

**Glyncorrwg Church Easter Vestry
May 19th 2013**

Agenda

1. Prayers
2. Attendance and Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the previous annual vestry meeting
4. Parish reports
 - Vicar's Warden
 - People's Warden
 - Administration e.g. Electoral Roll, fabric, insurance
 - Accounts
 - Other reports (Choir Report, Sunday School Report etc)
5. Elections
 - Churchwardens
 - Parochial Church Councillors
6. Appointment of independent examiner or auditor of accounts (see Chapter 6 of this handbook for more information on this)
7. Any other business (for which notice has been given and to which the meeting consents)

Report of Vicar's Warden

I would like to thank everyone for their support not only for the last year, but also for the two and a half years in which we have been without a Vicar. I would also like to thank the priests who have provided for us during that time, especially Edwin, who has been with us for the whole of the period and over the past few months almost full time. I would also like to thank the choir, and especially Viv for his long term commitment, both to teaching the choir and to playing for our services each Sunday.

We now look forward to a new beginning as we welcome our new Vicar to our parish, and also begin new links to the parish of Caerau.

We have had a busy year with improvements in the church and churchyard, including a new central heating boiler and a handrail along the path up to the church porch to make things a little easier for all who attend. The West wall has been repainted, and the altars have been provided with new altar clothes. The largest job undertaken was the refitting of the Choir Vestry, with replastering of windows and walls, repainting, new flooring and the construction of a robes cupboard for the choir. New work surfaces along two walls completed the renovation, which now provides good accommodation for the Choir and for the Sunday School.

Thank you all once again.

**Graham Stent
Vicar's Warden**

Church Choir : Report to the Easter Vestry 2013

Choir Members : Eurlys Phipps, Rosie Jones, Lynne Laskey, Kira Davies, Erin Jones, Cadi Jones, Spencer Major, Viv Williams, Les Jones.

Over the past twelve months the Choir has concentrated on maintaining a sung service every Sunday and continuing to recognise and improve the musical and liturgical skills of the younger members. We have been very fortunate in having a dedicated, though small, group of people who have regularly attended practice and services. Viv Williams has played at almost every Sunday service over the year, and when he has been unavailable, an unaccompanied service has kept our singing tradition going.

For this, the Choir would like to thank the congregation for their enthusiasm and support.

The Choir's contribution to services has not been solely musical, but has included providing a crucifer (Spencer), two servers (Kira and Erin), Offertory procession and collection (Cadi and Spencer), readers (Kira, Erin, Spencer, Lynne, Rosie and Les) and providers of a monthly choir-led family service (everyone!).

Continuing to develop the Voice for Life scheme run by the Royal School of Church Music, Erin and Kira have achieved their dark blue ribbons, Spencer has attained his light blue ribbon, and Cadi has moved on from her white ribbon to achieve a pink ribbon standard.

As a spin off from this training, the children have performed a number of short pieces after the Gospel reading, either entirely on their own, or starting a piece for the rest of the Choir to join in with second time through. The standard of the singing in those short pieces has improved enormously over the year, the children have enjoyed singing them, and I think the rest of the church has enjoyed listening to them.

For the foreseeable future, the Choir's main aim will be to continue to maintain sung Communion services on Sunday mornings, and to improve the quality of the singing by choir and congregation, including the service settings.

Les Jones (on behalf of the Choir)

St John the Baptist Church Sunday School Report for 2013

1: Structure

The Sunday School meets during the Sunday Service weekly throughout the year. Each session lasts approximately 25 minutes, between the Gospel anthem, and the offertory hymn. On the last Sunday of the month, the Sunday School stays in the church to take part in the sermon and intercessions. We feel that it is important that the children take an active role in a full service on a regular basis.

There are currently 5 regular weekly members of Sunday School, aged between 5 and 11 years of age and we always invite visiting children to join us in the vestry. Attendance is usually between four and ten children. Parents and grandparents are welcome to stay with us to give the children confidence. We have a number of regular part timers, who visit relatives in Glyncorrwg at weekends or during the school holidays. Our regular Sunday School children are all members of the church choir, and have other responsibilities in the

service. Roles include crucifer, servers, sides people and readers. In their roles as choristers, the children also follow the Royal School of Church Music Voice for Life syllabus.

Content

i: Epiphany to Whitsun 2012 : The Life of Christ

The Sunday School contributed a display in the Flower Festival. The children chose to use the life of Christ as a theme, and worked on presentations of the major events in the Gospels, from the nativity to the Ascension. They made a book of parables and a miracle tree. Our display of Jacob's Well featured a sandy desert with a variety of Middle Eastern plants, a well and a camel.

ii: Trinity 2012: Saint Curig

We used the summer months to explore the early Celtic history of our church. The children made a model of a sixth century Llan, and traced the journey of St Curig from his arrival in Aberystwyth, through Wales, Cornwall and Brittany to his death and burial on the Finisterre coast. We visited another Curig church in Monmouthshire for Harvest Festival, and wrote up our findings in a book, which has proved popular across many Curig churches.

iii: Advent and Christmas 2012

We made our own Jesse Tree from driftwood, and followed the genealogy of Jesus from the Creation story in the book of Genesis to the Nativity in the gospels, covering 24 stories.

iv: Epiphany and Lent 2013

We followed the Way of the Cross from the stations devised by Pope John Paul II, using items to represent each station each week in a display .

v: Easter

We discussed the meaning of Baptism, in preparation for the Baptism of 3 of our Sunday School children in April.

The way ahead

Over the next few weeks we are planning to look at the appearances of Jesus after the resurrection. Our summer project is to explore the wonder of our world and the people in it through the psalms.

Rosie Jones 29.04.2013

Mission, Evangelism and Social Responsibility 2012

This year we continue our mission outreach in the community through our coffee morning and by joining other organisations in the village providing refreshments during Santa's visit to Glyncorrwg.

Church members continue to visit the sick and bereaved, those in hospital and at home, Tŷ Nant Nursing Home and Arwelfa Residential Home. Whenever possible we have offered Holy Communion to the sick and housebound, they were most grateful to receive the Holy Sacrament from the Revd Edwin Phillips at Christmas time.

We continue to sponsor Cymmer Afan Comprehensive School Community Awards. The achievements of the students are of a high standard and are to be commended.

The other recipients of our Mission Giving are :

- * Tŷ Hafan Children's Hospice;
- * Christian Mission Society (CMS, formerly SAMS);
- * our Ugandan child Derek who we sponsor through the Ugandan Child Development Fund(UCDF).

Anne Lloyd, Mission Treasurer