

Adult Christian Education Report for Annual Meeting

At the beginning of 2020 we formed the Adult Christian Education committee, which looked at the kinds of classes we might offer on Sundays. These classes were at first held in the hour before our 10:30 service and were led by Fay Jones, Deacon Victoria, Michael Davis, or me, David Beer. A variety of subjects were discussed, and attendance was good.

Eventually I decided to give a series of classes on the Celtic Saints which went well until the Covid virus came upon us and physical attendance in the church came to an end. This presented a big challenge to all of us, clergy and parishioners.

The idea of holding 'virtual' services and classes was new to most of us, but we persevered and I was able to complete the Celtic Saints class 'on-line' on Wednesday evenings. The Bible Study classes also continued in this way on Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings. We gradually became more or less comfortable with Zoom—although we would much prefer the community of personal gatherings.

Although we are now physically isolated, we haven't stopped being a Christian community and we have continued with adult classes. We have a lively discussion on Wednesday evenings from 7 – 8 pm on the lectionary readings for the forthcoming Sunday. The Bible Study classes still continue through Zoom on Thursday mornings and for some time now have consisted of a study of the Gospel of Luke.

Many of us are becoming more adept in this new virtual world and will keep on with our on-line classes until the happy day when we can all be together again in person and in our church.

David Beer