

## SOUL CAFE REPORT 2020 – 2021

Since our last Soul Café report we have met for Soul Café four times via Zoom and also for a Christingle service on Christmas Eve.

We had our nativity service on Zoom which was great fun and it was lovely to see how many folks had dressed up as angels, shepherds, kings etc. We made it as interactive as we could and for those of you who joined in I'm sure "one hump, two humps, lumpety lump" stuck in your heads for a while too!

The Christingle service was only attended by a few – clearly difficult to reach the families who would usually join us for a live Christmas Eve service.

In February we thought about how we build our lives on God's word and heard the story of the wise and foolish men. Lots of you made brick houses and paper houses to show.

In March, Maxine took a leading role as tv chef showing us all how to make love cakes with friendship, joy and forgiveness some of the key ingredients.

The next few months are likely to see some significant changes to Soul Café as Sally is stepping down from the team having been part of it since we started in 2008 (as have James, Alison, Maxine and Margaret).

Other members of the team are also considering their role in Soul Café and feel that it is time to reassess how we reach children and families in our villages. Changes to the team may need to be made in order to renew enthusiasm, spark fresh ideas and find a way to encourage the younger members of our villages to come and find out about Jesus.

We hope that new guidance and leadership from our new vicar, Joanne Dyer, will help us move forward.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us on Zoom. It's also been great to have some new faces join us and to see some folk online who can't make it to church services.

Alison Westley – on behalf of the team!