

ANNUAL REPORT

I took over the role of 'events' member at Bletsoe PCC AGM in April 2019.

During the last 12 months we have raised the following funds for external charities

Barnabas Aid - £90

Bishop of St Albans Harvest Appeal - £90

Christian Aid - £350

In Dec 2019 we collected toiletries and clothes for the homeless in Bedford and have also had collections for the Womens' Refuge in Bedford (kindly organised by Margaret Codd).

At Bletsoe Village Fete in June 2020, Mary Laws and myself hosted a 'Church Stall' promoting the Christian faith and Church services. We gave away free texts, leaflets and new testaments together with fish shaped biscuits, sweets and mugs all with bible texts attached. We had a pleasant time meeting and greeting people most of whom were from outside the village.

A Harvest Supper was held in the village hall on Friday 20 Sep as the church chancel was not in use. It was held in the early evening to encourage families to attend. Approximately 30 -40 people attended for burgers and salad, an Irish band performance, making potato heads, a seed and nut quiz and a ball and bucket game. Positive feedback was received from those attending and money was raised for the church.

Church coffee mornings were held in May and December 2019 at the Village Hall with a good response particularly to the introduction of tables by local people supplying personal goods.

In December 2019 we held our annual Christmas Carol Service with a nativity performance by children followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the restored Chancel.

We have now introduced weekly coffee after church services in the morning .

Weekly bible groups have continued throughout the year and in 2020 we have started monthly prayer meetings in the chancel on the first Monday of the month.

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