



2024

Annual Report

St Michael's Church

Breaston

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Overview of the Year

This year has been an eventful one for us here at St Michael's. At the end of May 2024 we said goodbye to Chris and Fiona after 22 years of Chris being Rector of the benefice. We had a wonderful celebration of their ministry in Breaston, Draycott and Wilne, welcoming many from across the benefice and further afield to mark all that had been achieved during these 22 years and the faithful, prayerful service that Chris and Fiona had given the benefice.



We now find ourselves in a season of vacancy (more about this process later) and we have made some adjustments to our leadership structures to seek to continue to serve the churches in the most effective way possible. Our new benefice-wide Interim Leadership Team has been meeting monthly since June last year and oversees the spiritual life of the church - areas such as worship, prayer, homegroups, community engagement and mission. This team is accountable to the PCC and comprises myself as Interim Team Leader along with:

- Gary Dundas (Associate Priest, Draycott)
- Revd. Maria Przeslawski (Priest with Permission to Officiate, Breaston)
- April MacIntyre (Licensed Lay Minister, Breaston)
- Stephe Bowley (Churchwarden, Breaston)
- Mark Huskisson (Churchwarden, Breaston)
- Steve Lacey (Part-time employed Youth Worker)

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- Jodie McConnell (Part-time employed Children's Worker)
- Hannah Knighton (Part-time employed Administrator)
- Peter Hampshire (Community and Mission)

I am incredibly grateful that God has blessed us with such a gifted and committed team of people and everyone's hard work has meant that our services in Breaston have mainly been able to continue pretty much as normal. During the last couple of months, it has also been a real pleasure to welcome Rev. Lisa Taylor as a Curate on placement. Lisa has been a real help to us in supporting us with services, organising the Lent walks and working with us on ideas for our pastoral structure.



Vacancies can be a challenging time for any church, but as well as members of the leadership team and PCC 'stepping up', many in our congregation continue to serve in a wide variety of ways, to ensure that our services, activities, community engagement and mission continue to thrive and flourish. A huge thank you to everyone for all your hard work! Our ministries wouldn't be possible without you! As you will see from the contents of this Annual Report, although we are a relatively small church, we continue to 'punch above our weight' and there is a huge amount going on every week as well as special events through the year.

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We continue to have a range of services, reflecting different styles and preferences, from traditional to more contemporary approaches. Over the past year we have had a number of visitors to our Sunday mornings, including Bishop Malcolm, Archdeacon Karen, Tim and Nicky Sudworth from London and Steve Johnson, the diocesan Living Generously Adviser. Special services, such as Thanksgivings, Christenings, Funerals and Weddings are not necessarily visible to the congregation but an important way of connecting with members of our community at significant times in their lives.

Although we have not had a pastoral team over the past year, a lot is still happening pastorally. A number of people are involved in pastoral visiting and/or giving home communion to those who are unable to attend church. In addition to our youth homegroup, we currently have five homegroups meeting regularly, supporting each other to grow, learn and pray together. We are aware that this is an area we need to continue to work on and we hope it's something our new incumbent will take a lead on when they are appointed. Our work with children and young people continues to flourish - more on this later in the report.

Prayer continues to be the mainstay of all we do. Many individuals meet informally with friends at different times during the week to seek God. Wednesday mornings have



continued to see a faithful group of people alternating between Breaston and Draycott to pray for an hour for our churches, communities and our world. Our monthly group also continues to gather for an hour of silent prayer, to find space and rest in God's presence.

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It has been hugely encouraging to be able to continue our 'special events' during this year. We were once again able to join with many in our local community to contribute to the Mayday Gala and in June we ran a pet blessing service jointly with Breaston Methodist Church. Good Friday saw many children and their families in the church for our Easter Eggstravaganza and our Christmas events were, once again, a huge success, giving us many opportunities to share the good news of the Christmas story with many in our area. Carols that Rock and the Crib service both saw the church full to bursting and our Community Nativity welcomed over 500 people of all ages to Duffield Close. We were again able to do a significant collection of food and gifts for the Canaan Trust and Derby City Mission.

So - once again - thank you to all of you who are involved in any way. Particular thanks go to Sarah Warburton, who moved on from her role in Communications this year; Rachel Huskisson for her work with Renew, Paul Stuttle for his service as Treasurer and to Hannah, who moves from her admin and PCC Secretary role to that of Treasurer at the APCM.

As we look to the future and all that God has in store, I am reminded that he goes before us to prepare the way, that he is with us, empowering us by his Spirit and giving us all we need as trust and follow him. Growing as followers of Jesus simply involves listening and seeking to respond to him daily.

Jo Whitehead, Interim Team Leader



Churchwarden's Report

Church

The church continues to be regularly used. Following the Rector's illness and subsequent retirement, the church entered a period of vacancy and suspension. During Chris's illness, the routine weekly services had been tailored to the resources available and this pattern has continued. In addition, a number of community outreach activities take place. These include the weekly Sunbeams provision for toddlers, the Renew Wellbeing café, Explorers and regular meetings of one of the Home Groups. Whilst the streaming system is not used regularly, some services have been recorded for distribution to a small number of members of the congregation unable to attend through illness. The equipment has also been used, on occasion, to record wedding and funeral services. The church fabric is kept in good order with minor repairs being undertaken as and when



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necessary. These include the resetting of the coping stones on the porch roof and the removal of moss from both porch and lychgate roofs. Routine annual maintenance has been carried out including PAT testing, Fire Safety inspections as well as routine monthly Health and Safety checks. The church inventory has been updated to take account of the changes made during the year. All moveable goods and chattels are recorded and new items added as necessary.

Church Hall

Major improvements have taken place during the year with the replacement of the suspended ceiling and upgrade to the lighting in the large hall together with a general re-decoration.

Breaston Preschool and Wrap Around Club continue to be the main users of the hall during the year and the latter have introduced out of school clubs during some of the school holidays.

There have been a number of bookings for parties during the year. Young church has also been able to make regular use of the hall on a Sunday morning and the Youth Café group now meets in the



hall each week. There have also been regular meetings of the W.I., Village Singers and an exercise class.

The church office is a useful addition as a regular location for small meetings.

The Old Library

As anticipated, the long-term holders of the lease terminated and moved out in the Autumn. Major restoration and upgrade work was carried out by both the leaseholder and the PCC before a new leaseholder was installed on what is hoped is a long-term basis.

Stephe Bowley and Mark Huskisson, Churchwardens

Financial Review

2024 continued to be affected by rising costs with many overheads having risen significantly in the last 2 years, particularly energy costs. Giving has remained static which reflects the fact that some of our members are on relatively fixed pensions and others have been hit by these inflationary pressures, including mortgage payments.

The PCC have taken advantage of the Parish Giving scheme in 2024 which has eased administration and improved cash flow as Gift aid is claimed every month. The lease on the Old Library ended in 2024 with new tenants coming in. Considerable expenses (£12,649) were incurred in bringing the electrics up to 2024 standards and letting costs. The lease has, at the time of writing, not been finalised so we are still to incur legal costs.

The church hall had numerous improvements (£20,000+) including a new ceiling in the main hall, lighting & electrics

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upgrades, flat roof repaired, skylights removed and painting in several areas. It is planned to re-polish the floors in both halls in 2025 to enhance the appearance of the hall. Hall Income has risen with the Breaston Wraparound club operating either side of Preschool. This arrangement has not been without its challenges though.

These factors have adversely affected the PCC's operating result, which was a deficit of £17,668. This was after mitigation from the increase in the CCLA Investment fund of £8,443.

The PCC continued to give to various external charities and missional work causes (such as Father Georges) even though in deficit. It is unlikely that this can be maintained in 2025 for the reasons outlined above. We gave £8,100 to the following individuals and Charities in 2024:

Father Georges	£2,200	Teen Challenge	£1,000
Canaan Trust	£2,200	Renew	£500
Open Doors	£2,200	Total	£8,100

	2024	2023	Comment
Total income	173,226	171,593	
Total expenditure	190,894	167,659	Including £32k for hall and Old Library
Deficit/Surplus	-17,668	3,934	After the net increase in the value of investments (£8,443 - £18,573 in 2023)
Larger items of expenditure	32,000	n/a	
Diocese (Common Fund)	58,780	65,705	

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It must be remembered that we do not get external financial support or any funding from the Diocese for all our costs and missional activity. We are fully dependant on our giving, income from lettings and any income and growth in our deposits and investments to pay for employing our staff and other costs. I would therefore ask that you continue to prayerfully review your giving (be it financial, volunteering and/or prayer) so we can continue to support all that we do and the ongoing growth of the church in Breaston.

...and finally...

It has been my privilege to serve as Treasurer for around 13 years and I am stepping down at this APCM. I hope you will give Hannah the same support as I have had over these years.

Thank you.

Paul Stuttle, Treasurer



PCC Secretary's Report

The PCC normally meets bi-monthly; there were six normal meetings during the year, including the meeting to appoint officers immediately after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). There was also a special meeting with Archdeacon Karen Hamblin to discuss the Vacancy.

The 14 members of the PCC in March 2025 are:

Licensed Ministers: Rev'd Maria Przeslawski and Jo Whitehead

Churchwardens: Stephe Bowley and Mark Huskisson

Deanery Synod Representatives: Phil Lees and Colin Lowe

Co-opted Member: Anne Long (Parish Safeguarding Officer)

Elected Members: Laura Holliday, Hannah Knighton (Secretary), Rachel Lacey, Stephen Lacey, Laura Newman, Paul Stuttle (Treasurer), Richard Warburton

Finally, thank you for everyone's support over the last 3 years, I will be stepping down as PCC Secretary at the APCM to take over the Treasurer's role from Paul. I am looking forward to this new challenge.

Hannah Knighton, PCC Secretary

Electoral Roll

This year is the year that the electoral roll is completely revised. At the point when the deadline for applications was reached there were 79 members on the roll. This is considerably less than the old roll (113 names); much of the reduction is because of people who are no longer with us for one reason or another.

Jonathan Lupton, Electoral Roll Officer

Vacancy Team

The Vacancy Team was set up following Chris's retirement to undertake the work needed to recruit a new Priest-in-Charge. The team comprises myself, Gary Dundas (Draycott), Jodie McConnell (Draycott), Stephe Bowley (Breaston), Rachel Lacey (Breaston) and Hannah Knighton (admin).

The team planned and facilitated our Benefice vision day last June, which saw us gather to explore our future hopes and what we hope for in a new incumbent. All ages were involved in the process and it was good to get feedback on the day and also later from some individuals who were unable to attend.

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Our main focus over the past ten months has been putting together our Parish Profile, the document given to potential applicants for the new ‘Priest-in-Charge’ role. This will be a part-time appointment, which will be a significant change for us as a benefice. The Parish Profile describes who we are and what we are hoping for in a new incumbent. At the time of writing it is with Bishop Libby, for approval, prior to going to both PCCs to be confirmed.

Following this, we will then be able to advertise the post. Although this seems like a long process, we have been able to move through this relatively quickly and I’m very grateful to the Vacancy Team for all the hard work they have done to make this possible.

Jo Whitehead, Vacancy Team Leader

Deanery Synod

The South East Derbyshire Deanery Synod met formally three times in 2024.

In February we focussed on ‘money’, with presentations about the financial challenges as well as the opportunities within the Diocese and the support available to parishes.

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In July we took stock of all within our local church communities that supports the aspirations of the Diocesan Vision and Strategy. All the information has been captured into a 'living document' of what is happening, what is working well and who can suggest ideas to make our local presence effective in various contexts.

At the July Synod we celebrated the appointments of the Ven Andie Brown as Acting Area Dean and the Rev Dawn Knight as Assistant Area Dean.

Our Synod in October looked at social justice, through presentations on 'Manna Food Boxes', who support families' move from reliance on foodbanks; 'Upbeat', supporting asylum seekers and 'Just Ice'; supporting those trapped into slavery.

In addition to our formal meetings we welcomed Bishop Libby and Bishop Malcolm for a day visit in May as part of 'Thy Kingdom Come'. The Bishops worshipped and met groups and community representatives across the Deanery.

Deanery chapter has continued to meet during the year focussing on mutual support for our clergy. The Deanery leadership team has also facilitated support for parishes in vacancy.

As mentioned, our Deanery Leadership team was strengthened with the arrival of Andie and Dawn. However, following a reorganisation of the administrative support across the Diocese, Helen Bridger, our Deanery Administrator, was made redundant in November. We have really appreciated the contribution of Helen to the life of the deanery over nearly two years and will miss her.

Finally, the following were elected as Deanery representatives on the Diocesan Synod for the period 2024 to 2027: Revd. Andrew Baguley, Revd. Christine French, Revd. Ailsa Hunt, Revd. Dawn Knight, Revd. Phil Selby, Revd. Sam Tredwell, Revd. Anne Wilkins,

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Rob Groome, Charlotte Holwell, Chris Holwell, Ralph Homer, Rosemary Hoole, Nick Jackson, Brian Parker, Glynn Warren and Andrew Whysall.

Ven Andie Brown, Area Dean, Rev Dawn Knight, Assistant Area Dean, Brian Parker, Lay Chair

Safeguarding

As a church we remain committed to keeping safeguarding at the heart of all church activities. This past year has been a busy year for the renewal of DBS checks and safeguarding training, as it marked three years since we re-opened many church activities after the recent pandemic.

We are extremely grateful to all of those office-holders and volunteers who filled in the relevant forms for checks and committed their time and efforts to renewing their training. Their time and commitment to these important matters help us to create safe spaces for our church membership and the wider community we serve.

We are also grateful to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team for advising and supporting our efforts.

Anne Long, Parish Safeguarding Officer

Children's, Youth and Community Work

Our children's, youth and community work continued to be varied and widespread throughout 2024 and into 2025. Stephen Lacey and Jodie McConnell are the paid workers in this area – with Steve responsible for



youth and Jodie for children... However, it is more accurate to say that most of our work is carried out jointly.

Our weekly events include –

Sunbeams – we have over 200 children currently registered and normally around 24 attend on a Monday at Breaston and around 18 on a Friday at Draycott. There are many lovely opportunities to talk with parents and grandparents and to support them in a variety of ways, which they also do for each other, discussing their shared experiences. Sunbeams runs with the help of volunteers, without whom the sessions could not be run successfully. These sessions remain invaluable, rich sources of support and interaction with the community.

Monday Night Home Group – This is a weekly session run for 11-18 year olds and consists of eating together, playing games, chatting and then studying the Bible, before a time of prayer. It is a lovely time of fellowship. We currently have 18 children on the register, of whom 12 are regular attendees (though not every week). The sessions are run by Steve, with the support of Rachel Lacey – without whom, the sessions would not be possible.

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During this year, we have looked at Mark's Gospel and the book of Acts.

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Explorers – These sessions run on Tuesdays from 3.30-5pm in St. Michael’s for children of mainly 6-11 years of age. They consist of a snack and drink, games, a Bible story and craft activities related to that story. Around 25 children have attended and are registered, but a weekly attendance of 15/16 is more normal. The sessions are run by Steve and Jodie, with the help of 5 volunteers – whose time and gifts are much appreciated.



Youth Café – This youth club-style session runs from 6.30-8.30pm on Tuesdays in the Church Hall. They are relaxed sessions, where the young people can come along, chat, play games, buy sweets from the tuck-shop and generally ‘chill-out’ whilst developing lovely friendships. Around 30 young people are registered, with around 17 regularly attending. Several came to our yearly Residential at Cloverley Hall in April. The sessions are run mainly by Steve, Jodie, Clare & Adam.



Young Church runs in the Church Hall, alongside the 10.30am service, for young people that are better served by being in their own session rather than the church service. Steve and Jodie lead games, chat, Bible stories, discussion, crafts and other activities. During the year, 20 children were registered, with a normal session attracting around 6 children.



Other events during the year have included:

Experience Easter with four classes from Firfield and Draycott Schools.

Experience Christmas with 4 classes from Firfield and Draycott schools and a few children from Spring Valley School. A session was also run at Christmas for children from Brackenfield School.

Christingle Services – in Breaston, where attendance was around 80 and in Draycott, where attendance was roughly 30 in total.

Harvest and Christmas Assemblies – run by Steve & Jodie for the whole of Draycott School, in St. Mary's Church, Draycott – with around 115 children and adults attending each assembly.

What's in a Church?' sessions for classes of children from Firfield and Harrington Schools, and the local Beavers group.

Christingle Sessions – run by Jodie, for children at Draycott School.

Easter Eggstravaganza was run on Good Friday inside church (due to the puddles on Duffield Close!) and was attended by around 300 people over a two-hour period. Various Easter activities were available for everyone to do and learn from. A similar event is planned for Good Friday 2025.

Crib Service –on Christmas Eve saw around 220 in attendance.

Residential – with 'Reach' Church, Derby and their youth group at Cloverley Hall, Shropshire. Just before Easter, ten of our young people joined around 75 others. A further residential is planned with Reach youth group in April 2025, where around 12-14 of our youngsters will attend (with Steve, Rachel & Jodie).

Café Style Services – took place every third Sunday of the month at St. Michael's and were designed to be relevant to all ages.

There have been other events and sessions, and further events/sessions are planned to begin throughout 2025.

Our work with children and young people continues to be an integral part of the vision and mission of the church. We estimate that we have engaged with upwards of 500 children and their parents and families at the large variety of events and sessions throughout the year. This number continues to rise year upon year. Although we know the work is not about numbers, it's encouraging to see God at work in so many different ways.

Stephen Lacey, Jodie McConnell

Renew Wellbeing

Renew Wellbeing - Breaston is now in its fourth year.

As a quiet shared space, we endeavour to serve both members of the congregation and the community by providing a regular, warm and welcoming café-style area within the church building.

Activities are provided and visitors are encouraged to bring and share their hobbies. Working in partnership with local mental health teams, we aim to signpost our regulars to outside support when necessary. We also offer a prayer space for those who wish to use it. Simple, led prayers are offered within the session. We run from 10-12 pm every Thursday and have only missed 2 or 3 Thursdays in 3 ½ years.

We have a core group of regular visitors of around 12. Activities range from sewing and craft to jigsaws and colouring but the most popular pastimes are the 2 and 3 sided dominoes!

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Being a regular presence each week has enabled us to build a welcoming community and visitors often comment on the peaceful atmosphere. We partner with others and get referrals from local GP surgeries through the social prescribers as well as some free advertising through community magazines. The gala also led to some coming along.

Sadly Rachel Huskisson has had to step down from leading Renew due to changing jobs - we miss her and greatly appreciate all she has done to develop Renew to where it is today.

We have again received a £1,000 grant from Derbyshire Voluntary Action for 'Warm and Welcoming Spaces' for which we are very grateful.

Finally a huge thank you to our amazing team of volunteers who have been with us from the start. Renew could not run without their support

Paul Stuttle and Jan Wilkinson



Living Hope

Living Hope, now in its third year, continues to offer support to folk who have relatives or friends in addiction, by offering a bible based safe place for sharing, prayer and encouragement. We are also able to signpost any who need to know about Christian rehab centres. As a Benefice we support Teen Challenge and have a number of contacts there.

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The monthly attendance is 10 - 12. Some folk have moved on and others have joined. We had much joy when one of our WhatsApp members, who lives many miles away, was baptised at her local church and no longer needs the support of our group because of new connections in her locality.

Living Hope attendees are very loyal to the group and appreciate being able to share and pray for their loved ones in confidence.

There is a sense of God's presence in the meetings and a loving, caring atmosphere among us.

Meetings have three main elements - an activity, sharing together and prayer.

Since our last report we took a summer trip to Mattersey Hall where we met up with friends and attended their weekly service. It was a great blessing to see people who had been delivered from addiction praising the Lord and testifying to what He had done for them. We have had testimonies via Zoom and in person.

We are developing a tradition of having a Christmas Film Night with seasonal drinks and nibbles in the interval - this year we had the Joni film which was so encouraging and gave us much to be thankful for.



We have also been using 'Freedom from Addiction' by Dr Neil Anderson to share some information about the causes of addiction and suggestions that may be helpful to family members trying to navigate this difficult issue.

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Before the summer break we put out a questionnaire to attendees to find out how people felt and how we could develop the group. The outcome was encouraging for the leaders and is helping us to plan ahead.

We are continually thankful to God, and encouraged by how He is working in the lives of both the loved ones and those who care for them. We continue to earnestly pray for the Lord to save and deliver our family members and friends in addiction.

Jeanne Wilson and Joan Price

Local Mission

Last year's report encouraged us to see how we had been 'salt', drawing out the flavour of his love in our community here in Breaston throughout 2023. This built on the encouragement to 'widen our vision for what Local Mission covers'.



Once again, throughout 2024, we were at the heart of influencing and co-ordinating Breaston Community Forum and Breaston Parish Council's annual calendar of major village events throughout the year. We were also consistently opening our doors, supporting those amongst us and in our community. This happened in all kinds of ways - through Renew, hosting the WI or



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by participating in Breaston in Bloom. A majority of the Breaston Community Forum committee now worship regularly at St. Michael's. As we move into 2025, we see the starting up of a great new venture in Breaston with the monthly Repair Café,



encouraging all in our community to do our part in caring from God's creation by encouraging us to reduce, reuse, repair, remanufacture or recycle before we call something rubbish!

Once again can I encourage you to get involved where you can and to see your involvement as yet more salt, drawing out the flavour of God's love for all in the community of Breaston that you come alongside. Be intentional and ask to partner with Him as you do that.

Peter Hampshire, Local Mission Co-ordinator

Men's Danger Club

The Men's Danger Club provides meetings with a wide variety of interesting activities especially designed for men. We meet on the fourth Friday of the month at 7.30p.m. and most of our indoor meetings are at St. Mary's Church Hall. There is no annual membership fee so members only pay for the event they attend. This is based on the cost of the event and the numbers coming and ranges from free to £15. Anyone interested is informed by e-mail, the Church Newsletter or Inside72. Although based in St. Michael's Church, Breaston and St. Mary's Church, Draycott there

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are many members who come from wider afield, Borrowash, Sawley, Toton, Chilwell etc.

January. A very interesting talk by Keith Murray, a local historian and expert, gave a talk on a local railway, bringing scale models of the trains he talked about. He also brought scale models (to a scale of 87/1) the buildings of the depot which were amazing due to the detail of each one.

February. We all have heard about the Air Ambulance but not so much about the details of its workings. John Boam talked about the many different types of emergencies, the equipment on board to cope with any emergency, the cost of each rescue and keeping it running and many other aspects which we would never think about.

March. A visit from Tammy Barnes, Head of the Police Fraud Squad, Derbyshire, informing us about the latest fraud scams, teaching us how to avoid them and how reporting them helps the Police.

April. Colleen Hampson from East Midlands Airport gave us a fascinating insight into the history, the development of the Airport and the plans for its future.

May. Long Eaton Indoor Bowls Club. An event which needs a sense of humour! The bowls have a weighted bias which as they slow down curves them nearer the Jack, the target. Not all always goes to plan! An evening to enjoy each other's successes and oops!

June . Our annual barbeque with tasty burgers from Dundas's including a variety of relishes. A time to relax, chat and enjoy time together on a warm, sunny summer evening.

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July . Mollky on Duffield Close. An entirely different game of skittles where each skittle scores a variety of points. Having knocked down a skittle it is stood up where it lands, separating it from the others and making it a harder game to play! Thankfully no skill required and another evening to enjoy successes and near misses!

September . Another of Sarah's quirky quizzes. Can you recognise famous people, animals etc from children's drawings, which fruits will float and many other devious questions. No revision possible. Thankfully we were in 2's or 3's to try to puzzle out the answers.

October . Chef Chris, who has worked in top class hotels in London, showed us how to make a simple, individual and very tasty pie and, of course he had prepared many for each of us to taste one.

November . A whisky tasting evening which has become a very popular event. Guided by Marcus we sampled six superb single malt whiskies. A chance to taste excellent whiskies, a variety of flavours and the opportunity to find out which ones we like, just in time for Christmas. As you can see the Men's Danger Club has a wide variety of speakers and activities throughout the year. Events for 2025 are on leaflets available on the information table at the back of the church or contact me.

John Skinner



Choir and Music Groups

Choir

Our choir has 9 regular members, covering all 4 voices. We have sung Evensong monthly and also a monthly Choral Eucharist at 8:45am. Despite our small number, we have been able to provide a variety of seasonal anthems to accompany these services.

For the Service of 9 Lessons and Carols on 22nd December, we were joined by 3 additional singers, which enabled us to provide our regular programme of anthems and carols.

New members, in all voices would be most welcome.

We have no resident organist at present and rely on the services of organists from other parishes when available. John Maxwell-Jones has been covering our monthly choir practices and Evensong where possible and we are most grateful to him for his help.

We would also like to thank Jonathan Lupton for his assistance in playing the piano to accompany our Choral Eucharist

Jan Wilkinson, Choir Leader

Music Groups

We have had three bands during the year, run by Ben Gooding, Richard Warburton and Jonathan Lupton.

Because of the pressures of family time, Richard has decided to step down for now: we thank him for his much-valued contribution (often as a solo artist!), and very much hope that he will continue with the hugely popular Carols That Rock.

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Jonathan's band will now lead the music at two services each month. The use of the iSing Worship backing tracks when we have no live band works very well, and seems to go down well with the congregation.

Jonathan Lupton