

St Clement's Parish Church Trustees Report of 2023 (NIC102370)

At the beginning of 2023 we appointed a part-time Parish worker, and she has been a great addition to the staff here in St.Clement's. Angela does a variety of things in her role including leading Sunday School, pastoral visits, cleaning the church, making the teas and coffee and sweet treats for after our Sunday service and her ladies group every other Thursday. Angela has been greatly encouraged by the number of people who come along on Thursday afternoons and how God is bringing that group of ladies together as they sing a hymn to begin, pray then listen, chat, support and encourage each other. The group has welcomed in ladies who didn't initially belong to St.Clement's but who have since become members of the church. Angela firmly believes that this is part of God's plan for St.Clement's and is expectant of God continuing to move amongst the ladies as they gather together.

We have another ladies group who meet on the last Thursday of the month and we have a weekly Bible Study that continues to flourish and grow.

Our Lent appeal last year was for Eggshell Cambodia and as a Church we raised over £1600 and we had the privilege of welcoming Liz and Sokheng from Cambodia to St.Clement's in September to present them with a cheque and we had our back to church bbq that day also.

In June we had shared a SOMA mission team for a week and it was a real blessing to have them with us praying for our church, community and sharing the Gospel out on the streets in our parish. They also came along to our Bible Study and the ladies came and shared their stories at Angela's Thursday afternoon gathering.

In July we had the pleasure of being part of the wedding of Rachael and Andrew, the first wedding here in St.Clements for a few years and it was an honour to be part of their special day. On a sadder note we lost members of our congregation through bereavement in 2023 who were much loved, respected and valued by us all here in St.Clements. Our continued prayers are with their families.

As we looked forward to the season of Christmas we had our Christmas Fayre at the beginning of December and we were really blessed by God at this as we had people through our doors who don't attend church and the atmosphere and sense of community was tangible and we were able to raise some funds for the church. We were also blessed by our Christmas services, our children's nativity and our nine lessons and carols especially.

We look forward to another year with hope – to see our church thrive and grow and to be there for people whatever their need may be.

Colin Birnie

(Ordained Local Minister – St Clement's Parish Church, Templemore Avenue, Belfast)

April 2024

Select Vestry signatories:




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