

Hinton Blewett churchwardens' Report

We have had three funerals, one burial of ashes and one internment. This was an increase from the single burial we had last year.

We have had four baptisms; some of these baptisms have been for children whose parents have left the parish, but feel they would like to rekindle their Christian faith with their families and friends at St.Margarets'. There has also been one wedding.

This year we did not have our annual church fete. So our funds will be lacking that yearly injection, hopefully next year we can rectify this and do some more fundraising.

The organ has kept going for another year with out a service and still seems to be co-operating with the organist!

It is our intentions to start repairs to the churchyard wall this coming year, and as was stated last year it would be done in phases.

The crib and candle service was a great success with 150 adults and children present; it would be good to find a way to encourage some of these Christmas church goers to come throughout the year, perhaps at some other special services?

Catherine has had a marked effect on the number of children coming to the family services; long may she continue her achievements and swell our parish communion services.

A big thank you to all those behind the scenes, who have maintained the church yard, with mowing. We must not forget those who help clean the church and for the wonderful flower arrangements, thank you all.

Finally a big thank you to Catherine for a most generous and successful year.

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