are coming back to life. It's really great to be able to see and hear people engaging in worship together.

We're still struggling a bit for volunteers (which won't be a unique situation) particularly for sound and visuals people, but it seems that's partly down to people being able to do the travel that they had put off, or life changes causing them to take a break.

Again, probably not unique, but it's tiring having spent a couple of years where it almost entirely relies on you to make it happen, and then carrying that whilst also trying to build things back up and generate a sense of excitement around worship.

The Carol services and the invitation service have been particular highlights – carols, as we were able to do them in person, and it sounded great, and the invitation service as we had a packed church, a full band and people really seemed to engage – it wasn't like pre covid, it felt like something different and new.

We really need to record something new (rather than way maker) for the church intro videos!

### **Our Pastoral and Families Minister – Sharon Blair writes:**

#### **God at work in the Families Ministry – long term pastoral evangelism.**

Mum X started coming to Foxhill Toddlers 8 years ago; a home group helped her move house; we supported her once a week with Pastoral Visits; she had lots of cake from the Cake Ministry; she did a Parenting Course; her children have come to holiday clubs; she's been to Church events a few times especially when there's food afterwards; she asked the Lord into her life last summer and is now attending Alpha with her boyfriend in order to help her to experience more of Jesus in her life. She still has some way to go but God is on the move! Praise Him!

Here are the needs the **Families Ministry** in order for the Lord to continue His work amongst the families in our parish.

- **Toddlers:** – we are the 'best toddler group in the area' according to the mums. People to help cater set up tables for lunch needed and praying listeners for the parents.
- **Pastoral visits** – setting up a new pastoral care scheme for families both inside and outside the church. We need volunteer Glam-ma's or Parent Buddy's.
- **Cake Ministry** – make cakes to share God's love
- **Parenting Courses** – Lizzie Guillebaud is fronting the excellent Kids Matter course for parents facing adversity and isolation. Need Creche Volunteers.
- **Holiday Clubs** – Claire needs more volunteers

**Alpha** – we have a great team and wonderful sacrificial home groups who have made excellent meals. Thank you.

**Church Family Events** (street food after church, Church Family Friday etc) – as our church gets bigger let's all make sure we make these a priority in order to get to know and share the love of Jesus with people.

One other thing Mum X hasn't been to yet but will be there....**The Combe Down Platinum Jubilee Celebration** Matt Wheeldon and Friends of Firs Field are heading this up with me in support and our aim is to bring our church, local organisations and businesses together to produce a big event which celebrates our Queen. We need our congregations to support this in as many ways possible. More info after Easter

### **Our Children's Minister – Claire Morrish writes:**

**Children's ministry** flourishes and we are now back to pre-covid numbers of children in all our Sunday groups (over 30 children aged 0-11 regularly) Remotivating and engaging our adult children ministry team has been challenging but I am pleased to report we are now at a sustainable level of people, DBSed and booking their slots on the planning centre app! Thank you for all your prayers and to those who joined the teams and attended our Spring

Booster training. Please pray we can grow the team in number and in skills to ensure all our children, especially those with extra needs can engage with our provision.

**Thankful Thursday** has also grown. It has been fantastic to welcome so many new babies and new parents with little ones born in lockdown to worship and fellowship together.

Our **Open the Book** team began this academic year. They trained on zoom with the Bible Society and are now delivering an interactive, dramatic bible story every week to all the children at Combe Down Primary school. This has brought huge joy to the team and the school. We delivered Christmas and Easter Experiences for the school again after a 2-year break and were able to get a ramp so the wheelchair using children can now access the foot of our cross.

The **Light Party** and our **Good Friday** events have been “Family” events this year. This has enabled us to put on such events without the need of such a large team of adults which we lacked. Gathering as intergenerational church family has also been a real blessing after covid restrictions.

Things coming up to pray for include our new action song team, the summer family Friday events and wisdom for me as to how to sustain myself in my ministry. I am looking at various training and academic study options

### **Our Youth Minister – Stuart McLachlan, writes:**

**Foxhill Youth Group** has grown massively over this year; our average attendance increased from 18 to 25 young people and growing each week. This has been due to more outreach to young people on the estate, home visits, and working with young people in Ralph Allen. The youth group has also been a great safe space for young people to meet up through covid when allowed and we meet outside the church to interact with young people.

**Ignite.** Our Friday night youth group also has continued to grow this year with more young people attending than ever. We have been using the session also to share the gospel with the young people in a much deeper way and it has allowed us to reach out to more of the community as our young people invited friends who aren't from the church. Ignite continues to thrive and grow, what has been amazing to see is the young people from Monkton and state schools build relationships together.

**Older Youth Home Group** This has been incredible; we have been meeting once a month at Katy the curate's house. We have seen the young people grow and mature so much in their faith. Being bold and praying over each other, sharing the gospel with friends at school and growing also in their spiritual gifts.

**Youth trips this year** We have been on a few trips this year to Ilfracombe and North Devon. Both our Youth Groups had the opportunity to go.

**Baptisms** We have seen the young people grow in their faith and 5 young people who got baptised over Easter were the result of going deeper with Jesus in their own person faith. Through schools' work in **Ralph Allen** I have had the privilege to bring two young people to know Jesus through mentoring them and now going to churches in their local area. We have seen young people from the school regularly attend youth clubs in fox hill and ignite. Overall God has been amazing this year and please continue to pray for helpers and our young people.

### **Our Senior's Minister – Polly Andrews writes:**

I was asked to write 100 words about Seniors Ministry  
Here they are –

Strengths, gifting, participating, contributing, honouring, empowering, growing, discipleship, advocacy, phoning, wholeness, visiting, praying, joy, lunch, song of praise, carol service, liturgy, bereavement, peace, comfort, meetings, traditional, rota, social, serving, The Orchard, memories, boundaries, bank holidays, hope, age, Springfield, faithfulness, adjustment, intergenerational, Holy Spirit, hospital, ability, caring, Jesus, loss, pastoral, love, serving, family, soup, visual aids, church champion, patience, patients, grief, thanksgiving, Bridgemoor, hymn book, hot cross bun, finance, blessing, instruction, tears, scripture, loneliness, care homes, preaching, organ, safeguarding, large print, kindness, volunteers, benefice, thank you, covid, coffee, death, accessibility, risk assessments, transport, relationships, compassion, questions, healing, celebrating, community, God.

### **Small Groups - Mark and Rebecca Hannan write:**

Home Groups continue to be the 'lifeblood' of the church, providing a sense of love and belonging, spiritual nurture and growth, prayer and pastoral support.

Despite a second year of CoViD, and accounting for both leavers and joiners, remarkably, Home Group numbers remain virtually unchanged at 243 in 18 Groups. All report the period has increased depth of sharing between members with consequential deepening of relationships.

Inevitably people experience a strong desire to remain with the Group they know and to be with people of the same age and stage.

Generally speaking, Leaders feel that more mixing would be good.

Two initiatives are in prospect:

- Leaders to mingle more intentionally with younger people during the coffee interval between the two Sunday morning services, extending invitations e.g. to try a Group social. The aim being to see if more people will venture to join a Group or at least, become affiliated to one for prayer support and life encouragement.
- Encouraging a more outward "missional" focus, in support of our Mission partners at home and overseas.

The hard work and dedication shown by all our Home Group Leaders is inspirational.....and God is GOOD!

### **Women's Ministry - Penny Williams writes:**

It has been great to start up the women's programme again. As always our aim is not only to develop relationships within the church but to offer events that will be appealing to our friends. We seek to demonstrate our love for Christ through our love for each other.

Although the **walking group** faithfully carried on throughout much of the last 2 years we were not able to run larger activities. The first event we planned was a coffee and cake morning however I think it was too soon and we postponed it due to a very low take-up.

We got going in earnest with our **Christmas Craft Fair**. The aim of this was to reach out to locals who don't attend church. The evening was a big success with a mix of stall holders and large numbers of visitors throughout the evening.

In March we hosted a **Breakfast at StACC led by Katy** on the theme of Creativity. 85 women attended many of whom shared their works of art. Again there was a real buzz and sense of fellowship.

For our next event I have instituted a new planning group to involve some younger women. This has been great and we look forward to our clothes sale in a few weeks time. This not only does this support our environmental aims but will raise funds to support Ukrainian Refugees

### **Men's Ministry - Jon Williams writes:**

The programme for the men has now restarted in February after a long covid enforced break. Some time has been spent re-structuring the delivery of information to the guys and to maintain an accurate and inclusive contact list. The Men's work is now back on the church website and includes a sixth month programme.

The main initial focus, from my perspective, is to facilitate a sense of community through the provision non-threatening events where existing members and newcomers can connect with each other.

Recent events, for whatever reason, seem to be light on the younger men so we need to recognize and consider ways to have a more age balanced attendance.

In the next few months John Moore and I will pull together a small team to decide future event ideas. The most pressing task now is to establish the theme and programme for the Lee Abbey weekend [Sept] and, through various methods, to encourage a full turn out.

### **Mother's Union - Elizabeth Perrott and Sue Crookes, write:**

Mothers' Union .... 146 Years of Supporting Families Worldwide

Despite Covid, Mothers' Union members were able, when allowed, to meet to raise much needed funds for our Literacy and Finance Projects worldwide with M.U. workers in 84 countries.

We raise the profile of many women and girls who suffer many forms of abuse such as trafficking and Female Genital Mutilation.

The MU is one of the few non-government organisations to have a seat on the U.N. to discuss women's issues.

Bath MU is involved in many things such as the 'Away From It All' scheme (holidays for families under pressure), the free Student Cookbook, supporting the Women's Refuge and Period Poverty in schools to name a few.

We have resumed our monthly meetings, with excellent speakers, which are open to all. Prayer underpins all we do. To find out more please look at the web site.

## PRAYER

### **Prayer Ministry:**

There are a large number of prayer meetings and events here are some of them: –

**Morning Prayer:** we started Morning Prayer on zoom during the Pandemic and we met on zoom every weekday morning for 18 months and now on Mondays and Fridays 9:00 to 9:30. There are about 20 of us each morning on zoom and 40 on our active WhatsApp group. It is a great way to start and end the week, and we praise God for some wonderful answers to prayer, including a new baby, a little girl Eloise with an aggressive brain tumour who is still going strong, and Christine's brother Peter who is well.

**7AM Prayer** Tanya Watts writes: We meet at 7am on Thursday mornings at HTCD. We have a very special time together. We begin with worship, singing and taking our inspiration for praise from a passage of scripture.

We have committed to pray for our churches and the community. We pray for our staff and volunteers and the various activities of the churches. We pray for our missionaries and their ministries. We have been praying about the war in Ukraine and those affected.

'**Revival Prayer meeting**' has started and meets monthly on zoom with a faithful group of pray-ers coordinated by Victoria Strang

**Prayer for the Persecuted Church** David and Hazel Jewel run monthly prayer meetings to support the persecuted church in prayer.

**Prayer for our Mission Partners** William Challis and Sue Budd lead monthly prayer meetings to pray for our mission partners.

**Emergency Prayer Chain** Lynne Tisdale coordinates a large chain of people to pray linking by text message.

**Prayer at STACC – Jo Drew writes:** Prayer has and is very important part of the StACC family. There is a group of intercessors who are connected via prayer/pastoral WhatsApp. Also space in church for prayer requests to be written and stuck on the 'lighthouse' wall. Some of the StACC congregation also prayer walk around the estate.

There are also focused prayer meetings about various aspects of the work of the churches for example CAP.

## REPORTS FROM THE PCC SUBCOMMITTEES:

### **Staffing Committee Keith Reynolds writes:**

The Committee membership comprises: Christine Absolon, Sally Hogg, Liz Hume, Eamonn Kelly, Shawn Swinney and Keith Reynolds (Chair).

The Terms of Reference for the Committee have been reviewed this year, resulting in a greater emphasis on governance matters.

The key functions of the Committee are; to ensure that the PCC complies with current employment legislation; to review staffing levels and costs; to determine employment terms and conditions; and to ensure appropriate people-related policies are in place.

The Committee meets separately to the PCC and provides summary reports and recommendations to the PCC for consideration.

Since the last APCM in May 2021, we have continued to navigate through the various impacts of Covid-19. These have included ensuring a safe working arrangement for staff and volunteers in the office and church buildings. Various staff members have contracted Covid through the year and we praise God that each has safely returned to full health. We are also very grateful to those staff and volunteers that had to step up and provide cover while colleagues were away. It is remarkable that the church has continued to function and thrive across all ministries through this period. Again, Praise God!

We have seen various staff movements through the year including the following: -

- Jacqui Bates completed her temporary role providing maternity cover in the finance team. We thank Jacqui for covering the role so well. Anna Evans returned to her role as Finance Officer following her maternity leave – welcome back Anna!
- Susie Houston retired from her role as St Andrew's Centre Manager after many years of dedicated service – we thank you Susie for all that you have done. We are delighted that Kate Winchester has joined us in an amended role as St Andrew's Centre Manager – welcome Kate.
- Vicki Wooding has stepped down from her role as debt-coach for Christians Against Poverty (CAP) – we thank you Vicki for your service. Claire Collins has joined us as a part-time debt advisor with CAP – welcome Claire, and Amanda Wetton, CAP Centre Manager, has increased her hours to cover the tasks required – we thank you Amanda for stepping up.
- Cath Candish very generously delayed taking up her curacy at Bath Abbey to provide ministry leadership at St Andrew's until the appointment of our new Senior Associate Minister at St Andrew's. We are very grateful to you Cath for holding the reins and for your servant heart.
- Charlotte Dawes has recently stepped down as our Communications Officer and we are currently seeking to appoint her successor. We thank you Charlotte for the professional work you have done in lifting our communications standards.
- We are delighted and so thankful that this last year has seen the arrival of three new senior staff members, namely: Katy Partridge as Curate; Tim Lewis as Senior Associate Minister for Growth; and Malcolm Morgan as Senior Associate Minister for St Andrew's. Already each is having an incredible impact as we see the Holy Spirit at work.

In addition to the staff listed above the Staffing Committee would like to recognise and thank each of the following staff members who so tirelessly support our churches at Holy Trinity and St Andrew's: -

- Liz Hume, Operations Manager

- Jane Bradby, Church Administrator
- Chris Stone, Caretaker
- Polly Andrews, Seniors' Minister
- Sharon Blair, Families Minister
- Claire Morrish, Children's Minister
- Stuart McLachlan, Youth Minister
- Chris Absolon, Curate
- Dan & Lydia Collison, Worship Leaders
- and, of course, our Vicar, Shawn Swinney

Thanks to each of you for your commitment and dedication to our church family. We are delighted that Shawn has been persuaded to take a sabbatical over the coming weeks and we pray that he will find this to be a great time of refreshment and nourishment. The Staffing Committee are very grateful to Tim Lewis for volunteering to take the reins during this period.

Our church would cease to thrive if it were not for all the numerous volunteers who work with servant hearts, often behind the scenes, to support various ministries and the effective operation of the church. The Staffing Committee thank each one of you for all you do.

### **Buildings Committee - Howard Jones writes:**

I am pleased to give the report on the fabric of our church buildings, Holy Trinity, StACC, the Church Rooms and Trinity Cottage.

Basically, all properties are in very good condition, the recommendations of the 2018 quinquennial inspection by the church architect have been completed so that our focus now is on on-going maintenance and minor improvements. We are greatly assisted in this by the Holy Trinity Trust who meet the costs associated with their properties i.e. all but Holy Trinity itself.

It was pleasing to note that the new boiler and repaired underfloor heating system worked well over the winter season and the church building was warm even with the windows open (because of Covid).

The major project this last year entailed repairing the roof gully's at Holy Trinity as some had began to fail around the integrated hopper heads. As a result, we will have to redecorate part of the south aisle, but this is not a large job.

At the time of writing, we are setting up a committee meeting before Shawn leaves for a sabbatical where we shall discuss:

- Returning the StACC air conditioning system to partial re-circ rather than full fresh air.
- The need to install new entry systems for church offices
- Minor repairs to HT lead lights
- Refurbishment of the HT clock
- Re-decoration of the HT creche room.
- The provision of a garden shed for the storage of lawn mowers and heavy equipment.

I am also working with Nick Alexander, on a condition survey of the Foxhill Community Centre as part of the due diligence work that is necessary.

Over that last year we have also worked with the 'Creation Care team' at HT to assess how we can make the grounds more attractive to those who regularly enjoy them.

David LeTall, Chris Stone and I refurbished the Victorian garden bench, which is now set outside. David has cast wildflower seeds over the southern section of the garden and repaired the stone retaining wall.

The 'Grow for Life' charity have attended on a couple of occasions to prune shrubs and tidy up the mound garden and we continue to look for opportunities to highlight the natural beauty which surrounds the building. Thank you to Colin Daws has planted and weeded but other volunteer gardeners are always welcome.

### **Safeguarding - Viv Quick our Safeguarding Officer for HT writes:**

We have a team of people involved with Safeguarding. I am the Safeguarding Officer at HT and Cath Winchcombe at StACC. Sally Hogg is our Safeguarding lead on the PCC. Jane Bradby coordinates the necessary documentation.

In line with House of Bishops we are taking the issue of Safeguarding very seriously here at HT

So how are we doing? Everyone who is in any position of helping, children, young people, seniors and the vulnerable have a current DBS in place. The Diocese has decided, for people who are in a position where a DBS is required, to change the renewal times from 5 years to 3, so Jane Bradby very efficiently has everything in hand.

We continue have discussions about how to keep some of our most vulnerable seniors safe with Polly and the senior's team being alert and pro-active

I think that we must never forget the impact that the hidden Sexual abuse has had on the survivors and realise anew that Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, so if you haven't seen the Poster up in Church, seek it out next time you there, it is also on the website please do go and look and update yourself

Thankfully we haven't had any real concerns, but we have had issues that we have discussed in order to keep people safe

My contact details are on the poster so please contact me if any concerns at all

## **MISSION**

### **Missions Team Leaders - William Challis (International) and Sue Budd (UK) write:**

HTCD allocates 10% of its annual budget for 'mission' work outside the parish. This is managed by the International Mission Team (IMT) and the UK Mission Team (UKMT), who divide this figure 2:1.

**William writes:** We thank God for the generosity of our Church, which enables us to support Mission Partners in Romania, Albania, Kenya, Zambia and Tanzania. In the coming year we hope to increase our financial support to individual partners, as well as starting to support Tim & Christian West and their family, as they prepare to go to Kenya. We have also started to support Dave & Sarah North at Chengelo School in Zambia. Steve & Katie Machell have returned from Chad to live in Combe Down and David & Heather Sharland have returned from Uganda to live in N Ireland.

We enjoyed a great Mission Weekend in November 2021, and look forward to another weekend in November of this year. Prayer for our Mission Partners continues on the 4th

Monday of each month at 7 pm and through the Prayer Diary. Further details and information about our Mission Partners are on the Notice Board.

**Sue writes:** The UKMT team comprises myself, Sue Crookes, Julie McPhee, and Jane Butterworth. I would like to thank my team for their help over a challenging year. Julie McPhee has decided to stand down so I thank God for the welcome addition of Jane Butterworth to the team who helped at the Mission Weekend Quiz.

I thank the PCC for their continued advisory role and financial support.

The UKMT has been able to support our Mission partners through prayer using the Prayer Diary, weekly notice sheet updates and setting up a monthly zoom prayer group. We have actively kept in contact through emails and managed to visit the Life Project at the Barn open event.

We organised the lunch and invited Rich Blake- Lobb of the Life Project to speak at the Mission Weekend and showed short videos at the services. We currently support 4 mission partners, 4 linked mission organisations and support one student on her gap year at the Oakes Christian Activity Centre.

We are currently in the process of asking the church to review the links in our Mission through the Mission Survey.

## CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY

### **CAP Debt Centre - Amanda Wetton writes:**

The CAP Bath Debt Centre is moving forward from strength-to-strength having received over £50,000 in funding from the National Lottery for a period of three years. This means we, as a church, can help many of those in our community who are suffering from the stress of debt and increasing poverty. Rising fuel costs and inflation are causing significant increases in the numbers of people suffering from debt.

Your support as Befrienders or volunteers can help the CAP team provide that extra level of assistance and encouragement our clients need to help them get out of debt and change lives

## ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY CHURCH

### **Our Centre Manager writes:**

It has been really great to have things starting up at St Andrew's again after lockdown. Groups that used the building before lockdown have begun to return and most have expressed just how lovely it is to be back in the building. It is amazing to see St Andrew's as such a central part of the community and having different groups of people and visitors in the building each day creates a great welcoming atmosphere.

**Worship at STACC** In the past few months more people have got involved with worship on a Sunday. We have had an AV training day and monthly vocal group rehearsals. Trish Morgan has been coordinating the worship band and vocals and some great times of worship have been enjoyed.

### **Foxhill Focus Lunch Club – Rachel Monger writes:**

Every Wednesday at St. Andrews Community Church is the Foxhill Focus lunch. Up to 30 people from the estate come for this community meal. We have a great team working hard to serve nutritious hot meals each week and to sit with people to listen, chat and minister God's love as we eat together. There is always a table of food (breads, produce, tins) which people can help themselves to take home.

We are looking for more volunteers to help cook or serve and wash-up or sit and chat with people. It is an amazing opportunity to reach out to people with the love of Christ!

### **HOLY TRINITY CHURCH DECORATION**

#### **Flower Arranging team - Julie McPhee writes:**

We are fortunate at Holy Trinity to have a team of gifted and dedicated ladies who give generously of their time and talents to help make our church look beautiful by producing lovely flower arrangements.

We try to bring the beauty of God's creation into the building.

In addition to providing flowers for our Sunday services the team create special displays for festivals. A lot of hard work goes on behind the scenes, but we enjoy working together, it's very rewarding.

*It would be great if more people were able to join us so if you would like to find out more do please get in touch.*

**We are very grateful to the Lord for all he has and is doing amongst us and give him all the glory!**

We are also thankful to our staff team and everyone who plays their part in our church families and to Shawn for his leadership. We look forward to the next season in our church life with anticipation.

Isaiah 43:19 'See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up;  
do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland.'

Christine Absolon 2022