

WORSHIP PLANNING REPORT TO ACM to 31st March 2025

There have been several significant changes at SAPL this year.

A space for the children has been made at the back of the transept with rugs, cushions and toys where they can meet with their parents. There they can continue with their activities when they come back into church and it also enables parents to join in AAW.

Mary Mitchel continued to arrange a rota for the provision of music. Together with Naomi, she and Marilyn Godber interviewed and appointed Liz Bentley as our new organist in October. Starting in Advent, closely followed by all the Christmas services, it was a very busy time for Liz to begin her new job and to get to know us all.

A new gathering, Sacred Space, has started monthly in response to working members unable to be at the Wednesday morning service. Peaceful, meditative, contemplative, open to everyone, led by Fiona with Julie, Nessa, Sarah and Adam, it has been well received.

Hospitality Sunday, organised by Rachel and Alastair Morris, is an event where some are hosts, others guests, meeting in each others' homes over lunch. With a view to getting to know each other better, to make new friendships and to foster old ones, there has been a good response.

With the absence of Naomi, the group has helped with the continuance of worship together with the wardens, stewards, Anna Calvert and Cheryl.