

SUMMARY OF ST.GEORGE'S 900YEARS CELEBRATIONS –For Annual Report

Event	Date, location etc	Feedback and comments	General Finances (Only a guide difficult to be precise on each event as other factors involved ie other ticket sales, purchases, etc)
St.George's Open and 900 Bell Rings	Thursday 23 rd April 1.30pm	Almost 90 children from year 6 of the Junior school rang the bell and a few people sat or listened outside in the glorious sunshine. Activities included (Article in Journal)	
St.George's Day Scout Parade and Medieval Fayre. Free to enter.	Saturday 25 th April Parade left Cathedral at 2pm. 3pm at Cricket Field.	400 scouts and Harnham Guides were involved. Bishop Edward led the walk from cathedral across town path to field. Linda Baker organised space set up on field opposite Old Mill. Scouts organised stalls.SG team with ticket sales. Revd Becky led 'Scouts Own' service and Peter Evans played trumpet for the songs. Very visual event and enjoyed by those not connected to scouts as well. Wrist bands purchased to promote event. (at end of year many still remaining which have been given to the Junior School children.) This was an annual Salisbury District Scout event but as we asked them to do this in Harnham for the year we sought an Wilts Council Area Board Grant to cover part of this and towards other parish events. (Article in Journal)	Parish received a grant Wilts Council to help the Scouts with their costs.

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Patronal Festival and Lunch. £12 per person for lunch.	Sunday 26 th April St.George's Church & Church Hall.	Archdeacon Alan Jeans preached on church in the community. Attendance: 106 Drinks were served in the Scout Hut whilst the church hall was prepared. 900 celebration cake cooked and iced by Becky Wilkinson. Clergy linked to the church, over the past few years were invited. 96 attended the lunch provided by Sarum College. (Majority including Social Committee enjoyed someone else providing lunch). Very positive feedback after initial worries about having to pay.	£1248.00 Sarum College £21 drinks licence £156.00 for guest lunches. £25.00 for Scout Hut
Harnham Festival, Beer Festival and Family Fun Day. Free to enter.	Sunday 3 rd May 12noon – Midnight. Harnham Social Club	Well attended. Mostly Social club members.	
Beating the Bounds. (8 mile walk around Harnham Boundary). Free Event.	Monday 4 th May 10-3.30pm Started at Church Hall.	Free event. BYO lunch. Around 12 participants & 2 dogs. One couple with no other link to the church came along for the walk.	Social committee provided drinks and cake
Speaker - Michael Bowyer Talk and Demonstration. £5 per person.	Wednesday 6 th May 7.30pm. Harnham Junior School	85 tickets sold. Very popular – 2/3 non church people. Didn't have to pay a fee for Michael Bowyer (this was his contribution to the celebrations) and no charge for the school. (Article in Journal)	£425 in ticket sales. Raffle also done on evening. All money raised to fund flower festival.
Ascension Day Walk on Harnham Slope. Free Event.	Thursday 14 th May 7pm. Started All Saints.	Met at All Saints church at 7pm- this year we had 5 dogs join us. As usual it was wet under foot! Attendance of church and community members. 12 people in all.	No cost
Flower Workshop Free Event.	Saturday 16 th May 10-12noon or 2-4pm. Church Hall	23 signed up for this event. Enjoyed by those who attended and great that the work they did went towards the festival. The camaraderie enjoyed by different flower groups from across Salisbury who participated. Preparation took 4 meetings. Chair: Pam Macklin. MU provided the refreshments.	Money from ticket sales covered flower costs £425
"Medecins sans frontiers" Edward Armstrong. £3 per person.	Monday 18 th May 7.30pm. St.George's Church	65 people attended. £120 raised for Medecins Sans Frontiers.	£195 on tickets less £35.00 travel expenses.
Dementia Awareness Day	Thursday 21 st May Church Hall.	Organised by the Alzheimer's Society.	

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<p>Flower Festival.</p>	<p>Friday 22nd May 2-8pm Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th May 11-5pm. St.George's Church.</p>	<p>Very well attended, by a wide range of people some from other countries. Event was funded by the ticket sales of Michael Bowyer's talk. Junior School children designed and made the 5 ft dragon and SG Toddlers arranged side chapel flower arrangements. Non-church attending local inhabitants were very interested in finding the church open. Many had never had the opportunity to see the inside and were delighted to discover its architecture etc." Significant amount of money raised, over £500. (Article in Journal)</p>	<p>Over £500 raised in collection bucket over the Festival period.</p>
<p>Jazz Praise and Flower Festival</p>	<p>24th May 6.30pm. St.George's Church</p>	<p>68 attended jazz plus the band which were led by St Michael's Bemerton worship group and Peter Evans. Julian Poppleton led the worship linking it to experience of slavery in USA. 74 attended.</p>	<p>5 bottles of wine for jazz band members.</p>
<p>Digging for History – have a go at archaeology. Fun for all ages. Tours of St.George's. Other Historical Activities & Refreshments. Free Event.</p>	<p>Friday 29th May. St.George's Church, field and Church Hall.</p>	<p>86 signed up for the day plus 13 on reserve. Around 64 attended the dig. 90 people ate the MU 'soup and sweets lunch' Around 60 attended the music recorder group (Cheryl Sibson led) and the talk by William Alexander in SG church. Messy Church also had a stall in meeting room. Publicity in advance from Salisbury Festival as this was part of the programme. (Article in Journal)</p>	<p>Sponsored by Rose and Crown. (£150 to cover food, borrowing equipment and to pay for re-enactment group.)</p>
<p>Historical Harnham Tim Tatton Brown £3 per person.</p>	<p>Wednesday 3rd June 7.30pm St.George's Church.</p>	<p>118 attended and some turned away as church too full. Majority were non – church people.</p>	<p>TTB fee was £100, a special rate for 900th year. (Sponsored by parishioner) Ticket sales in the region of £354.</p>
<p>Inspire Quilters – Open Evening to celebrate their 10th birthday.</p>	<p>Wednesday 10th June 7.30pm Church Hall.</p>	<p>Well attended, around 50 people, but mostly "Inspire members"</p>	
<p>Church Fete (A special fete to celebrate 900 years).</p>	<p>Saturday 13th June 2-5pm. Church Hall/ Scout Hut and Field</p>	<p>Very successful day, attended by around 400 people. (300 paying adults plus children).Church open with quilting displays and William Alexander's history talk. Very well received and feedback was good, the variety of attractions and displays really enjoyed. (Support</p>	<p>Net takings from the fete around £950.</p>

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		from Spire FM) Stalls all need to be on field, requests made for more vintage cars etc on hard standing. Individuals to organise different parts of fete in future.	
Coffee and Open Morning at Brympton Day Centre.	Monday 15 th June Thursday 18 th June	Attended mostly by own members.	
Walk on the Water Meadows	Saturday 20 th June 2.30pm	Well attended.	£20 donation received from the Trust.
Evening of Songs from Musicals. £8 per person. (Part of ticket price going to the “War Child” charity.	Friday 26 th June and Saturday 27 th June. 7.30pm. St.George’s Church.	Both evenings sold out! Attended by majority of non-church people. (160 people over two nights). Several requests for more musical events in the church. £537.48 raised for War Child. (Article in Journal)	Net takings around £930.
Afternoon Cream Teas £3.50 per person.	Sunday 28 th June 3.30 – 5.00pm Grasmere Hotel	54 people attended the teas. (Around 12 were regular church goers) Good weather and good feedback.	
900 Minutes of Prayer.	Saturday 4 th July 6am – 9pm. St.George’s Church	Lots of publicity on radio. Prayer stations around church and labyrinth in church yard. Different prayer focus throughout the day including morning prayer, prayer for children, MU, Ignatian Prayer, Our Father, a Churches Together focus in the evening which was well attended by CTS. Included people from other churches who live in Harnham. Church open all day, meant people came in to look around as well as pray. Success in new people leading prayer times in church as well as those used to intercession. Also variety of ways to pray including silence, extemporany, music, and prayer stations. Average attendance of 5 people per hour (Spire FM)	Costs for prayer stations – no specific figure available.
Evensong for 900 years	Sunday July 5 th 6.30pm	This included welcoming Revd Heather as curate to the parish. Led by Malcolm Sturgess. A mixture of traditional evensong with a sermon about the mix of ancient and modern focussing on Coventry cathedral as a symbol of both and a blessing prayer written by one of the Junior School children. Drinks and celebratory cake for Heather and 80 th birthday cake for	Cost of refreshments £60 approx.

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		Malcolm in the hall afterwards. Attendance: 90	
Happy's Circus. Event organised by Harnham Schools Assoc. £8 per ticket. (£30 per family)	Monday 20 th July Middle Street Meadow Event started 4pm. Show at 6pm.	Well attended and great fun. Organised by Harnham Schools Association. Only criticism was that the food stalls, bouncy castles, attractions etc were all gone in the interval and people were just wandering around. (Article in Salisbury Journal)	
Art of the Impossible with Paul Hyland. £4.50 per person.	Thursday 23 rd July 7.30pm. Church Hall.	Attended by 56 people, from Magic circles, congregation and living locally. Specialist interest group. Had bonus magicians "The Impossible Jana" and JJ Baker. (Since this evening "JJ" has been performing at other Social events for the parish.) 6 page spread in local magician's magazine.	£250.00 fee £238.50 ticket sales.
Jump-a- roo Fun Day £5 per child (Under 1's & adults free)	Wednesday 19 th August 10am – 4pm Church Hall & Field	Unfortunately due to severe weather this was cancelled on the day. Hall was given free, and parish enjoy a good relationship with the company.	
Xtreme Sports Ages 11-16 £3 per child.	Wednesday 5 th August & Friday 28 th August. 2-5pm Harnham Cricket Field.	Both days were sponsored, one by Wilts Council and one by a parishioner. 16 youngsters in total attended both days and coaches were fantastic and youngsters had fun and learnt new skills. (The activities were provided by Wiltshire Council and Salisbury City Council allowed us to use Cricket Field).	Cost for two days £150 but £75 paid covered by Wilts Council and the other by a parishioner.
Talk on Arundells.	Wednesday 5 th August	Cancelled by speaker at start of July as at the time not many had committed to evening. (experience of the year a lot of people buy tickets on the night or week before). Given news article at the time of the talk, probably a blessing.	
BBQ themed day.	Monday 31 st August 12 noon. Social Club	No comments	
"Outcome of the Digging for History Day" with Bill Moffat. £3 per person.	2 nd September 7.30pm. St.George's Church.	32 attended (8 wanted to but had other engagements) Encouraging garden digs over next 12 months.	£50 fee (special amount for 2015) Ticket sales around £90.00
Pet Service and Pet Show	6 th September	Service followed by Pet show. Mainly dogs shown. Some chicks and	Vets practice sponsored

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Free Event.	2pm St.George's Field.	a rabbit! Cuddly toy pets from children. Dog show run by Helen Vickery from Endell Vets. Majority of people from local community. Messy church stall. Crazy Creatures unique pets on show in meeting room. Social committee serving teas and coffees. Face painting. Drawing animals cartoons. Invitations to local pet organisations for stalls eg Guide Dogs for the blind, Assistance dogs for the disabled, Cats protection league. Publicity via posters at vets and school and on main green Lower Street. Requests made for one next year or every other year. Very well attended -approx 150	prize for Dog Show. Some sponsorship for Crazy Creatures remaining costs met from refreshments and face painting. Cost for PA system covered in a deal with Fete PA.
Indian Evening (Includes Indian Food and displays. £12 per person.	12 th September 7-11pm Harnham Church Hall	Cancelled due to clashing with too many other events. (Only 28 on list) 40 people have put name down for early next year.	All monies returned.
Quilting Workshop £20 Stained Glass Patchwork	Saturday 19 th September 10am – 4pm Church Hall.	Very successful workshop – fully booked. Theme for this one “Ancient”	
Harvest Festival And Wildlife/nature photo winners.	4 th October 9.30am & 6.30pm St.George's and 11am All Saints.	27 pictures entered for the Photo competition and displayed in the churches. Becky Collis judged, studies Ma in photography at Wilts College. More entries from congregation than external. (Publicised on Spire FM)	£20 travel expenses for judge.
Wilbebeests in the Potting Shed. Ashley Smith. £3 per person.	7 th October 7.30pm Church Hall	30 attended, half church people and half not. Sponsored by parishioner. Hawk Conservancy donated a prize to raffle and gave us a discount voucher for a group of 20 or more to visit.	Fee £75 covered by a parishioner. Travel expenses of £14.40 Ticket sales around £81.00
Quilting Workshop £20 Stained Glass Patchwork	Saturday 17 th Oct 10am – 4pm Church Hall	Great day – fully booked. Theme for this workshop “Modern.”	
“The Warre Sisters” William Alexander. £3 per person.	Wednesday 4 th November 7.30pm in the Church Hall.	70 tickets purchased – 65 attended. Enjoyed by all 2/3 non church people.	Ticket sales around £210 less £10 expenses.

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<p>An Evening with Bishop Nicholas £3 per person.</p>	<p>18th November 7.00pm St.George's Church</p>	<p>Very well attended. 62 in total. A good mix from both churches and the wider community.</p>	<p>Ticket sales around £186 (most of which will be donated to the Medical Link for Sudan & South Sudan)</p>
<p>“Harnham Community Festival” A celebration of 900 years.</p>	<p>21st November 7-11pm Stockman's Lounge</p>	<p>Attended by around 104 people. All ages, and majority non church people. Tickets for adults were £10 but under 16's we reduced to £7.</p> <p>Evening also included a raffle, with all prizes coming from donations from local businesses and attractions. e.g. tour of Westminster Abbey</p>	<p>Stockman's lounge fee waived for the 900 year celebrations. DJ's fee £526.55 Hightown Crows £350.00 PA system £150.00 Total expenses for the night £1026.55 Ticket Sales around £1040</p> <p>Raffle over £380.</p>
<p>End of 900 year church service</p>	<p>22nd Nov 10 am</p>	<p>A celebratory communion service of community life. All Harnham team involved. Revd David Scrace preacher. Revd Becky children's sermon. John Bunn led a choir of 20 children from Harnham Junior School who sat in the choir stalls and sang Lean on Me as an introduction to the peace and 'Brother Sister Let me serve you' during communion. Adam Filipe sang Bui Doi during communion. Many people from school to support their children. Champagne and orange juice afterwards in church hall to say thank you to those on the 2015 committee. Well attended: 142 adults and 26 children</p>	<p>Costs Refreshments Gifts for those on SG committee.</p>
<p>Photography competition</p>			

Summary of year:

- ✓ Very successful range of events that included music, history, services, festivals

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- ✓ Each event with exception of Magic evening covered own costs and/or made money. (Magic was only short by £12)
- ✓ Majority of events attracted more than our congregations.
- ✓ We raised money for MSF and War Child and for the Church.
- ✓ Received a lot of publicity.
- ✓ Raised awareness of the churches in Harnham with our own parish.
- ✓ Positive feedback from all who attended, some have even asked for us to continue to organise events.
- ✓ Facebook page has had 173 likes and often shared to over 200 people. Several requests for the page to continue.
- ✓ New networks set up which will enable us to seek expertise and publicise future events
- ✓ Systems in place for future events, ie lottery licence, DBS forms for photographs

Publicity Used

- Diocesan Website
- Salisbury Diocese weekly newsletter
- Parish Website
- Weekly notice sheet and parish magazine.
- Salisbury International Festival brochure and publicity
- Facebook page
- network of “practice” ie flower arrangers, history groups.
- hall newsletter, which included a large number of hall users.
- network of “real people”
- leaflet produced at the start of the year, presented year well and promoted us as a parish. This was delivered with Christmas cards to all houses in Harnham with an update delivered with the Easter Card.
- word of mouth , promoted events and was linked to the overall feel of the year.
- Great to be part of Salisbury International Festival and being part of the publicity.
- Spire FM were great support, used parts of an initial recording at start of year, throughout the year to publicise our events.
- Salisbury Journal, the articles used came from the Parish rather than submitted by individuals.
- Your Valley News, not used much because of remembering to submit articles in advance of events and because of lack of volunteers to produce the articles after the events. Would be a useful tool in future, if someone is prepared and organised to do the articles.
- Wiltshire Radio was used for SG Day, 900 Bell rings.

Practicalities

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- Data Protection document
- DBS systems in place, particularly with regards to taking photographs at events
- Insurance
- Various licences were needed but are in place for future

Helpers at Events

- In future more than one person to be “on duty” at an event
- more people planned in advance to help
- Individuals to have different responsibilities eg at the fete, someone to organise the stalls on the field, someone the attractions in the arena, someone to organise attractions in the church.

Future Plans

- Final photo competition due to finish on 15th January 2016. Photos will be displayed and winners announced at Shrove Tuesday event in Church Hall.
- Requests have been made for further historical talks in particular Tim Tatton Brown as many had to be turned away on the evening as the church was full.
- “Digging in the Gardens” taking place over the first 9 months of 2016 with Bill Moffat and/or Pottery expert coming to identify the pottery found at the Autumn card Sale.
- Fete Day 2016 is 11th June to coincide with Queen’s 90th Birthday.