

Social Committee

The social committee have had another busy year, with film nights and children's film afternoons; our pie and poetry event, the summer BBQ and sports day, and of course the May Fete.

Music

Highlights for our music and choir in 2015 included:

The involvement in the **HGTA festival** including a performance of **Noye's Fludde** involving approx. 70 instrumentalists, 60 singers as animals and 11 singers in a solo role. This included people from our congregation, choir and instrumentalists as well as the local area and schools.

The recording of BBC **Songs of Praise** in February.

The **Historic Churches trust service** at St. Mary Magdalene's church whilst a drone representing the tongues of fire for Pentecost was flying around behind us!

A **joint evensong** with St. Nicolas Nuneaton in July.

Children and Young People

This year has seen **Hive** continue to thrive and meet weekly except when we have the monthly All Age Service. Time is given to Bible story and teaching before splitting into age groups to allow the children to explore the themes in age appropriate ways.

EDGE, a youth group started the year exploring peoples faith journeys and is set to evolve during the year.

2015 -after consultation with the church and agreement of the PCC and Bishop - saw us admit 7 **children to communion**. After a preparation day the children involved were all definite in their commitment to want to be a full part of the worshipping heart of St Barbara's and wanted to share and meet with Jesus through communion.

Other highlights of the year included the Christmas workshops and the Christmas Eve Crib service, both very well attended.

Tulo and Liz met to discuss the new guideline set out by the diocese. A dedicated email address has been set up for people to contact Liz if there is a safeguarding issue.

SUMMARY OF PCC REPORTS

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St Barbara's Church Earlsdon



May God continue to guide us and lead us all as his church, that we may grow deeper in our love for Him and in our service of this community.

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"Jesus Christ is calling us to love one another and to serve God's kingdom in the world as one Church".

Deanery Synod



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Vicar's report

2015 has been a full and active year in the life of St Barbara's, with much to give thanks to God for. I am particularly thankful for the incredible commitment of so many people in the church, whose dedicated service enables so much to happen.

Sunday morning services. We have continued to grow in our worship, led musically by our choir, and in prayer through our team of intercessors.

Buzz at St B's. The combination of music, craft and drama has helped to keep the services fresh and creative, and a positive environment for families to explore faith and build friendships.

Prayers and Bears. It has been very special to see the young children growing in their engagement with the service and it has also provided an important place for parents and carers to find support but also take a moment of stillness in their day.

Evening services. Our quarterly choral evensongs have created a space of beauty and reflection, and our regular Soul Space services a place of quiet and meditation.

Home groups. Our four home groups have continued to meet throughout the year.

Baptisms and confirmations. We had the privilege of welcoming a number of children and the joy of seeing two of our adult members baptized and confirmed by Bishop Christopher in May.

Children Admitted to Communion. After an extensive consultation and discernment process, it was a great joy to see seven children admitted to communion after a thorough preparation course.

How Great Thou Art Festival. St Barbara's played an active part in the inaugural CTEC Arts Festival. Events such as the memorable Noye's Fludde, the film night and the concert attracted large numbers of people, and built good links with the wider community.

Social Events. The Church Christmas Party and the Earlsdon Fete were a huge success.

Care Home and Pastoral Visiting. Our committed team has been an immensely appreciated.

Children. Growing renewed links with Earlsdon Primary School, and taking sessions with our local uniformed organisations

Parish communication. Throughout the year we have had excellent feedback on both our parish newsletter and website.

During 2015, church members participated in a survey to help us reflect on what need to be our priorities as a church in the coming months. The survey highlighted that whilst as a church we are good at using our gifts in the service of the church and being well organized, areas that we could develop further were in the areas of prayer, spirituality and relationships. With this in mind, during 2016, we will be looking at ways to encourage more prayer within the life of the church and grow deeper, more caring relationships within us as a community.

Review of the year

The full PCC met 6 times during the year. The Standing Committee met 5 times.

Proposal of children taking communion. This was discussed and implemented.

Natural Church Development Survey. Rev. Canon Martin Saxby described the eight essential qualities of a living church and the NCD that can analyse them in our church. We agreed to carry out the survey in the May meeting with the results discussed and evaluated in further meetings.

How Great Thou Art Festival and 'Noyes Fludde'. Support to these events were discussed.

CTEC

Christian arts festival titled 'How Great Thou Art'. The 23 varied events of festival included classical, religious, folk and steel band concerts, opera, film, poetry and photography competitions, iconography, quiz night, variety show, bunting and craft workshops.

Church Wardens and Property Committee

The Church Wardens have inspected the church property register, the log **book of alterations and the inventory**, and each is in order and up to date.

As well as the day-to-day maintenance of St Barbara's, notable works overseen by the Property Committee in 2015 have included: New wall-mounted heaters in the hall; re-painting the hall cupboards; storeroom light fittings; Handrail to the boiler house; New bicycle stands.

Mission Committee

In recognition that some of our parish share goes towards supporting poorer parishes elsewhere in the diocese, our mission **fund allocation** was reduced and the number of mission partners was reduced to six (three overseas and three UK based).

Fundraising events included: Our Lent and Harvest Appeals, our Carol service, the Christingle service, Christian Aid week, Sunday refreshments and Samaritans Purse Shoe-box appeal.

CORD and Coventry Cross of Nails (CCN) both received donations from our Lent and Harvest appeals especially for their work in Burundi.

Christmas cards were provided to all homes in the parish in collaboration with Earlsdon Methodist church.

Deanery Synod

Deanery Synod meetings focused on the following themes:

Natural Church Development

"Missional community" which can best be described as like an extended family with people living together, spending time together and worshipping together

Sustainability and energy transformation

A **question and answer** session by Tulo and three of our congregation telling of their experience of Buzz at St. B's, Bears and Prayers, and the CTEC How Great Thou Art festival.