

A Month in The Life Of Wychwood Benefice Churches

We are settling into 2014, and Christmas is feeling like a happy memory. In the benefice churches we have been reviewing (as ever) what we do, what else could be done and what we could do better. I thought it would be good to share with you a month in our life.

There is, of course, the privilege for the clergy of coming into contact with people at important moments, be they joyful or sad, in their lives. Last year we enjoyed around 30 Baptisms and 15 Weddings and accompanied around 30 families through Funerals.

So Much Going On

But there is much more going on than ‘Hatches, Matches and Dispatches’. Here are some of the things that happen every week.

In the Benefice Centre in Milton a group meets on Tuesdays to discuss current affairs and people come for afternoon tea on a Thursday. People meet to pray in the different churches on different days, as well as meeting to talk about faith in the home. Bell ringers meet to practice. Food Bank collections are delivered. The clergy take school assemblies as well as the variety of Sunday services that go on. Fortnightly, an Age UK group meet in the Benefice Centre, which is an opportunity

for recently bereaved people to support each other. The clergy take services in our Nursing Homes as well as Day Centre. The Mother’s Union also meets twice a month.

Every month, there is a church Youth Group, a pre-school service and Hope Street, our informal gathering in the school which is specifically for families. We meet to pray for our schools and pre-schools, as well as get together to talk about faith in a group where no question is off limits.

And So Many of You Involved

Of course, the church is not just the clergy! We have a super team of people who visit those who are unable to get about so much anymore, and a whole host of people involved in all areas of the community, from school governors to making coffee in the library; from parish meetings to fete committees, along with a host of other roles that members of our churches fulfill in our communities.

Below is a table of things that happen in the Benefice Centre. You are very welcome to come along, suggest something we could be doing, or get in touch to find out more.

Have a peaceful and happy 2014.

Rev’d Kate Stacey

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Prayers	Current affairs group	Admin	‘Ask anything’ group	Admin
	Late Spring	Homegroup	‘Play House’ pre school service	
	Mothers Union		Prayer for the schools	
			Afternoon Tea	