

Bemerton Parish, Salisbury



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2013 Report

Dear Friend of St. Andrew's

It has been a great year in Bemerton. We have had the Bishop of Salisbury, Nicholas Holtham, giving a talk, a group trying to sing flat like they did in the Middle Ages, and we've continued maintaining the building. The porch and gutters have been repainted, and the Bellcote finally repaired and repainted - although this cost £4970, rather than the £2565 we expected, because of the discovery of dry rot.

For Christmas we had our usual Advent Carols on December 1st, at 4pm, then a Christmas Carol service on Christmas Eve at 6pm. A good time was had by all, enjoying the atmosphere of candles and mulled wine (and our lovely heating)!

Next year, 2014, our George Herbert Day service will be on Sunday 23rd February at 4:00pm. Our speaker will be Rev Phillip Dixon who is addressing the connection between Herbert's world and our own. Medlar Jelly on scones will be the dish of the day!

We are not having an AGM in 2014, as we've realised by the lack of crowds turning up that it's not really serving a purpose and also that constitutionally it's not required, as we are just a sub-committee of the PCC. This annual report is in lieu of a meeting.

Next year will be quite momentous as we are planning a George Herbert Festival. This will include Lord Williams, the previous Archbishop of Canterbury, and assorted poets, artists and yours truly. It will be in the city, as well as Bemerton, and Wilton House, and there will be events for all ages and tastes and abilities! The dates are 10th - 13th July, and we will send you more details next year but, in the meantime, please see the Festival page on our website: www.georgeherbert.org.uk

Best wishes

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