



Christ Church Huntingdon's Church Council Annual Report for Jan-Dec 2019

Christ Church Huntingdon was established as a new church within Ely Diocese in September 2018. Our vision is *to see the wonderful good news of Jesus' rescue, which transforms, unites and equips a community, prayerfully shared with all in the Huntingdon area*. Our Annual Church Meeting is 9th Feb 20.

People

- We give thanks for every person who attends Christ Church Huntingdon and for the growing friendships and fellowship in Christ that we have enjoyed over the last year.
- We thank God for the privilege of welcoming a number of new people to be with us, including five babies who joined us- thanks for those who have supplied meals!
- A couple of people moved on to other churches with our prayers and blessing.

Sundays

- Sermon series included 1 Samuel 1-8, Suffering, Romans 1, Ephesians 4-6, Joel, Mark 4-6.
- Creche, Great Sunday Morning Adventure and TROGS met joyfully around 3 times a month!
- Guests Rod Thomas, Andrew Sach and Christopher Ash supplemented five of our own preachers.
- Our average Sunday attendance was 70 people, including an average 20 children.
- We had one baptism one reaffirmation of baptismal vows and one Thanksgiving. We celebrated our 1st birthday with Bishop Rod Thomas.

Small groups

- In September we added a fortnightly men's group (Discipleship Explored) to our four Life Groups and women's morning group.
- We have started FEED, an outreach meal and bible study for teenagers from the Oxmoor that meets after the Thrive café on Coneygear Road.

United Gospel Entrepreneurship

- We have started planning towards a holiday club in August 2020. The football group continues on a Tuesday night. The "Men behaving honestly" project was put on hold.
- We held a "fun day" in Thongsley in September with a bouncy castle, BBQ and fun and games. There were good conversations and relationships built with neighbours.
- Christmas events at the Lord Protector and at our nativity and carol service were well received.

Partnership

- We hosted a Sunrise service for local churches on Easter morning.
- We hosted two evangelistic courses with Huntingdon parish in January 2019.
- Charlie and David speak regularly on "Thought for the Day" on HCR104fm.
- We are active non-members of the local Churches Together (and run the men's breakfast).
- Three of our congregation are volunteers at the Thrive youth cafés run by Natasha.
- Charlie meets monthly with local "Renew" clergy to advance biblical Anglican ministries.

Governance

- We had our first (extraordinary) annual church meeting on 17th March 2019.
- The Church Council has met roughly monthly to consider various items including strategy, outreach, safeguarding and finance, (including a commitment of 15% of income to mission).
- The Church Wardens meet with Charlie monthly to pray for the church and discuss key areas.
- A "Mission Roll" was prepared in October by Colin Hardy, and we have 44 on this list.
- Alice Gilbert is our safeguarding officer (policy & contact on our website) and deanery synod rep.

Charlie Newcombe Jan 2020