

Witnesham Baptist church report for Annual Parish Council April 2022.

As with all organizations this past year has been a mixture of do we or don't we? For the first half of the year we decided that as the pandemic continued it would be unwise to open up for Sunday worship or other week-day activities. With most of the attendees being elderly and or vulnerable we had a duty of care towards folk. After we held an open-air Village Harvest Festival service at the end of September, we opened up for weekly Sunday morning Worship services. For the Village Harvest service we drove through the village from Fynn Valley Golf Course on a tractor and trailer collecting harvest gifts along the way. Ending in the field opposite the Chapel. This was a joint event with St.Mary's, Lightwave & Rural Agricultural Chaplain. Gifts received were then distributed to Talitha Koum Hope Centre, Salvation Army Hostel, F.I.N.D. and other homeless families support groups in Ipswich.

During the time of not meeting together Pastor Andrew recorded a weekly service/message that was for public viewing on Witnesham BC YouTube Chanel. Since return to Sunday gathering, the 'message' is recorded and later in the day published on YouTube.

Other than Sunday meetings we hold a Reflections meeting twice monthly; on first Wednesday in the afternoon and then on third Wednesday in the evening. This 'Reflection' is a time of prayer and Bible exploration. After consideration we have not restarted the mums' & Toddlers group or the 3C's on Wednesday morning. These decisions were taken on health and safety grounds and also apparent lack of demand.

We have joined together with St. Marys' church on occasions and on the fifth Sunday of any month and at Christmas Carol singing.

Our core business remains as ever to be a fellowship of folk in celebrating Jesus as Lord of All, welcoming folk in as they wish to explore their Faith in God.

My apologies for not being able to attend Parish meeting but should anyone want to ask questions please contact me.

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