



# Canford PARISH CHURCH



CANFORD MAGNA CHURCHES

## 2020 Review

of the year 2019



**Breakfast@9**



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## 1.0 Rector's Report of 2019 activities

Dear Church Family

2020 has begun with many challenges arising from the global Coronavirus pandemic. As we experience different ways of being church I hope this report will be an encouragement of the many great experiences we had last year in 2019 and what we might like to look forward to as God empowers the church to lead the global community back towards a new, more just, compassionate and fruitful normality.

Looking back, 2019 was another year where we felt the Holy Spirit leading us into new places. Based on a brief prayerfully prepared by Chris with Mike and Geoff in October, the PCC Sub Committee met in November to discern where God is leading the Parish Church in the next five years. Once lockdown has been lifted, this will be further explored by the wider team and PCC during 2020.

The most significant happening in the Parish Church was without doubt the exciting reopening of the Canford Magna Centre (CMC) in February 2019. The whole CMC was refurbished with accessible state-of-the-art heating, lighting, office space, Audio/Visual equipment and toilets. The Centre is now equipped for mission and outreach in our growing community for the foreseeable future.



That is probably enough from me! There is much more in this review from the leaders who oversee the many different interests and groups, so please sit back and enjoy reading what God and his people have been doing through the church in Canford in 2019.

With love and prayers from us both,

Revd Canon Chris Tebbutt  
Team Rector



### 1.1 Matt and Lisa write .....

It has been a real privilege and joy for Lisa and I to be able to spend the 2nd year of my 2yr theology training based at Canford Parish Church; following on from



the many years spent, growing and shaping our faith at St Barnabas.

To get to know a new congregation, in fact, 3 new congregations, has meant meeting many individuals, from the “very very young, to the very very old” and has helped us see the challenges of reaching such a variety of ages, personalities and traditions with the ‘Good News’ of Christ as something that can be done well, in fact really well when a Church uses its many gifts within the body.

Lisa and I have loved the energy and imagination that B@9 brings to the many young families who see this wonderful time of worship, teaching, drama, craft, great food and shared love as their Church. The 8.30 BCP service meant gaining an understanding of the importance of tradition and quiet reflection for a very faithful group of folk, and for me the realisation, that it won’t be long before I will have to put on a floaty frock and attempt to get my tongue around those ancient words. The congregation at the 10.30 service have been such a huge source of love, encouragement, acceptance and teaching to both Lisa and I, we have been moved by the Spirit on many occasions, during times of prayer and worship and great teaching.

Lisa has also been able to enjoy some of the many ministries and groups that meet during the week, building friendships and good working relationships that enabled her to be able to take up the huge challenge of organising the Parish VE Day celebrations, through which she has learnt many new skills which will help her in our future together.



One of our highlights was running the 'Grace Course', a course that had mixed reviews but on the whole, we believe helped many people to grasp what 'God's grace' really means for them. I have been used to running men's ministry for many years and so it was a great pleasure and new challenge for me to lead a group of a dozen or so lovely ladies through this course on a Thursday morning as well as the large mixed group on Tuesday evenings.

This short but very full time spent at Canford has been an invaluable resource for Lisa and I, Chris and his team, and all of those we have met, have taught us so much and showed us the love of Jesus in so many ways. We were blessed to be able to join Chris and Sandra along with others from the Lantern at the New Wine Leaders Conference, giving us a valuable time of refreshment and quality time together when we most needed it.

We, sadly, will be leaving Canford Parish on June 7th as I prepare to take up the post of Curate at St Nicholas' & St Hubert's in Corfe Mullen on June 28th, leaving behind our lovely home in Bearwood but taking with us a storehouse of wonderful memories and experiences which we are sure will help us in our joint effort to show the love of Jesus to the community there. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Salisbury Cathedral for the Ordination service on the afternoon of Saturday 26th September.

We go knowing that our hearts and minds have been prepared for this move, that your love, the love of Jesus, the guidance of the Spirit and will be with us every step of the way as we live out God's calling upon our lives.

*"We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3.*

We love you all dearly,

Matt & Lisa.



1.2 Vision and Values – a reminder for us all



**Vision  
Mission  
Values**  
2020

**Vision** – What it will be like in five years' time; the end state; what we aspire to be.

**Our vision: To become a vibrant, overflowing, multi-generational Church growing in the likeness of Christ**

**We are a gathered church inviting all who come and all we meet to....**

- Encounter** the presence of God
- Discover** who they are in Christ
- Serve** others in the power of the Spirit
- Reach** out to our communities and the world with the Gospel

**In all we do we will be:**

- Authentic**
- Joyful**
- Compassionate**
- Intentional**

**Mission** – What we are going to do to achieve our vision  
Why we exist – our core purpose

**Values**– Fundamental principles that inform our behaviour  
You will see us being ...  
The principles by which our church operates; non-negotiables



### 1.3 Wardens reflections



#### Churchwardens' Reflections of 2019.

2019 was another exciting year at the Parish church. One of the most encouraging things at the start of the year was the way that the B@9 congregation, supported well by many other members of the church family, continued to rally behind the B@9 Leadership Team to support the temporary move to the Pulse whilst building works were in progress at the Canford Magna Centre. We feel that it is a great testament to their faith journey that despite many practical challenges a significant number of new Christians stepped up to serve and longstanding members dug deep into their reserves to give extra support too. In February we were both very much involved with the CMC re-opening and Vision & Values launch weekend. Both the Saturday & the Sunday were uplifting & memorable days, in quite different ways, thanks once again to the amazing team spirit that was shown. The refurbished CMC has had a practical & missional impact for us all to reflect and act upon, especially with the additional room and increased interest in regular lettings from the community.

As the year progressed, we continued to look at ways of achieving our Vision to become a vibrant, overflowing, multi-generational church growing in the likeness of Christ. The proposed Cruxton Farm development brings opportunities at the prospect of new families arriving in our locality, which is currently quite rural, but also brings challenges. In the meantime, we watch, listen and pray.

Looking to 2020, when we will both be stepping down from our Churchwarden's roles after 7 years of service, we are thankful to be working closely with others to ensure continuity. We hope that you feel able to join us as we pray for wisdom, discernment and unity within our church & the parish as we glorify God & work to do his will.

Lastly, we thank you all for your continued & loving support of us as we have done our best to serve.



## 2.0 Worship

Worship at the Parish Church reflects the very broad range of tradition within the fellowship.

### 2.1 Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer is said in the Parish Church on weekdays at 7:30 Chris meets with Sandra Webster, Matt Smith and whoever else decides to join. The service takes the form of the Church of England daily prayer (you can find it on the Church of England Smart-app to load on your smart phone if you would like to check it out). Although this is a small gathering it roots all that flows out of Canford in prayer each and every day. They pray for all that happens in the church, for all three churches and for the Salisbury “cycle of prayer” which includes churches and staff from around the diocese as well as the Sudan.

### 2.2 Sunday 8:30 Communion

Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer – 1st Sunday of the month  
This is a ‘said’ service of Communion enjoyed by a small devoted number of regular attendees, and held in the choir pews. We generally follow the Revised Common Lectionary and stick closely to the Book of Common Prayer liturgy.

### 2.3 Breakfast @9

2019 saw Breakfast@9 return home to the beautifully refurbished CMC. The work modernised the building and improved its appeal as a place for the community, as well as the congregation, to meet, worship and study. We had



a wonderful launch party with the building being officially opened by the Mayor on 16 February 2019. We remain extremely grateful for the use of the Pulse whilst the work was ongoing, and to the team who made the move as seamless and smooth as possible.



Since returning to the CMC, the Breakfast@9 congregation steadily grew in faith and number. We welcomed several new families to the church and were particularly pleased to see some baptism families remain committed to attending after the baptism of their child. Faith was explored by the older children through two holiday clubs and by the adults through a particularly successful Alpha course resulting in a glorious morning of river baptisms.



The Breakfast@9 life group grew in strength and the congregation remained connected through the WhatsApp prayer groups and monthly socials.

We remained committed to being led by the Holy Spirit, and in 2019 took the decision to run two of the festival services, which were traditionally run as a joint 10.30 service, as special Breakfast@9 services. Mothering Sunday and Breakfast does Harvest Festival were both a huge success, with special decoration and food, and were very well attended.

Looking beyond our congregation, we continued to support and assist other churches venturing to establish their own Breakfast@9 service by hosting our annual Breakfast Hub.

Attendees were able to share experiences and have their operational questions answered. In addition, we have provided a wealth of resources centred around our study programme (craft ideas through to sermon themes) to assist churches with smaller teams or those who are trying to start up.



## **2.4 10:30 Morning Celebration with communion or mission presentation.**

The 10:30 service is Holy Communion from Common Worship except 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Morning Praise which is a less formal service largely taken from Common Worship but with an extended time of praise and space for the Spirit to move. On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Communion is moved to 8:30 and this allows more time for a featured presentation to be made by one of our Mission Partners at the celebration service.

## **2.5 Bell ringing – a call to worship**

The parish church enjoys the benefit of six bells weighing in at approximately 20 tons. They were restored and re-hung in 2012 – here Paul Tyson the Tower Captain writes....

The bells call to worship for every 10:30 service and Christmas Day. In 2019 we missed two Sundays because we couldn't raise a band because Kathryn

and I were on holiday. We often rely on ringers from St Hubert's to make up our numbers for Sunday ringing.



At the beginning of 2019 we lost 2 ringers who moved away to Durham. Regrettably we also learned of the death of Janet Fawcett who until she was 80 had been a loyal regular ringer at Canford for over 50 years. At the end of 2019 we have six ringing members and one retired ringer. During the year we were visited by four other groups of ringers who included our church in their tour of the area. The bells were rung for seven weddings in 2019 - it is always a joy to be able to help the bride and groom celebrate their big day.

Our general practices (Fridays 7:30-9:00pm) are usually well attended. Our numbers are enhanced by ringers from nearby bands and this allows us to practise from basic to more challenging methods.

Our monthly advanced practice (2nd Wednesday of the month 7:30-9:00 pm) is well attended and allows us to develop more advanced ringing.



The bells are in good working order and are checked regularly. However we have had to order replacements for three badly worn ropes which will be delivered in the middle of this year.

## 2.6 Wednesday Communion

Anne Gee from the Parish Church helps to facilitate a weekly parish communion – The service is an opportunity for many who would otherwise be unable to meet with other people to have fellowship and enjoy good company - the service takes place at the Lantern Hub and Anne writes .....

We meet every week Wednesday. The congregation is usually between 30 and 40 and is drawn from all 3 churches in the parish. A full complement would be over 50. There is an opportunity for individual prayer and a time of fellowship afterwards. We enjoy both traditional hymns and modern songs and our sermon subjects have been varied and included Old and New Testament passages as well as some topical subjects.

Everyone who is able is encouraged to participate by reading, doing the intercessions,



leading services and a few from the congregation preach. Let's not forget the stalwarts who make coffee and bring biscuits. Many of our members live alone and value the opportunity to meet with friends and enjoy spending time together with them in the company of our Lord. This can be a real highlight of the week.



## 2.7 Epiphany

Have you ever had your portrait painted? A visual artist will seek to create an image of the person who sits before them. It takes a really gifted and skilled artist to capture a true likeness.



Epiphany music believes that it's possible to paint pictures with music as well as the brush or pen. With their instruments and voices they use improvised music as a means of creating a 'sound portrait' of the people they play for. They don't pretend to be able to capture an exact likeness of a person as an artist would on canvas, but simply allow themselves to be guided by impressions that they get of a person (or couple), inspiring them to play a certain motif, chord structure or melody, interwoven to produce a piece of music that they believe captures some aspect of the person's identity. Like a reflection in a mirror, the image is reflected in music. The person whose portrait is being played may see themselves portrayed as they've never been before! Epiphany is a unique and Godly group of professional musicians.

In May we had the pleasure of them coming to play over people in the Canford Magna Centre. It was a wonderful afternoon and here are a couple of testimonies from people who were there.



Nichola D writes ....

I first encountered Epiphany when they came and played at Canford in May 2019. I can honestly say that I have never been so moved in my spirit by the music they played, it was



like hearing heaven's song. I was so blessed when Epiphany played my sound portrait (my own personal song that my Father sings over me!) and invited me to play with them. God used my meeting of them as a catalyst to blow apart my previous tiny view of how music can minister to people and set me on a path of using the musical gifting He gave me

to reach others. I am only at the beginning of this journey but I am excited to see what God has planned!

Lesley writes .....

It is difficult to put into words the experience of this time last year when Epiphany came to be with us at church and also to help me record a CD about my journey through grief. Epiphany is a group of such wonderful giving people, serving the Lord with joy, love and total commitment. Their lives reflect the pain, sorrow, joy, strength and truth of our lives in Jesus. I have never known such support and unity. As the word states ... then comes the blessing - Psalm 133.

The result of meeting with them was the CD titled "He restores my soul" and you are all welcome to take a copy from the back of the church, or to contact me and I will get one to you. Their playing on the CD is very special indeed, with much of it improvised in the spirit and very anointed.

You can find out more about Epiphany at their website

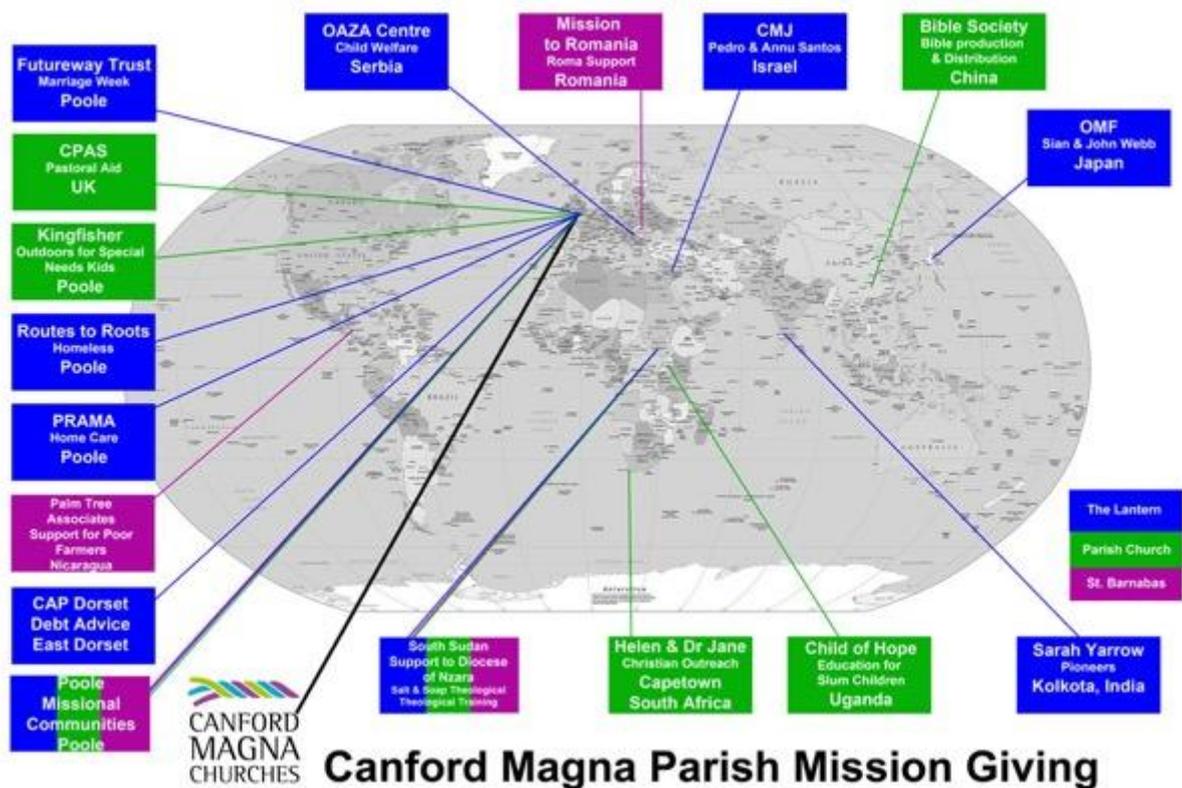
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### 3.0 Mission and social action

#### Mission is at the heart of Canford.

Many of the members of the Parish Church have responsibilities in leadership and are avid supporters to our mission partners, as well as other related mission organisations. This helps inform the leadership of local, national and international developments and simply reflects the heart of the people of Canford Parish Church, which is to serve and give. All the three churches in the Team work together to support a variety of local, national and international mission.



Not forgetting the fifth Mark of Mission, to steward creation and care for the earth, Canford Magna Parish Church has earned an Eco Church Silver Award and is going for gold.



Dr. Karen Mounce writes ....

We are a gathered and outward looking community and as mentioned earlier we were blessed with the opening of our refurbished Church Centre in February. The band of cooks and helpers staged a great community event to introduce the centre, with refreshments, children's



activities, displays of our faith in action, a prayer space, and lots of chatter and smiles. We have shared food together joyfully to celebrate and provided hospitality to many over the year at Coffee and Cake and the Epiphany weekend of ministry.

As part of the morning worship service, we heard each month from mission partners about how God is working and moving by His Spirit. Presentations and videos have been



informative and moving. Robin Sadler showed the work in South Sudan and helped us sponsor Edema Francis (pictured here) to train as a Laboratory Technician. We heard from Andy Osborne who spoke about the lives of prisoners being changed through making music; we have heard about the growth of the Wimborne Food Bank; and we had feedback from a team that went to Romania to help build the poor giving them hope.

Our mission giving has been used in Africa with Child of Hope, Archbishop Samuel's need of a jeep, and floors for churches and a cow for the Dufatanye project in Rwanda.

Near home, and within our Parish, we help staff the prayer tent in Canford Arena at the Sunday Car Boot where there has been really positive feedback from the team which has members of all three churches sharing the Good News of Jesus each Sunday. Many people have returned to the prayer tent to let us know that they have had answers to prayer from previous weeks, or simply to pass the time of day because they "feel good" when we are there.



In addition, we had visits from all of our key mission partners both nationally and internationally during the year. Bible Society, Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS), Churches Ministry to the Jewish People (CMJ), as well as Child of Hope, all sent representatives to speak, as well as a surprise visit from Archbishop Samuel Peni from South Sudan in December, who was able to preach in the Parish Church.



The Kingfisher project has provided a fully accessible platform adjacent to the river Stour and with the CMC nearby. There is a monthly nature event aptly called “Kingfisher Riverside”, which was well supported by a number of families, and was a fun time to explore our beautiful surroundings and learn about the local habitat.

After planting wildflowers in the Vicar’s lawn, a mini pond was created, supplemented in the autumn by a Toad Abode. One hedgehog house constructed was occupied within a week! Everyone loves the river dipping with Dominic Stubbings too. We made crafty things and had drinks and cake afterwards, making the coffee and cake event rather noisy but lively.



## 4.0 Families

Sharon writes .....

2019 was an interesting year. We were still working towards the CMC refurbishment, which reopened in February, so groups had been suspended for many months. With Breakfast @9 meeting in the Pulse, it required a small army to prepare it every Saturday and strike down every Sunday directly after the meeting – however we survived!

Offspring – our baby and toddler group reopened in February, and soon reached a register of more families than ever – with many compliments about the quality and cleanliness of our equipment and building. Almost all our attendees have come on the recommendation of others who have, or still attend the group. We held a Christmas party, with presents for all the children, which was enjoyed by all.

Open the Book – Ruth and I took it in turns each week to lead our team in telling Bible stories, Q & A, singing and prayer. The children really enjoy these assemblies, and are great at remembering previous story details, as well as joining in with the drama.

Holiday Club – we ran two mini holiday clubs last year for our Breakfast@9 ages 6 years and older children, one as a preparation course for receiving Communion, and the other as a preparation for baptism. The smaller groups enabled us to get to know the children better, and to chat on a one to one basis.

Baptism – During 2019 we had 7 baptisms of infants in church. Families are encouraged to join us at Breakfast@9 as part of the preparation, along with a session with Chris. The baptisms are held in the afternoon in the church, with families then able to invite as many people as they wish. We complete the baptism by welcoming them to the church family at Breakfast@9 the following Sunday.





New Wine Summer – A small group of families (from B@9 and other churches) travelled to Peterborough for the United festival. We all had an amazing time, despite the weather. Friendships and faith were grown over the week.

### Advent and Christmas –

We held our usual Christingle service on the first Sunday in Advent, which was well attended by families from all 3 churches in the Parish, plus some from Offspring and others.

Chris was dressed up in as a giant Christingle, much to the amusement of everyone. The Lantern preschool came and visited the Parish Church – we explored the building and then had a shortened Christingle show and tell for them.

Christmas Eve brought our Crib Service, which linked Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, with the birth of Jesus, coming

as our Rescuer. Lots of props and fun as everyone joined in and dressed up as characters in the story. We decorated the church drive with lights and jam jar lanterns, plus a snow machine and light show.



## 5.0 Life Groups

The small groups are the hub of the church, the place where people can delve deeper into God's word; where you can ask that awkward question without feeling embarrassed and the place where you can get support through all the challenges of life today!

Groups meet on Tuesday evening, Wednesday evening and Thursday morning. Most of the groups are mixed, welcoming both men and women, and meet in various homes in the parish.



We successfully ran Alpha course, the Grace Course and Marriage Preparation course in the newly refurbished Canford Magana Centre.

Our Life Groups, Bible study groups and courses are all aimed at enabling people to progress along their journey of faith and deepen their walk with the Lord.

There are 8 groups with approximately 80 people who are active members of Life Groups/Bible Study groups and 52 who are attached to Life Groups / LPAs for prayer support which means we are supporting around 130 people via our life group infrastructure which includes a number of breakfast@9 members as well.



## 6.0 Outreach and social

Ellie Payne writes a little about our various social and outreach initiatives

### Coffee and Cake

This is held on the 2nd Saturday in month. We encourage members of congregation to come along and enjoy socialising and possibly even donate a cake. Several dog walkers and other members of the local community come along and one or two helpers stand outside to invite them



in. We often have rowers from Bournemouth University pop in especially if there are bacon sandwiches on the go.

### Crafty Creations



This is held on the 3rd Friday of the month. We make different crafts, such as card making, door stops, flower arranging and decoupage. Thanks to Jane it's always something different each month and we often have a demonstration of sorts. This is a real opportunity for outreach as several people come along who have no other contact with the Christian faith.

### Harvest Lunch.

We arranged a harvest Lunch in October with the help of many volunteers. This is a very popular event with the 10:30 congregation, and was very successful.

### Marriage Preparation

This is organised with the three churches, and with volunteers setting up and serving food during the evening.



## 6.1 Silver linings

Irene Selway writes ...

During the last twelve months we have had some very successful monthly lunches, serving both those from the church who live alone and also in the wider community. My thanks go to the supportive team who are willing to help with setting up tables, clearing away, giving lifts to at least half of the folk who come, helping with the cooking and of course meeting and talking to folk during the session. We aim to provide a hot cooked lunch and a sweet, followed by coffee and entertainment. This includes giant scrabble, films, music, quizzes and our very popular carpet bowls which all can join in with, standing or sitting. We also include a five minute "Thought for the Day" each time and, by request, an occasional Holy Communion service lasting about 30 minutes. Occasionally during the summer months we arrange an outing and last August we hosted a cream tea afternoon in our garden. Fortunately it was a beautiful sunny afternoon.



## 6.2 Men's Group

Graham White writes ....

The Men's Group breakfasts have proved ever popular in the last year. We meet in the CMC usually on the first Wednesday of the month to enjoy breakfast and socialising. We take kitchen duties such as cooking in turns to prepare a full English breakfast. We even do the washing up assisted by the dishwasher of course!

The Men's Group Christmas Lunch was held at the Bridge House Hotel, where a very enjoyable meal was served.

We have continued to enjoy walking together throughout the year usually on the third Wednesday of the month. The walks usually involve a pub lunch and are about 4 miles in length. We walk the Castlemain Trailway and the Stour Valley Way as well as further afield such as the Purbecks & the New forest with the walking leadership being taken in turns.



### 6.3 Israel/Jordan Trip 2019

Chris writes .....



In September 2019 a group of intrepid explorers set out from Canford to visit first Israel and then Jordan. This is a ministry we have been offering in with the travel company Shoresh, in partnership with our mission partner CMJ. Under the leadership of our rector Chris Tebbutt and Andrew Corke, the vicar of All Saint's Swanage, this is now the third trip since 2012 we have undertaken with members from our parish, Swanage and beyond.

This year we travelled deep into the south, the Desert of Zin, where Moses and the people of Israel wandered in the desert, visiting the Fountain of Tears sculptures exploring the relationship between Jesus and the victims of the Holocaust, the Dead Sea, the stunning mountain top fortress of Herod the Great at Masada, and Qumran, the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Many of us reaffirmed our baptismal vows in the Jordan outside Jericho, before travelling to stay overnight in a wonderful kibbutz on the Sea of Galilee.

Taking a trip out to the Golan Heights we had great fun at a Talmudic village at Katzrin before visiting a Druze village along the lower slopes of Mount Hermon until we reached Caesarea Philippi and the ancient city of Dan. After visiting Bethlehem we landed in Jerusalem to experience the whole of Holy Week and Good Friday, celebrating Communion at the Garden Tomb and praying at the Western Wall, and visiting the Holocaust Memorial, Yad Vashem.



A number then travelled on to Jordan to go on a jeep safari in the Wadi Rum before travelling to Petra, Madaba, Jerash, and ending up at Mount Nebo, where Moses looked across to the Promised Land. This is just a quick overview of the amazing experience that travellers can expect when undertaking these life-changing tours to the Holy Lands. If you have not been – book on the next tour expected in 2022.



#### 6.4 Ride and Stride

Nicky Smart writes ....

This September a group of walkers from Canford took part in the annual “Ride and Stride” in aid of Dorset Historic Churches Trust. We walked in the glorious autumn sunshine to the various churches of the Tarrants and a total of £527-50p was raised. Half of this was retained by the Trust and half returned to Canford to be put towards the maintenance of our beautiful church building. This is not a new venture for us! For more than thirty years, in the month of September, members of Canford have been riding or striding from church to church, following on in the footsteps of enthusiasts Ruth Riall and Janet Fawcett. Indeed, keen supporters Irene and Trevor Selway are well on the way towards reaching their target of a 100 different Dorset churches visited for Ride and Stride!



The next event is on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Please contact the parish organisers Richard and Nicky Smart for further details.



## 7.0 Prayer

June and Bev Probert write...

There is a prayer meeting held before the 10.30am service meeting in the south aisle of the church. Usually led by the person leading the service, it is regularly supported by a faithful group of people who spend time praising, interceding and waiting on God. Often a word or scripture is given which is recorded and shared later during the service. Very often the word will prompt someone to seek prayer either during the communion or directly after the service. The Prayer ministry team is a very dedicated and committed group which ensures that there is always someone available to pray with people who need it. The attendance in the side chapel for prayer ministry is consistent, with people often coming forward in response to the words of knowledge or scriptures given during the service.

## 8.0 Buildings and grounds

Chris Heppenstall writes ....

**Overview:** there have been no major building works in the church building during 2019, but the newly re-furbished Canford Magna Centre (the CMC) came into full use, leaving the kitchen to be upgraded in 2020.

**Church Maintenance:** is not exciting but remains essential, is sometimes difficult and also expensive.

Key points to note are:

A Lighting maintenance team, led by Alastair

Griffith, has ensured a safe environment for all services throughout the year, inside and outside the building.

Grounds have been kept attractive by our contract gardener, and Ken Wilding has loyally dug the plots for remains after cremation.

Roofs, repaired in 2018, have been cleaned; gutters and tiles checked under a new roof maintenance contract.

**The Canford Magna Centre:**



The CMC was opened for use in spring with a party to celebrate the main project. It has enhanced the venue for multiple uses, thereby giving many new users a glimpse of the church's place in society and increasing church income as a result. The kitchen upgrade remains to be done and is planned for 2020 with a grant application having been made. However the existing facility

is just about adequate.

Repair/ upgrade of the audio-visual systems in church, while not yet started, is ready to go, as soon we are able. We have funds, diocesan and other key support. This will enhance our worship, as both listening and watching will be less challenging than it is currently.



**Old Graveyard in the village:** the third part of the old site is not consecrated for burials, and remains an unused resource. We expect to discuss how best to use this land, including as a natural quiet area.

**Other items of interest are:**

BCP Council continues to mow the two graveyard areas, at no cost to us.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission is seeking to place a commemorative plaque for Ft. Sgt. Gawler outside the graveyard entrance.

**Delayed projects:** funding and energy were properly focussed on the CMC during 2019, leaving the following schemes in abeyance:

- Establishing a 'Grace Space' at the back of church, for families and others;
- Digging 5 holes under the outer walls, to show our structural surveyor and architect how the church is supported: the basis for long-term maintenance plans;
- Making an internal stair up to the organ-loft, and repairing the outside store;
- Replacing both the carpet and its base layer.

## 7.0 Some statistics

Just for your interest here are some numbers

- 164 in the worshipping community comprised of ...
- 17 in the age range 0-10
- 4 in the age range 11-17
- 79 in the age range 18-69 and
- 64 in the 70+ range
  
- The Church is used weekly by Canford School when over 480 Pupils and staff gather to worship led by the Rev Phil Jack the school chaplain
  
- Baptisms: 9 – infant
- Baptisms: 5 – river
- Marriages: 7
- Funerals: 14
- (Funeral services in Canford Church and then Crematorium/Burial:8
- Funeral services in Crematoriums only lead by a member of the Canford Clergy:6)

