

St Giles Church Report

We have got a Faculty (permission) to install a toilet and tea bar in the church, have got the funding and have found a builder who can do the work. Sadly, he is not able to start until Christmas. We are still trying to replace or repair the broken flagpole .

We had some good fundraising events last year, a garden party at Tamarisk and a cream tea at Chideock House. We thank the Warburtons and the Dunns for hosting these events. We also invited The Parnham Voices who sang in the church.

We have had some interesting speakers at our Village services and we have tried other forms of worship to encourage new people to attend church, including a children's service at Christmas. As usual we had wonderful flower displays for Christmas, Easter and Harvest. We thank The Friends of St Giles for providing refreshments for some of our events.

With the addition of a toilet and tea bar in church, we hope to be able to have a larger variety of events in church. Most importantly, now we have the money for the facilities, we can concentrate of fund raising to keep the church open. We appealed to the village via the Chideock News. From this we received 3 generous donations, the congregation of St Giles have been requested to increase their planned giving, if possible, and 2 have done so. However, this still does not cover all the costs we have to pay, £17,356.00 per annum to the Diocese, £1,609.00 to the Golden Cap Benefice, £2,599.00 to the insurance, the gas and electricity bills as well as general repairs and maintenance to the church and the churchyard.

Hopefully, we can keep the church open with donations and fund raising.

Val Hunt Church Warden of St Giles 8/5/18

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