

What we have learnt

FROM A VILLAGE BY THE SEA NEAR ABERDEEN IN SCOTLAND TO OUR VILLAGES IN THE PARISH OF MILFORD ON SEA.

This is the story behind a 40-page booklet produced by members of All Saints' and St. Mary's.

At the height of the pandemic, to uplift and encourage the congregation in Gardenstown New Church, near Aberdeen, the Pastor's wife, Megan Gray was inspired to produce a booklet of contributions from church members relating their thoughts and reflections of 2020 and how with their faith, hope and trust they were able to ride the havoc the virus was causing. We were told how people benefited from the experience of writing their thoughts. We were given a copy and then purchased more copies for friends locally.

A seed was sown in our minds that our community too could benefit from this exercise of writing our thoughts, prayers and reflections during the last 20 months of being without a priest in charge (interregnum) but also in a war against an unknown and unseen enemy - Covid-19 (pandemic). It would also serve as a record of one of the most challenging times of the 21st century to date. The result is a collection of reflections from over 35 members of All Saints' and St Mary's. There is prose, there is poetry and there is spiritual awakening in many of the writings. People have established new priorities and appreciated and given thanks for the community we live in.

"What Have We Learnt During the Interregnum in a Pandemic" will be available for sale, at £3.00 per copy to cover printing costs, from the following church members

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Florence Iles

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