

# **St Michael's Church Elmwood Road** *Making disciples of Christ to bring healing to our world*

# Annual Report 2021



# Why we exist

We want to be family for our local community – a church where everyone feels welcomed and appreciated.

We want to be a place both to share joy and to provide consolation, a place where people learn and flourish and find out what it means to live a wholehearted life as a disciple of Christ. And how we can bring love, peace and healing to the world around us.

# **VICAR'S REPORT**

2021 has been a year of both joy and challenge, as we learn to live with Covid and make every effort to meet safely both in-person and online.

First, an enormous thank you to everyone who has helped in so many ways over the last year, especially our wonderful Churchwardens, Sue White and Susan Chamberlain. Also thanks to our fabulous Associate Priest, Rev Gary Piper; our excellent Licensed Lay Ministers, Sarah Tonks and Simon Wethered; our ever-diligent Secretary, Linda Woods; and our highly capable and responsible Treasurer, Jordan Hiebert, who has continued to keep a careful eye on our finances.

Staff members have also worked hard. We are grateful to Sue Riley, our Administrator. And to Jan Cunningham, our Music Director, who has worked hard to get the Choir back up and singing post-pandemic; and to Hansol Kim, our Worship and Youth Leader, who has built a fabulous Church band and has now got Youth Club up to full strength again.

And, of course, thanks to the very many people who have given financially to both Church funds and our special COVID hardship fund.

It's been good that we have been able to receive our COVID vaccinations this year and can now look forward to getting back to meeting and doing things in person again. It was lovely to have a Street Party in Elmwood Road in September and many in-person Christmas services and events.

In the summer I was asked by Bishop Graham to take on the role of Area Dean of Hounslow and was pleased to accept this opportunity to serve the wider Church.

We pray for renewal of both the Church and the world around us. And all blessings for the future.

Once again it has been a huge privilege to serve as Vicar at St Michael's.

Thank you all for being the best ever.

Yours in Christ Martine Oborne, Vicar



#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Name	Designation	Term expires
Martine Oborne	Vicar	Ex-officio
Sarah Tonks	Lay Minister	Ex-officio
Simon Wethered	Lay Minister	Ex-officio
Susan White	Churchwarden & Lay Vice	Ex-officio
	Chair	
Susan Chamberlain	Churchwarden & Deanery	Ex-Officio
	Synod	
Anne Glyn	Deanery Synod Rep	Ex-officio
Lesley Pendlebury	Deanery Synod Rep	Ex-officio
Linda Woods	PCC Secretary	April 2023
Siew Walton	Member	April 2023
Sonia Cromey	Children's Champion from	April 2023
	2021	
Ned Gould	Member	April 2024
Bisola Nwakodo	Member	April 2024
Kathleen Birch	Member	April 2024
Jordan Hiebert**	Treasurer	April 2022
Florence Olimba*	Member	April 2022
Steve Turner *	Member	April 2022
*standing down at AP	CM ** standing for re-election	
The Vicar, Churchwar	dens and Deanery Synod memb	ers are all ex-officio
members of the PCC.		

Membership of the PCC

The PCC works with the Vicar to discuss ideas/plans and jointly to make decisions. The PCC is responsible for the repair of the church building, the furniture, the equipment and anything that can be moved, as well as other property such as the Centre. It is also responsible for the financial affairs of the parish, and, with the Vicar, the PCC has responsibility for the type of services which are held. St Michael's PCC has 9 members, with 3 members elected each year. Other than the Officers, where continuity needs to be maintained, members are encouraged to have a break after they have served a term or two on the PCC. The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, in relation to having due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. The Standing Committee (SC) is required by Canon Law; it is made-up of members of the PCC (Vicar, Churchwardens, Treasurer and Secretary). Its role is to set PCC agendas, as well as to deal with urgent matters which it then brings to the PCC for approval.

The PCC spent time during 2021 considering the best ways to serve the community and the parish, with Covid still affecting everyone's lives. The PCC continued to meet on-line and this seems to suit members - we get better attendance than in the days of in-person meetings.

We cautiously began to hold a live service at 9.30, with masks and social distancing continuing but many people were anxious and took weeks to return in person. The PCC concluded that the new "normal" meant we should continue to stream services live, thus allowing people to worship when and where suited them best.

The 2021 APCM and APM were again held on-line, in April, 2021 only 5 months after the very late 2020 meetings (November 2020). At the APM, we elected a new Churchwarden, Susan Chamberlain to Sue White and the PCC welcomed new members Kathleen Birch and Ned Gould.

In summer,2021 the 11am service restarted. Of course, with all the stop-start problems for children in schools, this service also took some time for people for feel able to return to in person. Then, just as we all thought we could see light at the end of the tunnel towards the end of 2021, Omicrom arrived to push us back into more weeks of caution.

The PCC meetings begin with 15 minutes Bible study and prayer and we aim to balance discussions between mission and business. In 2021, the PCC met on seven occasions during the year and the SC met eleven times. The matters discussed at the PCC meetings included very mundane but essential things like broken boilers and building issues such as the leaking roof as well as:

- How can we do Mission during the Pandemic
- Post Pandemic Church, following a Leadership Academy Webinar attended by members of the PCC
- Parish Mission Action Plan
- Finding the funds for the Ministry & Mission Minister to become a full-time post
- Children's Ministry
- The Opportunity for a Curate to join the Staff team for 3 years from July 2022

Do please think and pray about serving as a member of the PCC – a paper is available from the Vicar if you would like more information on what it entails. It can be a very affirming experience and, while we hope you will want to serve for three years, a shorter term can be accommodated. Elected members are expected to prioritise attending PCC meetings – the dates for the year are circulated well in advance.

If you have thoughts, ideas, concerns please do share these with the Vicar, Churchwarden(s) or a member of the PCC. If you'd like to put forward items for PCC discussion, you should submit them to the Vicar for consideration by the SC.

Linda Woods, Secretary

# **ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT**

The Electoral Roll as at last year's Annual meeting numbered 143, up considerably from the level a year earlier (131). Just over 50 of these members live outside the Parish. During the year so far 14 further people have joined the Roll. Very sadly during the 2021-22 year we lost 4 dearly loved members of our congregation - Phil Evans , Nick Forster, Betty Seaman and Peter Woods. They will each be deeply missed.

The current Roll number therefore stands at 153, a substantial increase on 2 years ago.

Ian Peacock, Electoral Roll Officer

#### **WORSHIP REPORT**

The year opened with in-person services but we were back to 'online only' at the end of January. Nonetheless, by Easter we were able to hold in-person services again and on Palm Sunday we were delighted to welcome the Rt Revd Dr Graham Tomlin, Bishop of Kensington, to St Michael's to confirm five candidates from our church – Jonathan Forster, Anna Watkiss, Gwen Page, Sue White and Nicholas Woodbridge; and three candidates from Holy Trinity Brompton Road.



We had a Messy Pentecost service with fun activities for all ages; and later in the year we had a Messy Christmas service.

We also had some lovely Evening Worship services in the garden during the summer months, led by Hansol Kim.

We had a Thanksgiving for our Pets service in July. We had a Service of remembrance for loved ones who have died in October and a Remembrance Sunday service in November.

At Christmas we had a full range of services and events, although we were still being careful to keep to Covid safety guidelines, and these were well attended.

It's been lovely to see the Coir and Band back in action. Thanks go to all Choir and Band members for making this possible.

Whether meeting in person or not, we continued throughout the year to record services and upload them to our YouTube channel so that people could participate online.

Martine Oborne, Vicar

#### **CHOIR REPORT**

2021 saw a partial return to normality after the previous year of restricted live singing and continued recording for virtual services.

We started the year in lockdown once again, of course, and made another set of recordings for virtual services during the early spring. As the restrictions eased and in person services resumed it was possible to have a small live choir again so for the Good Friday and Easter services we combined a limited number of live pieces with recordings.

In the middle of May many choirs and choral societies of all kinds around the country were thrilled to have restrictions on rehearsing live together finally lifted, albeit with strict guidelines in place on distancing and testing. At St Michael's our long collaboration with Hansol and the band at the weekly combined service at 10am came to an end with the resumption of separate services at 9.30 and 11. We would like to take this opportunity to mark our huge thanks to Hansol for his tremendous work over the long year of making virtual music and his support of the process – without his technical skills and infinite patience there would have been no recordings to support the virtual services. And sharing the music for services with the band gave everyone a chance to appreciate new repertoire.

Over the second half of the year as limitations on the amount of music and number of singers gradually eased further we were happy to get back into our robes – rather musty after a year of being shut in the vestry cupboards – and to have more singers. We were delighted to have new members Sue Hardwick and Simon Wethered and to welcome back a number of our young people after the long haul of Covid restrictions.

It was also good to be able to support weddings and funerals again and in particular we were pleased to be able to field a full choir for the lovely service for Philip Evans in November.

The highlight of the year was of course being able to hold a proper live carol service for which many former choristers once again joined us, and despite a number of last-minute drop-outs from Covid we had 25 singers including people who now live outside the parish but who love being able to sing with us for special occasions. It was especially good to have younger singers.

As we enter the new year, despite Omicron and other variants still disrupting life it is great to report that we are beginning to look like a full choir each Sunday with a full sung service and a full range of voices. However we would love to recruit more singers and especially to rebuild the treble section after several of our younger people have moved on to secondary school and taken up other activities at weekends during the last two years. Chloe Harvey has taken over from Matt Harrison as head chorister, supported by Jess Phillips who has recently earned her light blue ribbon, and we would love more trebles to join them and develop their musical skills through the RSCM training scheme.

If you would like to join us, please talk to Jan Cunningham, Director of Music, after the service; we currently rehearse at 10 on Saturday mornings and sing at 9.30 on Sunday as well as for special occasions and singers of all parts are welcome.

Sally Floyer and Jan Cunningham, Director of Music

# SIDESPEOPLE / WELCOMERS REPORT

With church returning to normal services we needed to recruit some new volunteers to join our regular volunteers to welcome people and help with the refreshments. I would like to thank, Lesley Pendlebury, Emma Prunier, Kathleen Birch, Karen Doe, Ginny & Pierre Fowell, Caroline & John Gill, Ron Gould and Dee, Kathryn Malik, Ian Peacock, Ros Watts, Linda Woods.

Susan Chamberlain, Churchwarden

### HOUNSLOW DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

Another difficult year due to the pandemic with Christmas 2020 being cancelled at the 11 hour and families often unable to be together. 2021 was another year in and out of lockdown. There was a third booster jab introduced. A lot more online meetings, online services and more remote activities. Churches gradually were able to open more. At St Michael's we're back to having both morning services on Sunday morning but still recording and broadcasting the services on YouTube every week. There was the normal 3 meetings of the Hounslow Deanery Synod in 2021. The first two meetings were on Zoom and the last one of the year was held in person at St Michael's Church, Elmwood Road, Chiswick. St Michael's Church Deanery Synod Representatives have remained the same as last year Susan Chamberlain, Lesley Pendlebury and myself.

In 2021 there were changes in the post of Hounslow Area Dean. Rev. Sarah Guinness stepped down from the post and Rev. Elis Matthews served as Acting Area Dean. Then Rev Martine Oborne, St Michael's Church Chiswick was made Area Dean (our girl) with a pay rise that goes with the job will just about pay for the maintenance and upkeep of St Michaels Church parish cat Ginger with the important post of keeping the mice at bay within the church.

The first meeting of the year on Zoom in March the speakers were Alison Tsang and Will Van Der Hart associate Vicar at St Dionis Parson Green Fulham on Mental Health. Will has written some metrical on Mental Health and can be found online. Simon Surtees from St Pauls Grove Park Chiswick said a few words on Deanery Synod Board of Education and more support of local schools. Fred Michell Lay Chair also said a few words at the end of the meeting.

The second meeting hosted by Elis Matthews acting area Dean, was also on Zoom was in June, with a interesting speaker Hillary Lines a Volunteer from The Clewer Initiative run by the Church of England looking into Modern day Slavery, Hidden Voices details on this project can be found on the internet. They run courses on how to notice possible Modern day Slavery in your local area. Michelle from St Nicholas's Church in Chiswick talked on her work with Crosslight Advice, a money and debt advice service.

The third and final meeting of the year was held at St Michael's Church Chiswick. The meeting was the first arranged by Martine the new Area Dean, Elis Mattews stayed part of the team as Assistant Area Dean. The order of business was a short Lay Representatives Meeting, Nick Lines a Standing Committee Member welcomed all attendees. The main business was the Election of the Lay Chair. The Election took place by postal ballot prior to meeting. There were two candidates standing Fred Michell from St Stephen's Hounslow and Simon Surtees from St Pauls Grove Park. Nick announced that Simon Surtees was the winner and thanked Fred for his long service (near 20 years) as Lay Chair. Fred gave a few words of thanks and wished Simon all the best in his new role. Nick also announced vacancies in three areas The Green School Trust, Hounslow SACRE and Diocesan Synod.

There was a break for refreshments before the start of the main Deanery Synod Meeting began. Martine the new Area Dean hosted the meeting and thanked Elis, Sarah and Fred for their work for the Hounslow Deanery Synod. Rev Derek Winterburn from St James's Church Hampton Hill gave a talk on Creation Care. This is one of the 6 pillars of the Compassion Communities aspect of capital vision 2030 (Derek is the area lead for Creation Care) - details can be found on the London Anglican 2030 Vision website <u>https://www.london.anglican.org/our-2030-vision/</u>. You can also Google Rev Derek Winterburn.

In conclusion 2021 was another funny old year with the pandemic, in and out of lockdown, but hopefully we are over the worst of the Coronavirus and the pandemic. We are now allowed out and about. We can mix with others outside our household. I sometimes wake up and wondered if it really happened as it's not mentioned much anymore and barely a mask in sight.

Anne Glyn, Deanery Synod Rep

# **FABRIC REPORT**

While churches were allowed to open during lockdown, many restrictions continued until the summer and some were then re-imposed at Christmas 2021. With the church fully up and running a number of things have come to our attention.

### Heating

We had a new boiler installed during summer 2021 and have had a number of problems with it. This was due to the contractor appointed failing to do a professional job and then being uncontactable. The issues are ongoing in 2022

A number of people are involved in trying resolve the situation with the boiler and I would like to thank:

- Sue White, who had the task of overseeing the installation of the boiler
- Nick Foyer, for his expert guidance of how we could resolve many of the boiler problems
- Ned Gould and Linda Woods, for negotiating with the insurance company's loss adjusters
- Rev Martin Oborne, for tireless efforts to contact the original installer.

# **Quinquennial Report**

The Quinquennial inspection was carried out in 2021 and a number of things were brought to our attention the main one being the roof which we are looking to have dealt with during 2022. Once this has been done, we will turn our attention to the indoor repairs that need doing, such as repairing the damp patches due to the roof being poor condition and considering renovation of the parquet flooring.

# **Roof Repairs**

Repairing the roof is going to be a major expense due to its design and the amount of scaffolding needed for access.

We are in the process obtaining various quotes from roofing contractors but have run into difficulty as covid lockdown has created a backlog of work needed to be done resulting in a shortage of tradespeople.

# **Carpet Cleaning**

In spite of the church being hardly used our new carpets have shown particular wear and it has been

necessary to have them cleaned.

I would like to thank a member of Sue White's family for undertaking this task for us

# **Bread Machine**

A Thermomix machine was donated to the church which has enabled us to launch our Daily Bread project whereby a group of volunteers and Hansol have been making bread to be distributed amongst the local community. Thank you, Gillian Keegan.

As part of the daily bread project we found our oven didn't meet our needs and it was necessary to have the oven serviced and this is now fully working.

# **Church Kneelers**

During the early part of the pandemic church kneelers were not permitted. As restrictions have lifted, they have been restored to their rightful place in the pews. I would like to thank Linda Woods for helping me in the cleaning and repair of the kneelers

# **General Maintenance of the church**

There are a number of people who help maintain the building such brass cleaners; linen launderers/ironers; flower arrangers and various odd jobs.

I would like to thank Sally Floyer, Alison Newbold, Lesley Pendlebury, Ros Watts, Kathleen Birch, Norma Piper, Ron Gould and Linda Woods

# **Church Garden**

I would like to thank John Gill who heads up a team of mowers, planters, weeders to keep our church garden in good order.

Susan Chamberlain, Churchwarden

# **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY REPORT**

Children's Church for our 3-11 year olds re-started in May 2021 and takes place during the 11am service in the Vestry.

Our mission statement for Children's Church is: A safe place for children to make friends and learn about Jesus.

There is a group of 9 children who attend most weeks and there are 21 children on the register who have attended at least once. There are 3 leaders and up until recently we have had 2 helpers.

Where possible, we plan the sessions following the sermon series using a variety of online resources including Energize. The children have learnt that they are unique and loved by God and about the miracles of Jesus, The Lord's Prayer and the fruit of the Spirit as well as Harvest, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas. In addition, the children have learnt songs such as 'My God Is So Big' and 'Lord, I Lift Your Name on High' which they have sung to the congregation at the end of the service.

There are new displays in the Children's Corner showcasing the children's learning and highlighting ways that they can 'grow with Jesus'. Please do take a look next time you are at church.

At Christmas time we held a successful Messy Church event which was attended by many families from the congregation and local community. They participated in a variety of craft activities, heard the Christmas Story and sang carols. There are a number of themed Messy Church events planned for this year including Eco-Church, Easter and Pentecost.

We would appreciate your prayers as we recruit and train new helpers to run our children's activities and for our children as they continue to 'grow with Jesus'.

Sonia Cromey, Children's Church Leader



We have a lovely Children's Church group for 3-11 year olds at the 11am Sunday service. Many thanks to Sonia Cromey and the team for making this happen.

We also continue to run our Wednesday morning

# YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT

# **Youth Club**

We are meeting in the Church Centre every Tuesday to share and learn about Jesus and to discuss Bible stories. Now the number is growing after Covid restrictions have been lifted; we are now sixteen young people all together. We also enjoy the time as we do activities together such as craft led by Caroline Simonds, mini-Olympics and Partner dodge ball and other variety of games.





Our young people are growing in their faith and getting to know about Jesus every time we meet. We had a good time recently with other youth groups from Kensington area churches in St Paul's Church Brentford, we are hoping to have this kind of event more often so that we can build relationships with other churches' youth groups. We recently got Mia Staniland as a volunteer; it is very helpful to have her and thanks also to our dedicated team - Revd Gary Piper and Caroline Simonds.

Hansol Kim, Youth Minister

#### PASTORAL CARE AND OCCASIONAL OFFICES REPORT



Thank you so much to everyone who has helped with visiting the sick and housebound throughout the year.

There was one wedding at St Michael's in September between Bethany White (Sue White's youngest daughter) and James Farrar.

There were three baptisms in 2021 – for Margaret Elvera Gomez Takach in May, for Aurelio Kenechukwu Shamsaie and for Maya Jean Grace Gabrie Dixon in September.

There have been seven funerals. Four longstanding

members and dear friends of St Michael's sadly died: Betty Seaman in May;

Nick Forster in August; Philip Evans in October; and Peter Woods in December. And there were three further funerals for Alan Parker, Maria Michael and Valerie Roberts.

Martine Oborne, Vicar

#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

In 2021 we were able to get back to more work in the community. Our biggest project was to start baking bread every week, taking round about eight loaves a week to parishioners as a little gift of love and opportunities to have a chat on doorsteps and see how people are. Many thanks

to Hansol who has done most of the baking and those who have brought in ingredients.

We restarted Alphabeats, our Wednesday morning Drop in for parents, carers and Under 5s. And we have got a lovely Community Cafe going on Thursday mornings, with Elaine Hughes baking a cake for us each week.

We had a fabulous street party in September, which was something of a celebration as we felt as though we were finally coming through the pandemic. We also had a lovely Harvest Supper in October. And at Christmas we had a lovely Christmas Fair, organised by Sue White and attended by Father Christmas (thanks Gary!)

We have also set up a Thursday morning Community Café 10-12am with some lovely home-baked cakes from Elaine Hughes. Thanks so much, Elaine!





Martine Oborne, Vicar

# **Afterschool club - Community Engagement**

We run the Afterschool Club twice a week on a Monday and Thursday in the Church to serve local young people in many ways. The numbers have been growing for both days; we have ten regular attenders and five of them are learning one to one acoustic guitar during this time. We are currently raising funds to buy a pool table and a table tennis top for this ministry so that this place can be more enjoyable.



Hansol Kim, Youth Minister

# MORNING PRAYER AND BIBLE READING GROUPS REPORT

We have kept Morning Prayer and Bible Reading Groups online this year and both have continued to be well attended.

Martine Oborne, Vicar

#### **FUNDRAISING REPORT**

In 2021 we raised a total of approximately £1,000 for external charities and local community initiatives. The most significant of these projects was the continuation of our support of Hope School in Zimbabwe: our Christmas Fair raised £700 which was used to purchase desks for the new classroom that we helped to build via previous fundraising efforts.

While we did not solicit further contributions to our COVID relief fund in 2021, a surplus in giving in 2020 allowed us to disperse the remaining amount to those in need in our community.



A big thank you to all who made financial contributions and participated in fundraising efforts!

Jordan Hiebert, Treasurer

# PLANNED GIVING REPORT

Thank you to all members of our planned giving scheme!

Your regular donations allow the PCC to plan and execute the church's financial plans with confidence. In 2021, participation was broadly consistent with recent years: we had 74 individuals or families contributing to the scheme.

While participation remained similar, we saw average weekly contributions rise 6.6% to £16.05 as givers responded to a continued disruption of centre rental income due to COVID restrictions.



scheme and would like to learn more, please pick up a leaflet at the back of the church or contact me directly. Even a small amount makes a big difference!

Jordan Hiebert, Treasurer

# ST MICHAEL'S CENTRE REPORT

It was another year of ups and downs for venue hire. The lockdown of Jan-Feb meant very little income, but thankfully this improved during the year. There was understandable reluctance for some regular and ad-hoc users to return to inside activities, but we were happy to welcome some new ventures – for example holiday camps run by Art with Little Pics (children's art classes) and monthly Antiques Fairs, plus ad-hoc events such as children's concerts and community talks. In the autumn it was great to welcome the Players back in time for the pantomime. We managed to move the polling station from the centre to the church for the mayoral election in order to minimise disruption to the



Montessori school.

Unfortunately we continued to have major issues with the heating system and then flooding in the boiler basement. Lack of funds has meant for yet another year we postponed decorating the centre and re-sanding the hall floor.

Julia Watkiss

# **ST MICHAEL'S PLAYERS**

At the start of 2021, St Michael's Players continued to face the continuing challenge: what a theatre group can do when it can't use its theatre due to COVID restrictions? Fortunately, having run a couple on on-line live productions in 2020, we were able to use technology to keep the show on the road – or at least on the internet.

Hence, in February we were able to do a live on-line version of Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Ernest*, Directed by Deesh Mariwalla. One of our members, Cecilia Coleshaw, wrote a 'wrap around' story in which a group of passengers on cruise ship are confined on board due to COVID quarantine and decide to amuse themselves by putting on a play! Whilst it felt a little weird for the cast to be performing separately from their own homes into their computers, the fact that the play was broadcast live (on (YouTube via Zoom) live did help to generate some of the nervous energy that is such an addictive element of performance.

The on-going restrictions meant that our next production was also on line. In April, I tried my hand at Directing for the first time with Dylan Thomas' *Under Milk Wood*. I have loved this play since we read it at school and, having been written for radio, the play adapted well to Zoom. It was something of a challenge for the cast to play multiple characters – requiring many quick changes of background, costume and voice – but they rose to that challenge fantastically and I was delighted with the outcome.

In October, we were finally able to return to the hall to perform *Life and Beth* by Alan Ayckbourn, Directed by Bryony Wilman – some 19 months after we had to mothball the production in March 2021! It was so wonderful to be back on stage again in front of a real, live audience. I confess we did struggle a little to remember how we used to do things after such a long gap, but in the end the show was very well received, and we got some lovely feedback.

Our year ended with the triumphant return of the Panto – this year *Aladdin* by Ben Crocker, Directed once again by Chris Hulatt. It was truly wonderful to see so many of our members throwing themselves into this joyous collective effort once again, and to have such enthusiastic audiences.

During the year, we were also able to fit a number of our usual social events around the prevailing COVID guidelines. Play readings took place regularly online, whilst we were able to hold an outside social gathering in June and a barbeque in August.

It has certainly been a challenging year – as for so many. I am really pleased and proud at the way we have adapted and managed to find a way to keep the group active and performing. Moving on-line was also an interesting experience. However, I do hope that 2022 turns out to be just a little less interesting!



Bryony Wilman as Beth and Imogen Measday as Connie in *Life and Beth* by Alan Syckbourn.



The panto cast give it their all in Aladdin by Ben Crocker.

Alastair Dewar, Chairman – St Michael's Players



St Michael's is a broad friendly church with a lively vicar and a modern outlook, driven by traditional Christian values. We seek to be a spiritual haven from the everyday pressures of life in a beautiful church building.

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