

Report from Culm Valley Methodist Church to Willand Parish Council.
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Our regular Sunday Morning Christian Worship continues each week at 10.30 am. with a regular and devoted congregation with occasional visitors. Recently we have had two new families join with us. An answer to prayer! We are told our 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.

We also have a more Reflective Service once a month, on a Sunday afternoon, for Prayer, Contemplation and Fellowship. Might it be for you? You'd be warmly welcomed.

For those who cannot join us, we also provide an online "Circuit" weekly Worship format,

which is also printed off and personally delivered to those who do not do "modern technology." This with a welcomed smile from its deliverer and time even for a chat, if that's what you want.

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 benches, 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 and in the trees and shrubs we have installed bird feeders, bug houses and a hedgehog house to encourage the wildlife.

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 our gates, for public use. We need to thank everyone who has so kindly donated much "stuff" over the past year.

As this has a no sale system, unlike charity shops, we are able to accept some children's items they cannot. Over the past years we have therefore been able to give away car seats, prams, bicycles and workshop tools. "As seen". Many of these items also gratefully received by our brothers and sisters from Eastern Europe, who wait for their bus there.

Once again, our Christmas ministry included filling and donating another 268 shoeboxes for distribution in Romania, Moldova, Bulgaria & Ukraine. Thanks to all those who helped us.

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 is 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.

Just let us know and you'll receive a very warm welcome. No audition required.

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 and at Kent Farm Care Home, monthly on a Monday afternoon. Don't forget we are open to everyone, with our Free alternate monthly Saturday lunchtime meal, "Soup and Something" and Friday "Coffee Mornings" at which of course you might find CAKE, if you look. 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. So many attending that we had to send out for more supplies

and £160 sent to "Action for Children" (the Methodist Children Charity). Our building is also used by several other secular organisations. For Music, Art and Learning.

We have a few session spaces still available, morning, afternoon and evening. So let us know if we can accommodate your group too. We have our own "WIFI" available and have recently improved our car park facilities, as you might have noticed.

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