

Report from Culm Valley Methodist Church to Willand Parish Council.

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Our regular Sunday Morning Christian Worship continues at 10.30 am. each week with a regular and devoted congregation and occasional visitors. The singing is a joy in itself and the quality of our visiting Preacher's words, really quite remarkable, thought provoking and inspiring. Visitors are always welcome and very warmly received. Might it be for you? For those who cannot join us we also provide an on line "Circuit" weekly Worship format which is also printed off, and delivered to those who do not do "modern technology."

We are now working to eco church standards of sustainability and have both bronze and silver awards. So still a little more to do. The long installed solar panels have been a great asset. Now completely paid for. Our lawn has its own bench, with daffodils in the border now in full bloom and with the scent of lavender later in the summer to promote pollinators. We use, where possible, eco- friendly products and buy fair trade goods. Around our lawn in the tree and shrubs we have installed bird feeders, bug houses and a hedgehog house to encourage the wildlife.

In the depths of winter, we opened on Thursday afternoons, a "Warm Space" facility that was well received. We were grateful to Willand United Charities for a grant towards its cost. All admission was free. So, people from 9 to 90 joined us. Warm company, warm heartedness, to each other and piping hot tea, coffee and chocolate as well as savoury snacks and yes of course, many varieties of **CAKE**. Warm and inside, warm in our insides too. A recipe for recuperation. Several large jigsaws completed, finger puppets knitted, dominoes learnt, word searches achieved, birthdays celebrated, brio train miles travelled and just in case it should be forgotten, with **CAKE** too!

Our giving through service as well as financial, is quite remarkable. Our Christian mission to care for the poor and vulnerable has led us to provide a cupboard just outside the gate for public use. We need to thank everyone who has so kindly donated much "stuff" over the past year. The highlights being a complete beer making kit (Non-alcoholic I hope!) A vivid red and yellow "Noddy" car, enough crockery and cutlery to open a restaurant, clothes all washed and pressed, workshop tools and even an old paraffin lantern. All gone, free to a good home, often gratefully received by our brothers and sisters from Eastern Europe who wait for the bus there. Once again, our Christmas ministry included filling and donating yet another 100+ shoeboxes for distribution in Romania, Moldova, Bulgaria & Ukraine.

Our bi-monthly creative worship "Prospects" for people with a Learning Disability continues to grow in number and by regard. With people now joining us from South Devon and Somerset, feeling that making the journey was well worth the effort. "Whole and Holy in the Spirit of God".

The Circuit ladies "Occasional Singers" meet in our building weekly, with afternoon and evening rehearsals to meet people's needs. If it's for you too, they'd love you to come and join in.

We enjoy Fellowship with the dear people at Somerville House on a Thursday afternoon, on the even month and continue the outreach created from the old Culmstock Chapel on the last Sunday of every month at Trafalgar Court in Uffculme. Don't forget our alternate monthly Saturday "Soup and Something" and Friday "Coffee Mornings" at which of course you might find **CAKE** if you look hard. All of course with no fee requested. We hope you also enjoyed your pancakes and their many fillings, at our Party on Shrove Tuesday afternoon. Nathan won the Easter Egg Prize for most pancakes eaten. You'll be please to know his Grandma made him take it home, just in case that might have proved just too much!

Our building is also used by several other secular organisations. For Music, Art and Learning. We have some spaces still available so let us know if we can accommodate your group too.