Lord has been at work amongst us during these very difficult past two years.

becoming church plants in their own right . . . ' The reports in this section have an ultimate

and being called to repent and believe. **CAP Whitehaven** christians

The start of 2022 is going well. We have kicked off this year with three brand new clients which our new debt coach Mel

exchange ideas.

ing as soon as possible. It is encouraging to see how clients

We continue to work with referral sources to help boost our chances of receiving clients who are serious about wanting to get out of debt. We are connecting again with the job centre who supplied us with new clients pre-covid. We have also recently connected with

audience in the future to participate in this short free money course that helps people to understand and manage their finances better. Open to all!!

Dave Linstead & Phill Mayhew have done a CAP leaflet drop within the Hensingham area in

the hope of drawing clients closer to home for debt help. This may also help us to draw

them visualise the big CAP picture, meet other teams from the northwest of England and

We have had several clients interested in the CAP money course and we hope to get new

- Fareshare continues to bring a brilliant service to CAP Whitehaven. It can provide food to clients before the debt coaches even meet up with them. It helps to lay down a great foundation in trust before the client starts with their journey out of debt. Thank you to Mildred who is a shining light in all that we do along with the fabulous blessings team. Jackie Wilkinson our CAP speaker has been key in connecting with our partnership churches and will continue to do so to ensure that we all are shouting CAP at the same volume.
- Phil Sisson has become an associate evangelist with Outreach UK. We hope this organisation will be a great source of encouragement and training for our team in the future in helping us share the gospel with CAP clients.
- tained us to continue on this great mission where we can share his love in our Christian lives. Our Lord has done amazing things for us here in Whitehaven. Thank you Lord! Thank you everyone! Jonathan Berry

share the gospel with the broken. And I am very thankful to our Lord who has paved a way, sus-

Despite a year of persistent Covid we have managed to continue weekly doorstep deliveries to CAP clients. During this year we have had families become debt-free and eventually move on to be self-sustaining. The new year has brought us Mel as a newly-trained debt coach and 3 new clients to keep her

There have recently been some changes in management at Recycling Lives and with it some changes to us as service users. We now get a delivery sheet and are charged accordingly. Over the past few weeks we receive the delivery sheet the day before which allows us to anticipate what we will be getting and in what volumes. This is proving very helpful allowing us to pur-

Tiny Tots

consider the issues summarised below:

sages in the group sessions

the name—which carries a huge sense of love and

good memories within the

community and has firmly

established the group as being part of the church—

and not just a 'social group

dren registered, though not all families attend each week.

meeting in a church hall'

CAP Fareshare

Tiny Tots is a ministry of St John's and under the oversight of the PCC. As we move into a new season of Tiny Tots we have sought to bring the group more formally in line with the wider church vision for all Youth and Children's work. As such the following decisions have been made:

couraging to the team who play an im-

Mildred Linstead

Christ to our community There are a lot of strengths to build on from the long history of the group and we seek to embrace these strengths and continue to grow them, namely • the clear evangelistic nature of the content, the positive culture and Christ-centered mes-

many generations—both within the church and with the community Since re-opening 25 families on average have attended each week and there are around 40 chil-

Tuesdays

9.30-11am

St John's Church, Hensingham

Church on the Moor This last year has seen steady progress both with practical things and with people things. The Spirit has been growing the team in Christ, sorting out sin, and giving gifts. More connections are being made with local people and we're feeling the urgency to share the gospel. Practically we've

you!

coming a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation).

meet together and fellowship with him. Please pray.

organisations than could have been visited over the period.

One of the projects that was started prior to the Covid

pandemic and is now being resurrected is a 'Listening Ser-

vice.' This provides volunteers to support the schools in

Ruth Smith and Nathan, alongside the 3 Puppet teams,

the simple task of listening to pupils in a school context.

Thanks again for your support: it is much appreciated.

people's hearts to hear and receive Christ.

our country of service?

Ann Christian & Serving in Mission

called . . . so why do we have to wait for so long away from

makes a move to a new location much easier.

The Walkers in Argentina & Crosslinks

theological education and an apprenticeship scheme.

current team until mid-2023. I feel too young to be a pensioner yet!

Jenny Kurzyk coming together in love, worshipping and following their saviour, Jesus Christ.

Partnership in the Gospel: links between the local schools and the church St John's Church has continued its support for NISCU (Northern-Inter Schools Christian Union) in what has again been a 'different' year within the schools.

is available (e.g. specifically videos which were made available via the NISCU YouTube site). The

positive from this is that these videos are now accessible, as resource packs, for more schools and

We also pray for the schools in our local area and how we, as a church or as individuals, can be

have continued to keep the work going and we are grateful for their time and efforts.

PS. A revised Q & A document will appear in the next few weeks on the St John's website which

might fill you in on the details better. Feel free to chat to one of us about anything too.

gelise more in the local area.

ship team.

have drifted off, which has been a source of much sadness for all of us. Despite this, we can

see that the church is much healthier now than it was 2 years ago, and we're just beginning

to feel like we can begin to look outwards once more and work on how to invite and evan-

Andrew has been training Gaston for the last year, as an apprentice. He's the first apprentice we've ever had in the Anglican church of Argentina, so we're really thankful for him and his

willingness to be the guinea pig! He'll remain with us this year and then, God willing, will go

to CEP, the theological college in Chile, with his new wife, Emilia (they get married in May).

other children have been known to turn up. We pray on for more famil-

The title of this article has became a reality for ourselves when Nathan Walkingshaw was appointed to the NISCU West Cumbrian Team on a part-time basis, alongside the apprenticeship he is doing with St John's. One of the benefits of this is to provide a bridge between school and church life, from a discipleship perspective as well as having somewhere to direct young people to who have no church background. Nathan has so far been involved in the clubs at Whitehaven and West Lakes Academies. As in the previous year most schools were still closed to visitors during a large part of the year but this started to change after the Christmas break. NISCU continued to use the technology that

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."
Romans 12:12 Romans 12:12 has been our motto text for 2021 as my team and I waited for the pandemic to slow down and for doors to be reopened and visas to be reissued. For active people, keen to be involved in ministry, waiting does not come easily and the uncertainties have been difficult to comprehend. God has

I tried to remain joyful and patient as I endured the lockdown of early 2021 with its isolation and

too many hours spent alone (challenging for a people-person!). My work for the year continued with hours and hours on Zoom encouraging, supporting and praying with my team. No workers were able to return and, after two years of exile, some have moved into new ministries and new

Owing to the pandemic restrictions I was unable to travel overseas in 2021 and I have missed

In the second half of 2021 I began preparations for a return to Whitehaven. My gracious heavenly Father has provided "immeasurably more than all I could ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20) and

given me a house for my retirement years. My heart is so full of thankfulness and praise for this

unexpected gift! I will now live permanently in Whitehaven and be part of the St John's family once again—for which I am grateful. Having a church fellowship I know and love already in place

I reach official state pension age in May 2022 but, God willing, I plan to continue working on my

Andrew and Bethanie Walker, with their children Maia, Emilio, Lucy and Noah are serving in the

local Anglican church in Mendoza, Argentina, and seeking to train new bible teachers through

We have been in Mendoza for just over 2 years now, which brings our total time as missionaries

locations. Whilst it is sad to lose members of our 'family, we know that God calls in may ways.

meeting folk face to face and connecting with new poeple—as well as warm tropical sunshine!

Andrew has been seeking to train Gaston and Jose, in preaching particularly. So he's been meeting up regularly with them to focus on how to expound the bible clearly and apply it in our cultural context. This has also helped to sharpen Tore and Jose a lot in their theological thinking, which has been encouraging for Andrew. They work together almost like an elder-CEP (the Centro de Estudios Pastorales in Chile) is where Andrew and I studied. Last year and this, Andrew has been teaching a course on the Psalms and wisdom literature via Zoom. It's been a challenge that has stretched him considerably, not least in organising his prep time, but we both recognise the value of strong theological education in Latin America

great opportunity to think more about the songs we sing and how to link them to the sermons. We pray on as we work out how to grow this area and get others involved. It's worth mentioning Jony and Jenny Bertin, Argentine friends who studied at Cornhill, then Oakhill and returned to serve in the Anglican church of Rosario. Having got the bug for Greek, Jony continued to study and so when the opportunity arose for him to teach Greek

focus on unbelievers hearing the gospel

role. as new referral sources. to have the team that we have here in Whitehaven.

against

poverty

have connected with Mel and to see how quickly and professionally she has adapted to her new Jonathan is supporting Mel where he can while managing other aspects of our debt centre such

with Cleator Moor health centre and made a CAP leaflet drop at the centre. In June some of our team will be visiting the CAP conference in Leeds in June. It will help

people to come to our church events and get to know Jesus.

- Julian Berkeley has been superb at targeting potential future funding. He makes updates to St John's church website while keeping potential connections to the media on his radar for future outgoing news to the public. Although Covid affected how we had to work over a period of two years it has not shaken our team. We have never lost sight or focus on what we do and how we do it. I am very thankful to all our volunteers who continue to inspire and breathe new life and ideas into our centre and to
- chase items to support the delivery especially when volumes are low and lacking in items, e.g. no protein. We are grateful for the fundraising events which allow us to be able to do this. New clients coming along is very en-

portant role alongside the individual befriender making a weekly contact delivering the food.

events for the coming year with members of the partnership churches.

We are so pleased to be part of the CAP social team as we meet to pray and plan the social

• To close the separate bank account and bring all spending in line with other groups overseen by the church treasurer • To cease all fundraising activities—both weekly subs and larger events—to bring the group in line with the whole church policy on fundraising To currently operate on only one morning a week and seek to grow the number of sessions

ance on how we can best serve the community needs as a form of evangelism

per week in the future and explore other ways to expand the vision—looking to God's guid-

Specific pastoral support via a PCC link to help smooth this transition period and help both the group leaders and the church keep the wider church vision as its focus in ways to bring

the relationship with families that has carried across

—the introduction of toast has been a great hit! We are also supported by a number of parents and grandparents from within the congregation who minister alongside us. As a team we are committed to providing a warm and welcoming environment where every adult and child is loved and cared for. We also seek to promote other church groups and activities through general information but also through personal invitation. Families have joined us for

The team of helpers supporting me since reopening after the pandemic closure are Susan Baxter,

Linda Ashworth, Audrey Ulyett, Pat Smith, Joanne Little and our apprentices Hannah O'Donnell

and Nathan Walkingshaw. Kitty and Connie wonderfully provide us with refreshments each week

The start of the new church is fast approaching. As you can tell from the title, we've decided on a name—Church on the Moor! We pray this will become a gathering of local Cleator Moor people,

become a recognized church plant with the FIEC (Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches) and their recommended solicitors are helping us in sorting out the legal stuff with be-

One thing that's been really felt in the last year, at least by myself, is the support from outside the plant team. There's been some brilliant support, practically, financially, evangelistically and in prayer from a large number of people at St John's and elsewhere (you know who you are!). Thank We have a decent-sized prayer team who receive our prayer letters and bring us before our Father. And we're still open for more pray-ers! (get hold of one of us so you can join). New life church, as our local FIEC Church, has also being overwhelmingly supportive. Mission is easier as you labour alongside encouraging brothers and sisters. We need wisdom as we decide what things each of us puts time into as the launch approaches. We need love and boldness to develop friendships and share the gospel with locals. We need the steadfast love of the Lord to comfort us as trials come our way. We need joy in the Lord as we

Baptisms This has been the year of baptisms! We have done 39 baptisms since the end of May 2021, many of which had been held over because of covid restrictions. There are another 16 booked in so far this year. Pat and Paul Smith and Mel and Karl Turner act as vergers for baptisms, and one or two others have also helped. I'm very grateful for their commitment and care for these families. Pray that as Si and I visit (we try to visit each family twice before the baptism) the Spirit may open

with Crosslinks to 11 years! Thank you for praying and partnering with us for all that time!! Here's a run-down of our main ministry areas: • Andrew has been serving as the main pastor at El Señor de la Viña (Lord of the Vine)

In the meantime, I've led two workshops thinking about the why and how of children's ministry, recognising that it's unsustainable for just one person to do all the kids work. So, this month, we've seen four people join the kids work team, which is wonderful! It also means that I can help with the music which would otherwise be a recording. We've been really amazed at Maia (9) stepping up to help sing, as I play piano (very badly!). She's been great, and it's lovely to see our children seeing a need and being willing to fill it. It's also been a

at CEP, the pieces seemed to fit really nicely. They arrived in Chile last month and are now in

a bit of a nightmare visa situation due to a very sudden change in Chilean law. So, please pray for them and thank God for answered prayers for a new Greek and NT teacher. Their plan is to stay for 3–5 years at CEP before heading back to Argentina.

1. REACH OUT The first of the three objectives in our vision. In our 2019 vision the 'reach out' measurable aim was "2 for 22":

Dear St John's family members, This document gathers together all the reports from the different areas of the life of St John's. I would encourage you to read it all. There is nothing else under the sun that can give you a feel for St John's—unless of course you are personally involved in everything that goes on! Covid mandatory restrictions are gone. This is exciting and these reports reveal, I think, that the

Introduction

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Fergus Pearson

'Under God, we aim to have two further groups that, by 2022, will be intentionally evangelistic and aiming towards

Through the pandemic CAP Whitehaven has received £10,000 from the Coalfields Regeneration Trust and £3,300 from the Cumbria Community Foundation/ Cumberland Building Society. This has enabled the centre to keep going in the toughest of situations when face-to-face meetings were impossible but clients still needed support—especially food. Both CRT and CBS have asked for case studies to publish on their websites and have been fulsome in their praise of the difference the work of our CAP centre has made to the lives of those we seek to support and help forward.

Turner has taken on and is doing a fabulous job. This will enable her to get through the signing-off period for debt coach-

Our area manager Dave Tudor said earlier this year that other debt centres would give anything Our centre, he said, is recognised across the northwest for having a great team of volunteers and for the work they carry out. Well done everyone!!!

Current news: The new pastor of Woodbank Community Church, Barry Appleby, and his wife Natalie, are keen to continue the good work this church has given to CAP Whitehaven over the years. the Growth Company that offer a personal well-being service. I have a made connections

people trained up who could possibly deliver the course in the future. A TV was awarded to CAP Whitehaven for their outstanding services to the community. It is now in the Cornerstone Bookshop ready to use for the CAP money course. We hope to call out to a broader We have a befriender training session on the 28th of April. We would like new potential befrienders to come along.

Phill Mayhew continues to encourage us all in prayer and helps us all to connect at the start of the month and join in prayer for our clients and debt centre needs. • We will be adaptive and creative in our CAP events across the year. Plans are now being discussed with the team as Mel leads on social events.

busy. We are at the moment supporting 11 families which equates to 30 individuals.

Firstly I would like to thank Eileen Henry for leading and cherishing this group for over 30 years. The church and the community owe much to the love and commitment of Eileen for such a long time. I would like also to thank those who have faithfully served alongside Eileen too but for personal reasons have not felt able to return. I, Jenny Kurzyk, took over the leadership in September 2021 and the group reopened in November 2021 following a transition period to undertake some training with Care for the Family, and to

Christmas Unwrapped, the Christingle service and Carols by Candlelight. We have had interest but not yet attendance at the Hope Explored course, we have invited older siblings to the Easter Football school and we have had a few discussions about Explorers. At Christmas the families joined together in donations to bless a family through CAP with a Christmas Hamper. We are building great relationships and we ask you to join us in prayer as we seek to serve the families of our church and our community of Hensingham. It truly has been a great blessing to take on this ministry and to see it grow and flourish already. I close by sharing our vision statement with you: "Taking first steps towards Jesus together" so that the families in our community can see the love of Jesus: shared through our love and care, shown through the Gospel and <u>demonstrated</u> through the kingdom of God.

Joe Pearson

got a name and a

date

September) as well as

a meeting place—a medium-sized room

in the Civic hall on

the square. We have

(18th

start

involved and support them (e.g. governors, teachers/teaching assistants, prayer for a local school). In relation to this, NISCU is looking into restarting the work at Mayfield School which Fergus was involved in previously. We pray that the doors may open that will bring this to fruition. Neil Baxter

Fergus Pearson

Ann Christian

Andrew preaching

to a captive audience!

NISCU

church. We have seen wildly fluctuating numbers over the pandemic period, but a key, core group of about 12 has remained and we've been really encouraged by their growth and desire to know Jesus better. Sadly, some key people who were very involved before we arrived,

in Spanish and so we've been happy to prioritise it. My areas in church have mainly been Sunday School (Las Uvitas—Little Grapes!) and more recently the music. Our four children are generally the only children in church, but three

Ministry at home: The kids go to a state school from 1.30 – 6.00pm. This gives us a very different insight into the life of normal Argentine families, many of whom struggle to make it to the end of each month. It has its challenges but for now we pray that it is the right place to be. In the mornings we try to do homeschooly stuff in English. With the pressures and trials of leading a church, it can be difficult to switch off at times. Please

pray for Andrew who sometimes wakes up really early and then can't get back to sleep because his brain starts thinking about all the things he needs to do! Pray that he would work hard and

then rest and leave things in God's capable hands!

I would appreciate your prayers for patience as it's felt like a very intense two years with the kids having no school for 18 months. But overall we feel incredibly blessed to be doing what we do where we do it.

Regarding Argentina as a country, the economic situation is, as always, very wobbly. There is high inflation (approx. 50% over last year), much instability and rising costs in all areas (our rent doubled in January!). But in these highly unusual times, the economy here doesn't seem so mad compared to everyone else anymore.

home leave from mid-December to the end of January 2023. We would be in the St John's area around or after New Year, so we look forward to seeing your lovely faces once more. Love in Christ,

Bethanie Walker

In December around 30–35 of our congregation offered to sing carols in the parish. The plan was to sing on the Tuesday to Friday evenings. Unfortunately, the weather was so awful

Every house was given a leaflet which included details of all our Christmas services at church. Some households listened from windows, came to their front doors, or came out to us to listen or

Church and it was for their pleasure, leaving them with a "Happy Christmas". Perhaps we need to discuss whether we should receive any offered donations for a charity. It is a privilege to sing about the good news of the Christmas story, singing about the birth of our

Saviour, Jesus, on the streets around our church. **Romans 10:14** "How then, can they call on the one they have not believed in?
And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard?...
As it is written "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good

Many thanks to all of you who gave your time to sing and deliver the leaflets. It was much appreciated. Have a think if carol singing is something you could help with at Christmas this year. Let's provi-

sionally plan the singing for the week beginning 12th December this year. Bring your home group! See you then. Pat Smith

After a year without a party in 2020—the first time we haven't held a Seniors' Party in the last 40 Our Seniors' Afternoon Tea was held on Saturday 11th December, and it was a lovely time of fel-

Dowler—coming out of retirement to sing especially for us. After this we sang carols together, finishing with an epilogue from Fergus to encourage and challenge us in the lead up to Christmas. We would like to thank everyone for their help and support both before the party (helping with

makers, to Joanne for the musical accompaniment, to all our wonderful hand-bell ringers, to Dave our parking attendant, and of course to Malcom and Fergus. We couldn't do it without you! Most of all we would like to thank you—our wise and wonderful senior citizens—for coming

along and sharing this special event with us. See you all next year, God willing! Diane Jackson and Kay Cartmell

2021. It was lovely to be able to get our families together again for a time of fun and fellowship. The afternoon was well attended by our church family and people from the community. The afternoon offered tea and great cakes, a bouncy castle for the young children, plenty of different crafting activities for all ages, games, hot chocolate and popcorn, candy floss and a fondant icing modelling demonstration.

our musicians playing Christmas carols in the foyer throughout the afternoon. Mel Turner

Nathan Walkingshaw did a short talk on the meaning of Christmas. It was a fun-filled time, with

Children and Young People

We are currently using some material from Faith in Kids and began in November with the Adven-

ture of Christmas. Since Christmas we have been looking at meals with Jesus, starting with lunch

with Levi, then supper with Simon, to name a few. We plan a small detour as we approach Easter with the wonder of Easter for 5 sessions and we will continue with meals with Jesus to the end of

We have so much to be thankful for and we praise God for our children's groups at St John's.



Please remember us in your prayers as we meet each week.

The theme for this year is 'the prophecies of Christ'. Each week we look at an Old Testament prophecy of the Messiah and New Testament fulfilment in Jesus. The staff take turns presenting the lesson and then we have a 'table talk' where each staff member spends some small group time getting to know the children better. We end up the day with a snack, games and a group prayer. The Explorers had the privilege of helping out the church's Seniors' Party, held at Christmas time,

by making and distributing a gift for each of the participants. This year the children coloured

We are thankful that families view the participation of their children in this programme as an important part of the way that the church can assist parents to raise their children with the know-

ledge of Christ and to show its relevance in daily living. There are a few families who do not attend St John's that also come regularly to Explorers. We view this as an encouraging part of the

wooden tree ornaments during the table talk over three weeks in December.

dressed up and joined us for the first song, Away in A Manger. Always a great show!!

local church mission to spread the love of Jesus in the lives of those outside the church.

land, Emma Cooper, Jonathan Lucas and Dawyn Sawyer. Over the course of the past year we have seen a slow return of children to the on-site teaching, following covid-19 regulations. We

now have from 12 to 15 attending nearly every week. The children do seem to enjoy the mix of

gradually increased and we are now getting double figures coming each week! When everyone has been there (which has happened on a couple of occasions), we can get up to 13 young people which is great news considering the lower numbers we had previously. We very much praise God for that and feel blessed that he has provided more young people to be able to preach the gospel to.

Having started the academic year in September with only 5 young people on the books we have

tionships.

within it.

sistently than others.

Ministry among Adults

establish them as things return to normal.

serving God in lots of different ways.

Living Room 2021/2022 has been a good year for Living Room. There has finally been continuity for the group as it became possible to meet regularly in person. Over the past 12 months we have studied several books of the Bible: Psalms (using Matt Searle's book *Tumbling Skies*), Hebrews, Ruth (using Hope under Bethlehem Skies by Robin Ham), and 1 Peter.

West Cumbria and consequently the number of our Fellowship members has grown slightly. The average number of participants is now about sixteen. Hebrews 6:1 ... Let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity.

One piece of good news is that the monthly communions in Johnson House and Walkmill Gardens have started up again with Yvonne Owen and Hannah O'Donnell accompanying Fergus or Things are starting to change now, thankfully, although we are still being careful, preferring to

It has been another unusual year for the Pastoral Visiting Team as we have—for most of the year —been unable to visit people in their own homes due to Covid-19 restrictions. We have however

continued to contact people by telephone and, when the weather was good, via a socially-dis-

and we know that the work of the pastoral visiting team is just a small part of this service.

the Lord in the church and in the world.

weekend away in early August.

Pastoral visiting team

tanced doorstep chat.

Si.

this.

their lives.

telephone or doorstep-visit unless people are keen for us to go inside. We will continue to review

years or so—we were back with a flourish in 2021! lowship, fun and food! 110 guests were invited and 75 attended on the day, which began with a beautiful medley of hand-bell ringing. Following our afternoon tea we had entertainment provided by Malcolm

preparations, delivering invitations and providing food and other goodies) and on the day (providing transport, setting up the hall and tables, making sandwiches, serving food and tea, and Special thanks must go to the Explorers and their leaders for the lovely tree decorations they made for our seniors, to David and his team in the kitchen, to Audrey and her team of sandwich-

2. BUILD UP The second of the three objectives in our vision. In our 2019 vision the 'build up' measurable aim was "3 for 23": 'We will aim to start three new home groups by 2023' We want to disciple everyone who turns to follow Jesus. A bare commitment to Christ is not what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

3–7 year olds meeting on Sunday mornings After a very difficult time of lockdowns for nearly two years our 3-7 year old group started up again with a new name—Adventurers—and a whole new team. We spent some time over the

Word and be challenging the children about their relationship with Jesus. Neil Baxter, John Moffat, Catherine Blyth, Hannah O'Donnell, Jo Higgins, Susan Baxter, David Baxter, Mike & Carmen Taylor **Explorers** 7–11 year olds meeting on Tuesday evenings

11–15 year olds meeting on Tuesday evenings It has been great to be back in the church hall doing Pathfinders this year, and more recently without masks. The atmosphere is a lot better and it means we can do more active games and the discussions in the talks are more fruitful. We are looking forward to bringing back our tradition of doing Pancakes on Shrove Tuesday this year with less restrictions, having missed out on it

CYFA 15–18 year olds meeting on Sunday evenings As a previous CYFA member myself I can strongly say that being a leader this year has been very different from previous years. When I was a member there was generally a good number of around 10 people coming consistently each week. However, many of those members have moved on and we are now left with a small number of around 3-5 people attending—some more con-

Two new members, who attend each week, have been a real encouragement to us as leaders.

One of the aims of CYFA is to grow young people in their own faith, seeking to encourage them

We look forward to spending more time with the CYFA members, aiming to build deeper rela-

Due to the pandemic we have not been able to go on the usual retreats this year but hope to re-

We invite you continue to pray with us for both the growth of this group and the relationships

It has been a privilege to dig into these books together as a group, to encourage each other to listen to God's word carefully and to help each other put it into practice. We also recently went on a weekend retreat to Rock UK with the group. This was a great time of fun, deepening friendship, and spending time away to be refreshed by time in God's word. We were excited to be able to have Dennis and Julie Thompson come along too as Dennis taught from Ecclesiastes. It is a difficult book in many ways, but so helpful for us to see life clearly in the light of death.

path, not just in the manner of its meeting but also the material covered. This has allowed groups

to try out a wider range of styles of study than previously, but it has meant that we have all been studying different things in different ways—there are obviously positives and negatives about

It has been a joy to be able to continue to welcome newcomers (and returners!) into our groups over the last 12 months and to see how the challenges of the year have strengthened the fellow-

ship within our groups, providing prayer, company and sometimes practical help as well as join-

We continued to use Zoom for our bi-weekly Fellowship meeting until December 2021. It was just lovely when we could start meeting in person again. We finished the study on 1 Timothy and 2

In October 2021 Nigel Gillson and I began with a new batch of seven participants, one from St Andrew's, one from Emmanual Church, Workington, and the rest from St John's. We began with an overview of the Bible over six weeks. We have explored various topics around who God is and how he saves us. Each member has presented a book review and in May and

June each will lead a session on a topic agreed personally with them. We are also planning a

church secretary) organised a bereavement memorial service which was held in Church on 1st November (All Saints Day) to remember those loved ones who have died and to give thanks for

3. BEAR FRUIT

Seniors' Party

clearing up).

The NISCU puppets came and did a Christian Christmas Show, and our church apprentice,

Adventurers

12 children.

May.

Summer and early Autumn completing the recruitment process so we could be up and running with 13 new leaders and helpers, on a rota basis, and ready to run on the first Sunday in November. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14 We meet on Sundays during the morning service and spend time in the church hall during the talk and prayers; usually around 30-40 minutes. During the session the children listen to a Bible story, take part in drama, play games, sing, colour, cut, and stick. We have grown in numbers weekly since November, with new children attending each week. The most we have had so far is

We have a good team of leaders who are ably supported by a number of others who help the children with the various activities and studies. We are thankful for their support and commitment to the work throughout the year. We ask for your continued prayers as we prepare each week that we would be true to God's

Joshua.

Exporers also performed a Christmas programme for the congregation the Sunday before Christmas. The title of this year's was God Keeps His Promises. This original play mirrored the yearly programme theme to look at Old Testament prophecies that were fulfilled in Jesus's birth. The children always love dressing up and did a great job, considering we were unable to hold a practice session due to staff having to isolate because of Covid-19. Scramblers and Climbers also

Pathfinders

last year.

sports and Bible teaching.

The topics we have been able to look at this year include the 'I am' sayings of Jesus, studies of both Ruth and Daniel, and the book of James. Rather than doing topics we like to able to study passages in the Bible where we can not only learn about God but also bring out modern-day application for the young people. One of the great privileges this year is having both Hannah and Nathan helping as leaders—ot only because of their great enthusiasm but also because they are former Pathfinders. Both Jonathan and I taught them when they were younger! It is great to see how they have matured in

their faith and have now taken up leadership positions in teaching the gospel and getting along-

side the young people and sharing God's love with them. We pray for the current young people that they will follow similar paths and will be strong in their faith and that in the future they will be

Dave Baxter, Jonathan Blyth, Hannah O'Donnell

& Nathan Walkingshaw

Hannah O'Donnell

Ben Naylor

Heather Naylor

Through regular meetings we

continue to encourage and edify one another. We have

just finished the study on

Judges and will start on Revel-

ation in March this year as

scheduled. For those who are

leading the study we have

been having pre-study meet-

ings since November last year

so that we can familiarise and

better equip ourselves with this challenging part of Scripture.

We cannot wait to see how the

Jema Chan

Fergus Pearson

messages in Revelation will help us understand and find order in the chaos of our world.

Due to the political and societal upheaval in Hong Kong in the last two years there has recently been an influx of immigrants from there to different parts of the UK. We also have a little share at

We are very aware that many members of St John's keep in touch with those in need within our church family

As we look to the rest of 2022 we can tell you that, God willing, we hope to be back in the UK for

Christmas events Christmas carol singing that Tuesday was cancelled. But we didn't let light rain put us off, so the rest of the singing went ahead. We sang each evening for about an hour, mostly in the streets from Lincoln Road to Rutland Avenue.

join in. Several offered donations which we didn't take. We just said we were from St Johns'

Christmas Unwrapped

We held Christmas Unwrapped on 4th December

At Explorers we have five staff members who assist on a regular basis: Simon Walker, Stan Mars-

Dawyn Sawyer

Mim Walker & Diane Jackson

Resources we have used so far in our sessions include: The 'Christianity Explored Youth Series' where we looked at what it means to be a Christian. It was a good foundation to lay, not knowing the position in which each member stood in their spiritual journey. Atonement by Leon Morris, in which we are starting to understand Old Testament coven-

to make their own profession of faith and take the step of baptism.

ants and how they link to the new covenant.

Despite the on-going challenges of covid the majority of our home groups have continued to meet during the pandemic, whether in person, over zoom, outside, or in a hybrid set up with some folk in the room and some on the screen! The groups have therefore been able to adapt effectively to the guidelines about lockdowns and to the particular vulnerabilities and concerns of group members. Each group has forged its own

ing regularly for Bible study.

Chinese Fellowship

Timothy, and then started Judges in June 2021.

華人團契 ~ 神在那裡栽種你,你就在那裡開花結果

我們是一群主要來自香港的華人基督徒。每一個成員都有自己的故事

- 我們的掙扎, 我們如何經歷上帝的救恩、保守和供應。主耶穌犧牲

的大愛把我們連繫在一起,在當中學習彼此關顧。 隔週的星期六我們

在家中舉行大概兩小時的聚會,以自己的語言研讀神的話語和互相建

立。我們都認知基督徒必須要作門徒的重要性,一個真正重生得救的

信徒應該在生活中體現出基督美好的素質和品格,力求按照聖經的教

我們熱衷於宣揚福音,並把握機會幫助其他中國人在信仰方面的追

Home groups

this.

導生活。

歡迎信徒和非信徒參加。

求。

Discipleship Course This is an annual course where we aim to work closely with a group of believers to help them grow in maturity through engaging with Scripture, learning doctrine, and exploring ways to serve

We have been very mindful of the difficult time many of our parishioners have endured over the last 2 years. Indeed many people suffered illness and the loss of a loved one in extremely challenging circumstances. With this in mind the visiting team, with help from Fergus, Si and Alison (our

If you know of anyone who would like to be contacted by the visiting team, or indeed if you would like to join us in this service, then please let us know! Judith Hodgson, Enid Starkey, Yvonne Owen, Kay Cartmell & Susan Baxter

The third of the three objectives in our vision. In our 2019 vision the 'bear fruit' measurable aim was "5 for 25": 'Between now and 2025 to have had five people exploring full-time ministry or becoming equipped for it.' We want to provide opportunities and training to encourage each person to serve the Lord both in the church and perhaps especially in the world. This is commonly done on a personal basis and can't be easily quantified in an annual report.

Music at St John's

An old hymn says "How can I keep from singing?" This phrase has been more poignant as we reflect on a time of being apart—on the stresses, the worry and, sadly, the losses. And yet the reason we have kept singing is because of the faithfulness

of God our Father, and our need to share the real hope we have in his risen son, Jesus.

As times changed so did we by moving online with our own recorded songs, services and zoom worship. This was a steep learning curve and we are so grateful for those with IT skills that enabled us to do this. It has been a blessing to many near and far.

cially during the challenging time when others couldn't sing aloud. This meant a lot to those able to come together to worship. And then how uplifting it was to hear a full church come together again! There have been many highlights: Easter, Open air services, church family weddings, Carols by

Thank you also to those who played and sang during Wednesday's and Sunday's services, espe-

Candlelight, and the moving service for the bereaved. And we look forward to more coming up. We are blessed with so many musicians and singers and have enjoyed being led by the young

people in the groups, CCYC, families, and also in sign language. I would like to thank all those who continue to share the love of Jesus through their time, commitment and talents—I thank God for each one. As we look forward there is to be a musicians' evening to bring us together, hopefully with some new faces, as we build each other up and encourage each other in music ministry.

Debbie Swinburn

Church Ministry Apprentices Hannah O'Donnell and Nathan Walkingshaw are our Ministry Apprentices in 2021–2022

It is safe to say that this year so far has been much harder than I had anticipated. However, that

One of my goals this year was to start a teen girls' Bible study. It has been a real blessing to be able immediately to start this and be building relationships.

doesn't mean to say that I have not achieved many of the goals that I set out from the start.

I have taken on an abundance of new roles in the church this year but predominantly I have en-

Hannah's report:

joyed GGANG, Cornerstone and Pathfinders.

Two hours in my week that are completely different from the rest of my apprenticeship are at Cornerstone Christian Bookshop. It's a real pleasure and privilege to work there and I really enjoy browsing the books. It has reignited a thirst for reading. . . which is kind of crucial in the apprenticeship role! One of the things I have sometimes found overwhelming is the volume of reading

required to prepare a talk and for the North West Partnership work. One of the groups that I regularly give talks at is Pathfinders. Having grown up through Pathfinders I now appreciate fully the commitment of the leaders and thank God for all the leaders of all

of the groups here at St John's. It is a real blessing to be on the other side! As I reach this halfway point in my apprenticeship my prayer for the rest of the year is that I will continue to grow in both my knowledge and relationship with God and be a blessing to others. Nathan's report:

Nathan is an apprentice half time with NISCU and half-time with St John's How things are going . . . I've been going into Whitehaven Academy with Alison Riley to run a lunch time craft club, and we've been getting a good number of people. Please pray that hearts would be open to the

passionate. I've also been going into West Lakes Academy with Alison for a breaktime club. It is very short and the aim is to be a presence weekly so that further opportunities to do lessons and a longer club might arise, and also that the kids know that there are people from the church who care about them. So please pray for further opportunities for the gospel to spread through our work

in the school. I've started a Bible study outside school with 2 lads from Workington Academy. We're going through 1 Timothy. The aim is personal discipleship and growth in all involved! Pray that we would seek the truth and be moulded by the Holy Spirit to become more like Jesus as we look at

him. Recently I did 'Listening service' training with NISCU in order that I might be a better listener in schools to the kids that I interact with and also in day-to-day life. It was helpful to have the time to reflect on why listening is important and what makes a good listener, and have a simple tool to

to help me listen well. And I would recommend it to anyone who is vaguely interested.

start one in Workington Academy as well. So prayer for good communication between myself and the schools would be appreciated. Easter is fast approaching and therefore NISCU puppet shows in primary schools—exciting! Hopefully I'll be able to join in the fun with some of the teams.

It's probably true to say it has been quiet on the Mission Community front in the past 12 months. Each church

However, there is a MC confirmation service happening very soon at St Andrew's, on the 10th April. At least 13

Another development is in baptisms at St Andrew's. From now on they will follow the pattern already established at St Bridget's. I will still take the baptism services, but members of St Andrew's church will do the preparation visits and maintain the pastoral connections. It only leaves St John's to catch up on this step forward in baptism

Our three churches are united in having the same gospel heart and vis-

has emerged differently from Covid restrictions. We have managed to have only one MC leaders meeting.

ion, and we are very grateful for Paul Kerry as he gives a lead to our Mission Community. Fergus Pearson

Adventurers (previously Scramblers & Climbers) • Springboard (previously HPs) • Tiny Tots

Email: safeguarding.adviser@carlislediocese.org.uk

East Whitehaven Mission Community

Finally, let me quote myself from the annual report last year:

evangelism and pastoral care!

Joanna Van Lachterop

The St John's groups:

Tel: 07458 016884

Explorers

CYFA

CAP

Pathfinders

Bell Ringing

Safeguarding Training

Girls Bible study

candidates will be confirmed by Bishop James, some from each church.

We are in a formal partnership with St Andrew's, Mirehouse and St Bridget's, Moresby

We have contacted all those with outstanding training requirements. A further four individuals will be due to update their training later this year. There have been nineteen new appointments in recent months, so it has been a busy time. DBS checks

year (one is registered with the electronic update service).

safeguarding handbook is also available on the church website.

tion to keep safe those who are vulnerable among us.

Hensingham bellringers

always good to hear.

St John's handbells

Faith" material.

ment to the role over the past five years.

School of Theology course

and vulnerable adults).

There were 42 people present.

years.

would not have been able to pick up where we left off.

Fling, ye bells your songs to Heaven,

Sing the everlasting Gospel.

Ring your music to the sky.

Lift your hearts to God on high.

day at work, felt that they didn't want to spend an evening on the computer as well.

and myself at safeguarding@stjohnshensingham.org.uk. We compile an annual report of the training situation at St John's for the diocese for audit purposes. We will advise which courses are safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/ those are completely up to date, some are part way through their updates, and six are waiting to get a place on the leadership course which is a face-to-face or video conference meeting with

limited numbers. Because of Covid this diocese course has a two-year backlog to work through.

Different levels of Disclosure and Barring Service checks are required for many of the roles within church. Since the start of this year the refreshment cycle has changed from five to three years. Thus by 2024 all checks should be three-yearly so some people will be required to be rechecked

Another change is that from now on Kay and I will apply—and the diocese will process—all applications online rather than on paper. Please be patient if you are amongst the first to do this

because we haven't done it before! Once you have received your certificate you can apply to be registered with the DBS online update service. We recommend you do this; it will make things a

lot easier once renewal time comes round—and it's a free service for charities (including churches). When you apply you will be given a code number to pass on to myself or Kay; you will

Currently 66 people have an up-to-date DBS check. Two of them will need to renew later this

the safeguarding noticeboard in the church hall and on St John's website. A copy of the parish

Kay and I would like to pass on our thanks for making time in your busy lives to accede to our requests to complete or update your safeguarding training and thus demonstrate your determina-

Ian Ulyett

then that it would be an-

other year and fifteen

weeks (that's 470 days makes it sound even longer!) before the bells

would ring again, when

Gordon, Soo, Ben, Josh,

Keith and Rosalind prac-

Rosalind Amey

Soo Gray

then receive an email each year asking if you are happy for your enrollment to continue.

Supporting **Ministries**

tised for a wedding. Sunday service ringing resumed on 18th July, but Tuesday practices not until 17th August. Sadly, these practices have not been held weekly as miscellaneous issues such as on-going concerns about Covid safety, holi-

days, family commitments, abdominal surgery and same-night pantomime rehearsals all mitig-

ated against enough ringers always being available for a viable practice. Nevertheless, the somewhat depleted home band of Gordon, Soo, Stuart, Keith, Rosalind and Donald, frequently assisted

by honorary Hensingham ringers, Eleanor (Irton), Richard (Whitehaven), Geoff (Irton) and Andrew

(Moresby) have continued to make as joyful a noise as possible in the unprecedented circumstances. Tim and Heather help out when required and continue to ring for services when they

this year so it was the Seniors' party and the church carol service—the bonus being that there were going to be two not just one church carol services. It was decided, as we hadn't played for over a year, we would play some of our standard 12 bell carols, so that we all could get back into the habit of ringing, with tunes that were familiar to us. I now had to collect Mark's bells again because I had returned them to him when it looked like we were going to be locked down for a long time.

Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children Jenny Kurzyk (PCC Secretary)

When Joanne Little was an apprentice she formed a similar Bible study group. It had a profound impact on me and my growth as a Christian at that stage in my life and in setting up GGANG I hope to be able to bring glory to God in similar ways.

'thought of the day' and that these thoughts from the Bible would be gospel-centred and com-

Future Plans . . . I'm planning to start an evangelistic table-tennis club at St John's before the end of March. Pray for godly leaders to help me and for kids to come; and that the gospel would be clearly heard and felt through loving words of truth and actions.

A bit of a table tennis theme, seemingly: I'm planning to start a table-tennis club in Whitehaven

Academy too. I'm just waiting for them to settle in to their new build. And if possible I'd like to

Safeguarding Our parish safeguarding officers are Ian Ulyett and Kay Cartmell The Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser is

needed for the different roles within the church. The online courses can be accessed at https:// There are currently 66 people in church roles that require safeguarding certification. Forty-five of

The requirements for completion of safeguarding training are constantly changing and much of it has moved away from face to face training and is now delivered online. In general the courses need to be refreshed every three years and a copy of certificates of completion emailed to Kay

Church Policy and Guidance The PCC has adopted the House of Bishops' Promoting a Safer Church: Safeguarding and Policy Statement and The Church of England's Safeguarding Policy Statement. Copies can be found on

earlier than they may have expected.

These ministries can be seen as the trellis that supports the vine

Tuesday 17th March 2020 was not just St Patrick's Day: it also marked an unprecedented valediction, when regular ringers Gordon, Soo, Eleanor, Stuart, Keith and Rosalind rang the bells for the

last time before, a mere six days later, the first Corona lockdown began in earnest. Nobody knew

can. If the bells themselves (regularly checked by Gordon during their dormant period) weren't rusty, the ringers certainly were! However, at the time of writing all the previous methods (tunes) are again pealing out as they were before lockdown and some ringers, notably Soo and Keith have made progress. The wedding mentioned above took place on Saturday 30th June and has been followed by two others on July 10th and September 4th. There have also been a few visitors: a couple from St

Anne's on October 31st and two from London on Boxing Day. Their comment was "lovely bells"—

In conclusion, many, many thanks must go to Gordon and Soo who have provided the tower with much tlc (tender loving care) during the months of enforced closure. Not only have they regularly checked the condition of the bells, they have also rung them on the Ellacombe (chimer) for ser-

vices, tolled a single bell to mark the death of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, wound the

clock, done small maintenance jobs and regularly emptied the dehumidifier. Without them we

So, as Hensingham ringers, along with everyone else—ringer or not—whose life has been affected by the pandemic, look forward to the "new normality" and as a campaign is being launched to train more ringing teachers (and, consequently, recruit more ringers), here's the first

verse of a ringing hymn (author anonymous) to remind us who and what lies at the heart of it all:

With the beginning of 2021 being in lock down conditions, the church was closed and the services were on-line. Although other hand bell groups were using an internet programme called Ringing

Room combined with Zoom to carry on practising, our group, most of whom use keyboards all

When we were finally allowed to have services and therefore certain small Covid-secure activities,

we began to practise for Christmas. Obviously there weren't going to be any care homes to visit

We had no more than eight weeks of practices so we quickly chose two carols that we all could play well and divided the group into two service groups. We have started to practise regularly on a Monday night in the lounge at 6.30pm but new ringers are always welcome. Get in touch with me at graysoo@btinternet.com Church of England statutory meetings **Electoral roll and Parochial Church Council** The number on the church electoral roll is 194, three up from 191 in 2021.

There were six regular meetings of the PCC during the year and two additional meetings.

Meetings continued via Zoom due to Covid restrictions until Nov 2021, but have now resumed in

person. There were five additional sessions for PCC members to study the "Living in Love and

Jenny Kurzyk took over as PCC secretary in July 2021. Many thanks to Phil Sisson for her commit-

• regular reviews regarding the re-opening of the church after each Covid-19 national lock-

down, with risk assessments and social distancing compliance. Also including a consultation

a continuation of the roll-out of the vision document "Gospel DNA" including a church plant

adoption of the Parish safeguarding policy, development of the Data Retention policy and

approval of ongoing commitment to have an apprentice for 2021/2022, and the Union

approval of an architect for the Quinquennial inspection; the report received July 2021;

works needed were discussed and funding agreed—including the chancel modifications

currently on hold, a review of the audio visual system and ongoing maintenance work such

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline

noting the completion of developments at Keekle by the Keekle village hall committee

As well as the regular standing reports some of the items agreed or discussed were as follows:

and reshaping of the children's and youth work—during and after lockdowns

in Cleator Moor (now an FIEC member with launch date Sept 2022)

streamlining of the leadership training from the diocese

as replacement of windows in the hall, kitchen, toilet and tower

Extracts from last year's annual meetings

There were ten PCC members appointed with Stephen Jackson as exofficio in his role as Reader. Thelma Toman was appointed auditor of the accounts for 2021. The number on the electoral roll was 191, down from 193 in 2020. Tim Naylor, St John's treasurer, presented the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2020 and answered questions. Despite the difficulties during the pandemic God had been gracious to us and the overall financial position was good. Stewardship campaigns had helped and the general income donations had increased by £2,000 and expenditure had reduced by £10,000 whilst the church was closed. This represents an overall

The Annual Vestry Meeting and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting were held on the 17th May 2021.

• Philomena Sisson and Richard Davey were elected as church wardens. A vote of thanks was

• Our deanery synod representatives are Paul Smith, Andy Walkingshaw and Nigel Gillson.

given to Andy and Joyce for the dedication to their roles as church wardens over the last six

taken up by Rev Stuart Fyfe.

We have been in post as wardens now for almost a year and it is amazing to see how God has blessed St John's through this admittedly difficult time. We have had relaxations and re-tightenings of restrictions, but now finally seem to be heading back towards normality in church, for which we are grateful. We are also grateful for all the additional work that has gone on to man-

increase of £20,000 which included an increase in CAP funding with the money ringfenced for the recruitment of an additional debt coach. The Associate Vicar fund was now being topped up from the General Fund. £500 per month was also being transferred into the building fund to fund work needed. It had been agreed that the parish offer was to be reduced by £30,000 to allow us to fund our Gospel DNA vision of training, growing and church planting and that the offer would be increased annually by 2%. A contactless reader was to be installed in church. As part of the Church of England's "carbon neutral by 2030 policy" work will be required on the church building over the coming years in light of our Energy Audit G rating. Fergus noted the following changes and decisions regarding the PCC: a) The number of PCC members was to be regularly reviewed (no longer than every 6 years). Our custom and practice was to have 10 members and it was agreed that it would continue at 10. b) The custom and practice of "the standing down of 1/3 of PCC members" is to be reviewed by the PCC during 2021 and brought back to the AGM in 2022. c) The election of the PCC officers will occur at the next PCC meeting on 5th May 2021, but from the 2022 AGM this election will occur at a PCC meeting to be held directly after the AGM.

Churchwardens' report

age services through the pandemic. Despite both being long-serving members of St John's, our appointment as wardens has shown us anew how much work goes on behind the scenes to make church happen on a Sunday. We are blessed to serve alongside so many dedicated others, and look forward to whatever God may have in store for us over our next years of service.

After a break of almost two years due to the pandemic the first Deanery Synod meeting was held at St Peter's Church, Kells, on 15th September 2021. The main business was to elect a lay chairperson and lay and clergy members to the Deanery Synod Standing Committee. There was also a request for new members to join the Diocesan Synod where there were four spaces available. These are open to any Church member; they would automatically be members of the Deanery A second meeting was held on 3rd November 2021 at St Andrew's, Mirehouse. In a report from the Diocesan Synod it was explained that the general direction of the Diocese would be less Clergy appointments in future and therefore more of the burden would need to be taken by lay members of the Church. Budgets are reduced and under pressure, especially following the pan-The Archdeacon of West Cumbria Richard Pratt will be supporting a new-start Church in Maryport. This will take up fifty percent of his time so the other half of the Archdeacon job will be The Network Youth Church report explained that there were encouraging signs following the return to normal activities. A request was made for financial support from churches in the Deanery

and at a subsequent St John's Hensingham PCC meeting it was agreed to send a gift.

Andy Walkingshaw, Paul Smith (St John's deanery synod members)

Deanery Synod report Synod and PCC. A report from the Network Youth Church was also heard. demic.

We would like to acknowledge the work of our predecessors, Andy Walkingshaw and Joyce Hewer, and wish them a well-earned break—although Andy has forfeited his by retaining responsibility for much of the building maintenance! One of the wardens' jobs is to ensure the fabric of the church is in good repair. A safety Inspection of the church's electrical systems was carried out in November and no defects requiring at-

tention were found. The quinquennial building inspection in September generated a five-year plan of maintenance work which we are beginning to address. The majority of the costs are re-

lated to inspection, cleaning, repointing and repair of high-level stonework. The proposal to change the layout of the chancel along with upgrades to the audio and visual systems in church are also being planned. The PCC has approved a budget for all of these. We are currently conducting a post-Covid update of the terrier (a document that shows the lands owned by the church) and the church inventory. Accordingly, we can assure the congregation that the silver and ornaments are intact and the building is secure. Phil Sisson & Rich Davey