

After a nice summer break we started back at gb doing badge work until oct half term when we did our christmas crafts and worked on our Christmas production that was held at Pilsen in there lovely barn in early December we also presented our first lot of badge work awards.

After our christmas break we came back to carry on with two terms of badge work which took us to May. When the sun started to shine and we were able to do our summer programme which ranged from sports evenings, Teddy bears picnic ,beach parties , pyjama parties and a photo selfie hunt (do ask it was great fun)at blue water with our seniors and brigadiers. We also took the brigadiers on a where's Sally hunt at bluewater to breakup their badge work. Our seniors apart of their badge work planned and run our Easter party to finish of a terms badge work this was enjoyed by us all.

We have done many other activities , I think the girls favourite is cooking and we have managed to do a variety of this form-making custard creams and Bourbon biscuits to Easter bunnies and marzipan fruits.

I guess our highlight was our weekend camp where we headed off to Holcot in June with our juniors and seniors where we all had a fantastic time we went to blacklands farm and took on abseiling,crate building and zip wire challenges, Swimming at the local pool,and spent time in the hall doing lots of crafts the girls were an absolute pleasure to have around kind ,caring and friendly to each other.

We had several parade services (without the parade) and we had over 3/4of the girls attend each time which was wonderful. Our remembrance service this year was attended buy all the girls and we managed to parade through the centre of kings hill with many members of the community following the parade so we really did stand on parade for GB.

In July we sadly said goodbye to two of our girls who were helping for their DEA but carried on even when the awards were complete they have moved on to new challenges at university. We also said goodbye to our two eldest girls who joined us when we first started as they needed to take time for there school work. And we also said good bye to one of our helpers who again had been there at the start so I was very sad at our last eve . However Sept bought many new faces and helpers(see next years report for this information)

As I always say I have a great group of leaders and helpers at 1st Kings hill and I know the company would not have the numbers we have without the tie and effort all the staff put into planning and preparation so my thanks goes out to them .

We are looking forward to this year and the fun,Love ,Laughter and the blessings god will bring us all
I hope you all have a good year.
Karen
1st Kings Hill



St Gabriel's Kings Hill

Annual General Meeting Report

St Gabriel's Kings Hill, the Church of England on Kings Hill
Every Sunday 9.30am ,at the Discovery School



St Gabriel's Kings Hill April 2016

Six Months on from the Appointment of a full time person.

The main event that happened in the life of St Gabriel's this year was the appointment of Rev Mark Montgomery as the full time Priest on Kings Hill. This ended a long (18 month) search. Mark was licensed in September and took up full time ministry on Kings Hill at the end of September 2015. This added a third member of Clergy to the Cluster and relived some of the pressure on Pat, David and Brian. Mark has been able to build on and develop the strong foundations that Pat, David and Brian have built up in the Kings Hill community and the development of St Gabriel's they have led. They continue to play a vital part in the leadership of St Gabriel's. Mark is grateful for their support and established knowledge of the area and history of the St Gabriel's journey.



We thank all those who volunteer over the course of the year, Either on a weekly basis in the worship; Booking Halls, Setting up, Welcoming, Reading the Bible, Praying, Running the IT, providing refreshments, packing away, running the youth/children's/toddlers provision,

or

Helping at one off events over the year (far too many to mention) or praying on a daily basis, or any other support you give both physically and financially.

Your support and time is massively appreciated and helps us be a Church in this Community.

Groups

Knit and Natter



Was established in November and meets regularly on the afternoon of the second and fourth Wednesday in the month. The group attracts a mixed age of people who are knitting blankets square by square for refugees. Those who can't make the meetings are still encouraged to knit.

Shine Brighter

The ladies only small group continues to thrive, meeting regularly twice a month, where food, worship and discipleship combine to challenge the members. The material is varied and creative, drawing on the experience of international bible teachers, interactive studies and commentaries, all aimed at exploring and defining our relationship with God, the calling on our lives and our relationship with one another as believers in Christ.

Girls Brigade

1st kings hill GB annual report Sept 2014 to July 2015

We begun the year with
Explorers 13
Juniors 16
Seniors 7
Brigadiers 6
Staff 9



Linking with Schools

Continued good links with all three primary schools on Kings Hill has either been maintained (from the work Pat and David had built) or developed anew. Mark is now leading regular assemblies in Valley Invicta and Kings Hill School. Over the past six months, Mark has had the opportunity to lead acts of remembrance with Kings Hill School, Year 6's, lead Christmas Carol Concerts for Valley Invicta and Christingles for Discovery School. He has also spoken at Harvest (with Pat) and Easter School/Parents events at Kings Hill.

Children and Youth

Children and young people are a key part of the life of St Gabriel's and regularly make up a third of our congregation. We are very blessed as most weeks we have 10 or more children ranging from 2 - 14yrs old attending. We have 21 children that join us at some point each month. We are currently using Mosaic (Scripture union mixed age group books).

We currently have 2 leaders for Sunday school and 2 x 14+ who help occasionally (The leaders prepare the teaching from a bible passage and always have a craft or fun activity that links to the theme that the children can take away as a reminder of the session)

We currently have 2 leaders who are happy to run a Crèche should we have children between 15mths and 3yrs old. The leaders prepare some craft /Stories and music specifically for this age group.



St Gabriel's as part of a Cluster

With the appointment of Mark to St Gabriel's the Cluster Clergy working team was complete. The Clergy are committed to working together across the Cluster, and have undertaken regular away days for longer term planning and prayer. The Clergy meet most weeks for staff prayers and weekly prep and share worship leading across the Cluster.

One of the key benefits of the Cluster so far has been shared services, especially on particular festivals, and lent/advent groups. This has both benefitted the wider members of the differing Churches and also the Clergy.

We are really pleased that the Cluster Prayer group meets regularly to support and pray for the ministry of each Church, the Clergy and their families and the pastoral needs of the community

Prayer and Worship

The diverse nature of the Sunday worship continues, with a pattern of Communion on the second and fourth Sunday's, a Parade and Family Service on the third and worship and word on the first. With the lack of musicians the introduction of new software 'Ising Worship' the sung worship has developed in a positive way.

Family/Parade Services, continue to grow, with a new 12+ month co-ordinated plan of a walk through the bible. We are really pleased to have the support of the Girls Brigade and a family service planning group to run and develop these services.



Christmas

Over Christmas St Gabriel's welcomed many regulars and visitors to our services. It was a busy time which included the combined (with the Christian Fellowship) Christingle service, a scratch nativity and crafts on Christmas eve, alongside our regular Christmas day communion service.



Easter

Again over the Easter period we welcomed visitors and saw the establishment of a Good Friday all age crafts and Easter story service.



Working in Partnership

St Gabriel's and the Christian Fellowship continue to build good links together, with the Mark and Matt regularly meeting together, to share, pray for the community and plan any joint events. Good links have also been maintained with the Parish Council and Liberty, with other community organizations expected to be contacted over the coming months.

Community Activities

Working with the Christian Fellowship, St Gabriel's plays a key community role on Kings Hill. This includes offering worship at civic times, and this continued in the annual parade and community act of remembrance. We have been fortunate to be able to lead (with strong support of the Christian Fellowship) an alternative Halloween (Light Party) party in October, a community Advent treasure hunt (Follow the Star), and Teenager Consultations, (Have your Say).

